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1. Call to Order 7:01PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Introduction of MAC Members

- A. MAC members present were Virgil Anderson (Chair), Eric J. Teed-Bose, Eric Sanchez (Vice-Chair), Dr. Gloria Freeman, Tom Habashi, Walt Pekarsky, and John Thacker (Secretary).
- B. Also present was Supervisor Kirk Uhler, and Fourth District Director Brian Jagger.

4. Approval of July 1, 2009 MAC Agenda

A motion was made (and seconded) to approve the July 1, 2009 Agenda. Another motion was made that the July 1, 2009 Agenda be approved subject to amendment to include an item for Public Safety reports. The latter motion passed (6-0).

5. Approval of Minutes: June 3, 2009

A motion was made (and seconded) to approve the June 3, 2009 Minutes. The motion passed (6-0).

6. Public Comment

A long time resident commented in regard to the re-zoning of the Morehouse property on Douglas Blvd. that it was a mistake to do so based upon statements allegedly made by the deceased Ron Bakken to the effect that the original zoning of the property was erroneous. She believes such statements have been taken out of context, and moreover that language included in the land use element regarding retention of open space supports her view.

E.J. Ivaldi noted that the Enclave project will be an agenda item at the July 9, 2009 Planning Commission hearing. Anyone interested in obtaining additional information may contact him at the Planning Department.

A resident of Loomis commented relative to the possibility of allowing bow hunting to control the deer population. He disapproves of this. He believes the deer population is actually decreasing. He further believes that additional legal deer hunting would present a significant danger to humans. He submitted documents in support of his position.

A resident of Treelake Village commented that enforcement of signage regulations is inadequate notwithstanding promises to the contrary. He specifically cited signage at the Toscano center as symptomatic of this issue. He is concerned for the integrity of any community plan if regulations contained therein are unenforceable or simply not enforced.

7. Public Safety Report

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Bob Richardson of the South Placer F.D. reports normal activity for this time of year. The Department's current focus is to inform and educate the public about usual seasonal concerns, such as fireworks, and the need for people to hydrate. He also noted that people should be aware that rags from staining projects and the like are very combustible. A recent fire in Loomis was caused by this. Also, he noted that access to gated communities is a concern, and asks cooperation from such communities, as by providing the F.D. with gate codes, or better yet installing key switches, to facilitate service. Finally, a burn ban is now in effect.

8. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Uhler welcomed John Thacker as the new MAC Secretary.

Regarding the deer hunting issue, he noted that hunting for buck is already legal. What is now up for considerations before the Fish and Wildlife commission is a Doe hunt. Said commission has deferred the matter to either its July or August meeting. Those concerned should check the MAC website for updates.

Regarding recent allegations of Brown Act violations by the MAC, the County Counsel has responded thereto.

The Board of Supervisors will address next Tuesday advertising for bids on the middle (last) phase of the Auburn-Folsom Road widening project.

One citizen inquired concerning the depletion of the traffic mitigation fee fund relative to the widening project. Supervisor Uhler advised that happily, adjoining jurisdictions have agreed to contribute \$8 million to the project based on the road's status as a regional thoroughfare. Also, \$2 million of federal stimulus money will be allocated to the widening project.

Another citizen asked that after the middle phase has been bid, a presentation be given by Public Works concerning the status of its improvement budget.

Another citizen inquired concerning weight limits on Douglas Blvd., since she is concerned about heavy trucks traversing from Hwy. 50 to Interstate 80 via Auburn-Folsom Road. Supervisor Uhler answered that to his knowledge, there is no applicable weight limit.

9. MAC Committee Reports

None

10. Action Items

A. None.

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11. Informational Non-Action Items

A. Update on the Granite Bay Community Plan Review

E.J. Ivaldi reports that as expected, there was a late surge of change requests through yesterday (6/30) afternoon. Thus, he has only preliminary numbers relative to total requests made. Final information will be provided at the next MAC meeting, though the Planning Department hopes to have final statistical information concerning all requests available on its website within two weeks.

Preliminarily, there are 284 land use change requests, of which 89 request that no changes be made. Itchy Acres accounted for 120 of the total. There have been 75 requests for policy changes. Going forward, the Dept. will provide a detailed overview of the land use change requests at the next MAC meeting as an informational item. Also, the Dept. will provide an overview of the studies/analysis that may be required relative to the requests. Then, at the September MAC meeting, the Dept. will address policy change requests. Note that these presentations will not include opinions or recommendations, but will be factual in nature. Planning Department recommendations will be deferred pending completion of the community meeting process.

MAC member Tom Habashi suggested addressing policy matters before land use matters, since the former may drive the latter. He also requested that the Planning Department put together a packet relative to its upcoming MAC presentations so members could study these matters in advance of the meetings. MAC Chairman Virgil Anderson suggested that such a packet ought to be made available via the Planning Department website. MAC member Eric Teed-Bose suggested starting the next two MAC meetings at 6PM.

B. Quarry Ponds Monument Sign

Lisa Powers presented in favor of a modification of the existing Quarry Ponds monument sign to include names of no more than eight tenants, as well as to raise the elevation of the sign by approximately six feet. She seeks this variance in part because she believes that in contrast to shopping centers existing at the time applicable signage restrictions were adopted, such as the Raley's center, which are nearby controlled intersections, there is no traffic restriction near Quarry Ponds, thus passing traffic cannot easily determine who its tenants are. She asks for consideration of this matter based also on the significant investment both the tenants, and she, as owner, have made in their businesses; the contributions, charitable and otherwise, they have made to the community; and the substantial tax revenue they hope to continue to generate.

A succession of representatives of Quarry Ponds businesses presented regarding poor business conditions and the help they believe a new monument sign would

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provide by increasing visibility. These representatives also noted that a monument sign such as proposed would be done in good taste, in conformity with the center and its environs.

Mr. Ivaldi stated that Planning does not have difficulty with the concept of the sign as described, but has not yet been provided with exact specifications, so would defer a final opinion on a variance pending receipt of same.

MAC member Eric Sanchez stated Ms. Powers' had a track record of tasteful design, and the MAC needs to support local business in the poor economy, and the community-mindedness of Ms. Powers and the Quarry Ponds businesses, especially with regard to local schools. Members Gloria Freeman and Tom Habashi agreed, particularly with respect to the need to support business given the state of the economy.

One long-time resident expressed concern that no flashing event signs be allowed, and that even as described the proposed sign could worsen traffic in the area due to its potential to distract motorists. Another long-time resident expressed concern that granting a variance would create a slippery-slope phenomenon by which many other businesses would demand equal consideration. This resident also noted that the community plan focuses on local businesses serving the needs of Granite Bay residents, therefore appeals to draw business from outside Granite Bay by means requiring variances are inappropriate.

Another long-time resident reiterated the slippery-slope argument relative to potential demands by other businesses. Additionally, she commented that Ms. Powers should have been aware of the problems the existing signage regulations might present, and should not be allowed to, in effect, custom tailor zoning for her development through "back-door" measures such as seeking *post-hoc* variances.

Three residents spoke favorably regarding the proposed signage. One opined in regard to its potential to distract motorists that those looking for a business sign would likely have a passenger doing so. She also spoke favorably of the musical performances staged at Quarry Ponds. Another resident noted that in his lengthy business experience, he learned that good signage is of paramount importance.

MAC Chairman Anderson asked Ms. Powers for a definition of the term "changeable event sign", as used in her presentation materials. She emphasized that this would not be an electronic sign, a la Oakmont High School. Rather, it would consist of a frame into which plastic banners could be inserted and removed. She also reiterated that she would prefer to obviate all traffic concerns in the area through installation of traffic lights.

MAC Member Eric Sanchez addressed the "slippery slope" issue relative to business signage. He emphasized that he would evaluate every such request on its

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individual merits independent of considerations granted or denied other businesses. Finally, Mr. Sanchez voiced his discontent with continuing Brown Act challenges and their implicit or explicit questioning of the integrity of the MAC and its members. He believes such challenges are a waste of scarce resources.

- 12. Correspondence Found on Table at the rear of the room.
- **13. Next Meeting:** GB MAC August 5, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
- 14. Adjournment 9:15 p.m.