



County of Placer
Rural Lincoln Municipal Advisory Council

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FINAL August 19, 2019 MINUTES – APPROVED SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

Gold Hill Guild, 1405 Gold Hill Road, Newcastle, CA

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance 7:04 PM

Members Present: George Alves, Joyce Bachman and Richard Lewis

Members Absent: Deirdre Lefty and Timmothy Emick

2. Approval of August 19, 2019 Agenda: Bachman / Lewis All Ayes – Approved 3-0 to include moving Chair Report prior to Public Comment.

3. Approval of July 15, 2019 Minutes – Lewis / Bachman / All Ayes – Approved 3-0

4. MAC Committee: Chair Report. Chair Alves presented Lyndell Gray with a plaque in honor of her 13 years of service as Assistant Aide and representative of Placer County and being a vital voice for the MAC.

5. Public Comment: Lyndell Gray passed out champagne and sparkling cider to toast her final night with Rural Lincoln MAC. Bart Rude with Keep Placer Rural is asking the MAC to help preserve agriculture in rural Lincoln. He also wanted the MAC to know that he appreciates the MAC.

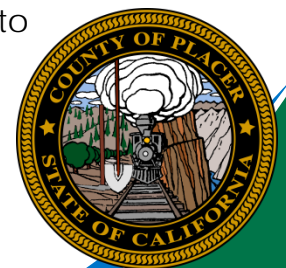
6. Reports:

A. Public Safety: CAL FIRE – Bob Counts - *They had 187 calls – 14 vegetation fires; 10 structure fire. On 7/16/19 there was an arson-caused 26-acre fire and on 7/21/19 they responded to back-to-back structure fires.*

California Highway Patrol – Bob Leuthy – *A CHP Officer was killed during a traffic stop in Riverside. There have been 3 truck fires on I-80 due to hot brakes– Weimar/Colfax; Auburn and Newcastle. Placer County Sheriff’s Office: No Report*

B. Community: Western Placer Unified School District, No Report

C. Fire Safe Council: Greater Lincoln Fire Safe Council – They have had their second meeting. Members are going out canvassing to see who is mowing and cutting property for defensible space. On 5/28/19 the Board of Directors approved the



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council being reduced from 7 members down to 5. Also, on 6/11/19 the Board of Directors also approved creating new chapter of the fire Safe Council. It will cover North Auburn, Ophir, Penryn and Loomis. On 8/6/19 the BOD approved Leon Butler as new member.

D. MAC Committees: Chair Report – Above Public Comment; **Traffic and Transportation** - No Report; **Public Health & Safety** - None, **Land Use, Parks & Recreation** No Report;

E. Local Government Reports:

City of Lincoln – Holly Andreatta – **No Report**

Placer County – Lyndell Grey – The County has a new eServices program for commercial and residential projects; the was a ground breaking for the 28.5 million coroner facility in Roseville; free back to school immunization clinics for uninsured and families on Medi-Cal; the M-power program is shutting down.

7. Information Item:

A. Industrial Hemp Update – Josh Huntsinger –

Hemp Regulatory History:

- Started with CA SB566 in 2013
- Federal Farm Bill in 2014
- Proposition i64 in 20126
- Federal Farm Bill – fully legalization of hemp as an agriculture commodity in 2018

Current state law requires that hemp be grown in compliance with Division 24 of the California Food and Agriculture Code.

Placer County code currently excludes the cultivation and processing of industrial hemp (*Cannabis sativa* L.) from the list of allowable land uses in the county. All industrial hemp activities are prohibited until such time as the county elects to change its code.

Industrial hemp is a crop that is limited to types of the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. having no more than 3/10 of 1% tetra-hydrocannabinol (THC) contained in the dried flowering tops, whether growing or not; the seeds of the plant; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and

every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin produced.

All growers of industrial hemp for commercial purposes must register with the county agricultural commissioner prior to cultivation. Hemp crops have to pass inspection or the entire crop has to be burned.

The current cannabis ordinance covers the following:

- A maximum of 6 plants, not to exceed 50 square feet are allowed by parcel
- Cultivation is only allowed on parcels that have a legal residence on them
- Cultivation may be done indoors in either a residence or a secure accessory structure
- Cultivation may be done outdoors, in unincorporated cities, with a 100 feet setback from property lines, 600 feet setback from schools, churches, and "youth oriented facilities", and closer to the grower's house than any neighbor's.

B. Winery and Farm Brewery Zoning Text Amendment – Nikki Streegan

An update was provided for the zoning text amendment that was originally adopted in 2008. The current status is that a Notice of Preparation was posted on October 18, 2017 for 30 days and written comments were received. A public comment period on the draft EIR ran from April 29, 2019 through June 10, 2019. Some of the key provisions to the ordinance are:

- 2 acres are required on-site
- Definition of the terms Farm Brewery and Tasting Room
- Increase minimum parcel size from 4.6 to 10 acres
- Redefine the term Events
- Create table outlining special event allowances
- Clarify hours
- Update standard for potable water and waste disposal
- Update standard for access

- Add wineries as an allowable land use with an Administrative Review Permit
- Add restaurant as an allowable land use subject to a Conditional Use Permit.

Definitions –

- **Farm Brewery** – a facility for the brewing and bottling of beer that produces less than 1,500 barrels of product per year and grows hops and agricultural products on site.
- **Winery** – an agricultural processing facility comprising the building and buildings used to convert fruit juices to wine and to age, bottle, store and distribute and sell wine.
- **Agricultural Promotional Event** – Is related to the education and marketing of wine and craft beer to consumers, including but not limited to winemaker / brew-master dinners, release parties, membership club parties and private parties.
- **Special Event** – An event that is greater than 50 people at one time where the agricultural related component is subordinate to the primary purpose of the event.
- **Accessory Restaurant** – Restaurant use related and subordinate to the primary use on a property with viable crop production and wine or farm beer production.

Maximum Special Events Allowed per Year

4.6 less than 10 acres – max attendees to be determined by use permit – 6 per – MUP

10 to less than 20 acres – max attendees 100 – 6 events per year - CUP

20+ acres – max attendees 200 – 12 events per year - CUP

Timeline:

Complete presentations at the MACs by end of September
 Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors – Fall / Winter 2019

MAC Concerns:

George Alves – Code enforcement needs to hold the owner accountable and enforce the rules.

Richard Lewis – The final EIR is not out yet? (Correct); Why can't the MAC make recommendations regarding noise to code enforcement. (The County needs to look into possible pilot program to enforce noise ordinance.) Food trucks are not included in the ordinance? (They are allowed with a MUP)

Joyce – tasting rooms are not tasting rooms – they are bars; there are no regulations to post hours

Public Concerns:

Lori Lewis – Who is going to mitigate her water?

Marilyn Jasper – Placer Coalition. They support wineries, breweries, tasting rooms and such but regulations need to be put in place and they are hoping that the MAC will submit their support in their favor.

Judy Weisman – Hours are posted but social media is not used by all.

Carol. Ruben – The Ordinance is unenforceable! It needs to be flattened and redone from scratch.

8. Action Item: NONE

9. Announcements and Information: NONE

10. Adjournment: Motion by R. Lewis to adjourn - 2nd T.J. Bachman 3-0
Meeting adjourned to next regular meeting on September 16, 2019 at 9:15