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- 1. Call to Order 7:01 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Introduction of MAC Members

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

### 4. Approval of December 2, 2009, MAC Agenda

A motion was made (and seconded) to approve the December 2, 2009 Agenda. The motion passed (5-0).

# 5. Approval of Minutes: November 4, 2009

A motion was made to approve the November 4, 2009 Minutes. A motion was then made by Mr. Teed-Bose to amend the minutes to add the following as the final paragraph of part 10(B) (Update on status of J17 Deer Hunt change recommendation): "Mr. Teed-Bose inquired whether, with respect to the issue of traffic safety, additional deer crossing signs have been installed. Mr. Huntsinger responded affirmatively." A motion was then made and seconded to approve the November 4, 2009 minutes to include the proposed amendment. This motion passed (5-0).

### 6. Public Safety Reports

Bob Richardson of the South Placer Fire Department issued usual seasonal cautions regarding burning candles, dried Christmas trees, etc. He expressed that our community is conscientious, but asks that we remember to be safe with open flames. These cautions aside, no news is good news.

Officer Mike Ketterer of the CHP noted that in the near future, there will be more CHP officers working specific areas within Granite Bay. He wrote a grant for this purpose last year. In addition, this grant allocates more than \$100,000 for radar and laser speed detection units. The grant was specifically written for enforcement purposes on "arterial" roadways, such as Douglas, Sierra College Blvd, etc.

Officer Ketterer also remarked upon a recent fatal accident on Douglas Blvd., just west of Auburn-Folsom Road. The accident involved a pedestrian who was jaywalking and under the influence, while the driver was not speeding, not under the influence, and did not ever see the inebriated victim. Thus the lesson is that when it is dark, it is unsafe to cross busy streets except at lighted intersections.

Regarding construction on Douglas Blvd., Officer Ketterer urged caution east of Auburn-Folsom Road. He also noted regarding signage, that if a sign needs to be

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moved, you are welcome to call 663-3344 to suggest same. Regarding speeding in Granite Bay, Officer Ketterer noted that Eureka Road from Auburn-Folsom to Wellington is bad for speeding. In fact, motorists often blow through the stop sign in front of this location. Also, on Auburn-Folsom Road north of Douglas, people are too often driving in excess of 60mph. He is also aware of speeding problems near the schools, and this will continue to be a focus of enforcement activity.

Rui Cunha of the Placer County Department of Emergency Services addressed the chipper program. The program will be reinstated in 2010, however, because of well-documented cuts in funding, it will no longer be free. There will be a fee for chipping of \$70/hour, with a half-hour minimum. Christmas tree chipping will proceed as always. Mr. Cunha stated that there will be a press release regarding the changes to the program, and also asks that everyone please help publicize these changes via word-of-mouth. As before, the chipper program can be contacted through the county Resource Conservation District (RCD) at (530) 889-0111.

Mr. Cunha asked for patience in that they are able to keep their fee low largely because they aggregate chipping requests by area until there are enough to make an efficient days' work, thus keeping transportation costs down. Therefore, the RCD may not be able to respond to requests as promptly as they would like. Please bear in mind also that only three crews are used to cover the county from Emigrant Gap west.

#### 7. Public Comment

Cindy Edwards spoke on behalf of Itchy Acres residents requesting land use changes. She emphasized initially that these residents wish only to reduce zoning density to 2.3-4.6 acres – they have no other requests. Ms. Edwards contended that such a change would allow for only nine additional residences. She acknowledged that each residence would be allowed a 1000 square foot (maximum) out-building. She also emphasized that such downsized parcels would still be larger or comparable to those in surrounding communities. Thus she contends the proposed change would actually create better conformity with the community plan by virtue of this compatibility. She believes that petition signatures opposing this change resulted from much misinformation.

A long-time resident of Itchy Acres spoke in opposition to the proposed zoning change. He contends that because of the additional out-buildings that would be allowed, and because these can actually take the form of "in-law" or "grandma" quarters, the figure cited by Ms. Edwards of nine additional allowable residences is far too low.

#### 8. Supervisor Uhler's Report

Supervisor Uhler first addressed the Douglas Blvd. sidewalk expansion. He apologizes for delays experienced on the morning commute. He opposes start

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times for such projects earlier than 9a.m., and will argue for this in the future, however this contract allows for commencement of lane closing at 8:30. MAC Member Sanchez inquired concerning the fate of the utility boxes between Bushnell's Nursery and Douglas Ranch. Supervisor Uhler responded that they will remain in place, and the sidewalk will weave behind them.

MAC Member Habashi inquired concerning energy conservation financing per AB 811. Supervisor Uhler explained that AB 811 allows for local governments to issue a finance tool promoting certain energy conservation measures. Thus, the County will front the cost of allowable measures, and the property owners will repay through their property tax bills, using either a 10, 15, or 20 year payment plan (with interest). Supervisor Uhler noted that although AB 811 is designed to promote photovoltaic measures primarily, water conservation measures can qualify also. Placer County is going forward with its AB 811 implementation plan. Janine Windeshausen is in charge of implementation, and Supervisor Uhler will try to have her present on this topic at the February, 2010 MAC meeting.

A resident inquired about the possibility of public transit from Granite Bay to Roseville and other nearby locations. Supervisor Uhler reminded that we do have a bus schedule, however the frequency of trips is not up to an "urban level" of service. The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency, on which Supervisor Uhler serves as a Board member, performs a needs assessment every year. The reality is that public transit utilization is very low in our area. For more information about public transportation, see www.pctpa.net.

Regarding the Community Plan Update, the Planning Department will analyze the responses and report back to MAC relative to their findings. Then, over the course of several MAC meetings, will provide updates regarding their procedures and findings. According to Supervisor Uhler, "we are absolutely going to have policy change discussions first", then proceed to discussions regarding land use. This process will be subject to the Brown Act.

A resident of Treelake Village inquired whether various school resources might be used for purposes of communication regarding the Community Plan. Mr. Jagger responded that he had made such inquiry and was advised this was not possible. The Education Code prohibits use of school communication facilities for county discussion of county business.

Environmental review will be through the Planning Commission prior to review by the Board of Supervisors. First, however, the Planning Department will make a preliminary cut-down of land use change requests so as not to burden the Commission with review of change requests that are not practicable for legal or other reasons.

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### 9. MAC Committee Reports

No Committee Reports.

#### 10. Informational Non-Action Items:

### The Chabad of Roseville

This proposal includes a request for approval of a Minor Use Permit to allow for the operation of a Synagogue, office, and child day care facility, a Variance to allow for reduced parking requirements, and Minor Boundary Line Adjustment to create one parcel on the site, which is currently comprised of two separate parcels. The project would include interior and exterior modifications to the existing South Placer Fire Department located at 4410 Douglas Boulevard at Woodgrove Way, including reconfigured parking and access areas, landscaping, and a modification of the facade of the building. The project would also include the addition of approximately 2,714 square feet to the existing facility.

Leah Roboscoe presented on behalf of the Planning Department. Planning has had several meetings with the applicant regarding access, especially because of the potential for traffic back-ups to develop on Douglas Blvd. The applicant understands the importance of this issue. Regarding the variance for reduced parking, staff will not approve this request because no allowable basis can be found. However, the applicant is still working with Engineering regarding a parking solution. The applicant is proposing twenty-one total parking spaces utilizing the existing paved area. Planning is concerned that this may be inadequate, such that backing onto Douglas Blvd. due to lack of available parking might occur.

Planning will recommend approval of the Minor Use Permit. A hearing before the Zoning Administrator is scheduled for December 17, 2009. An EIR is not required, since the proposal is for minor changes to an existing structure. Environmental review might be required due to traffic concerns, however the applicant is continuing to work with Engineering and Surveying in an effort to avoid that process. No residence will exist on the premises, though facilities to enable the Rabbi to stay over night (such as on holidays) will be allowed.

MAC Member Teed-Bose expressed concern about the intersection of Douglas and Woodgrove, as did MAC Member Sanchez. He thinks some kind of change allowing for an auxiliary lane to permit queuing might be advisable. He also inquired whether the applicant would mimic the sidewalk improvements made on the north side of Douglas Blvd. He likes the elevation applicant has presented, and remarks that would be good if the County could ensure that the building ends up looking like the elevation. Finally, Mr. Teed-Bose expressed concern about parking on Woodgrove. Overall, he likes the project, but is very concerned about ingress and egress at this location.

Architect Casey Snell, Engineer Jason Reed presented in support of the project,

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along with the Rabbi. They each spoke at length concerning the parking issue. Firstly, Rabbi maintains that they are agreeable to twenty-three parking spaces. They believe this will allow for a most aesthetically pleasing layout. Further, they note that required parking in excess of this number is based on the size of the sanctuary, yet they plan to install a dividing wall in the sanctuary which will limit attendance such that only eighteen spaces would be sufficient, except during the high holy days, when the dividing wall would be removed. Further, they are engaged in talks with nearby business owners which would allow for additional parking off-site during the high holy days. They do not assume they can use Woodgrove for parking. Rabbi emphasizes that this is a small congregation.

A resident of Treelake Village expressed concern that both parking and ingress/egress issues could exacerbate the "cut-through" problem which plagues Woodgrove as it winds through Greyhawk.

- **11. Correspondence** Found on Table at the rear of the room.
- **12. Next Meeting:** GB MAC January 6, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
- 13. Adjournment 8:30 p.m.