



TOWN OF LOOMIS
ACTION MINUTES
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
LOOMIS TOWN COUNCIL
LOOMIS DEPOT
5775 HORSESHOE BAR ROAD
LOOMIS, CA 95650

MONDAY

APRIL 20, 2009

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order by Mayor Scherer at 6:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Scherer
Councilmember Liss
Councilmember Morillas
Councilmember Ucovich
Councilmember Kelley arrived at 7:04 p.m.

All items on the agenda will be open for public comment before final action is taken. Speakers are requested to restrict comments to the item as it appears on the agenda and stay within a five-minute time limit. The Mayor has the discretion of limiting the total discussion time for an item.

Written Material Introduced Into the Record: Citizens wishing to introduce written material into the record at the public hearing on any item are requested to provide a copy of the written material to the Town Clerk prior to the public hearing date so that the material may be distributed to the Town Council prior to the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT: This time is reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Town Council on subjects that are not on the Agenda. The audience should be aware that the Council may not discuss details or vote on non-agenda items. Your concerns may be referred to staff or placed on the next available agenda. Please note that comments from the public will also be taken on any item on the agenda. The time allotted to each speaker is five minutes.

Roger Smith, 6766 Wells Avenue, stated the following:
- asked Council to review the speed on Wells Avenue
- the speed is 40 miles an hour and there has been accidents

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the Agenda. On motion by Councilmember Morillas, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by voice vote.

BUSINESS

1. **Goal Setting Report**

TC 3/10/09

Council is asked to start discussion on the goals that were identified at the January 31, 2009 meeting in order to clarify and confirm the goals in light of budget constraints

Recommended action: Discuss and give direction

Public comment:

No public comment.

Following further discussion, Council directed staff with the following:
- define each goal (what the question is) and how much is it going to cost and come back at the next meeting
- separate capital versus operating costs and public versus private so it is not misleading
- would like some input from the Commission and the Park, Recreation and Open Space Committee
- show a timeline
- have workshops to get more community input
- see who is eligible for economic stimulus funding

Staff has direction.

2. Open Space Committee 2 Recommendations Review

TC 12/9/08

At the February 2008 joint meeting of Planning Commission and Park & Open Space Commission the Council developed work plan goals for the Park & Open Space Commission that included a Council review of recommendations from Open Space Committee 2 to determine which to submit to the Park & Open Space Commission as matters to include in the update of the 1998 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Recommended action: Consider the next section of Open Space Committee 2 (OSC-2) recommendations and decide what to refer to the Park and Open Space Committee for inclusion in the update of the 1998 Parks and Recreation Master Plan or what to return to Council for more consideration or what to table. Council may wish to refer the entire OSC-2 report to the new Parks, Recreation and Open Space Committee to use as another resource in completing the Park Master Plan update.

Public comment:

Jean Wilson, 4301 Barton Road, stated the following:

- regarding "set aside" for parks open space: 30% of land is a huge amount to ask for, can that be justified, there is no definition of "larger" development and suggested Council get staff input on State Law in regards to "set-asides" before making a decision
- regarding required "tot lots:" understood we can't require land for that unless there is a 50 lot minimum, does the developer give the land and develop the park, what is the definition of a "denser" subdivision and suggested further study before making it a requirement rather than a piece meal approach
- regarding "Final Map:" this section isn't needed but suggested adding the words "where appropriate"
- regarding "rural curb and gutter:" suggested reviewing road standards with roadside bikeways to see if any revisions are in order
- regarding "clearing, grading, notebooking, building, envelopes on all parcels:" we already have setback ordinances, tree ordinances, grading ordinances and various other controls to handle these issues without creating a new burdensome and unnecessary ordinance
- regarding "wildlife corridors:" we need to strike a balance on property rights and wildlife rights, request rejection of fence aspect and table corridors for further study
- additional comment regarding Fencing (B5): this would prevent us from using any type of plastic deer mesh, electric fencing, barbed wire, and any type of smaller cell fencing to keep small animals from our yards, gardens, orchards or crops and would be unfair to the landowner

Roger Smith, Open Space Committee 2, stated the following:

- asked that the agenda would be more specific on what part is going to be dealt with tonight
- he would like tot lots to be strongly encouraged on most urban splits and developments
- staff should have formal guidelines on where to include building envelopes
- there needs to be a process/guidelines to ensure that the final map will not be any different than the approved tentative map
- they recommended that clearing and grading be limited just to the building envelopes and not allowed before it is sold
- fencing should not unnecessarily be used to block, there should be guidelines

1) Communicate to developers an expectation for "set asides" for park areas and open space. On larger developments, this expectation should be at least 30% of the land area.

Council agreed to send this back to the Town attorney to research legal issues.

2) In denser subdivision, require creation of small neighborhood parks (tot lots) as a valuable open space.

Council agreed to send this item to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Committee (PROSC) to define what "denser" means, include clarification of the financing, an assessment district to maintain it, and establish a policy so that it is clear that we want development of parks.

3) Clarify and formalize the review/approval process for Final Maps, including the approval of Building Envelopes, Notebooks and CC&Rs prior to Final Map approval. Ensure that Final Map is not a substantial change from approved Tentative Map.

Council agreed to refer this to the Town Attorney for clarification.

4) Limit the use of curb & gutter and sidewalks in the rural parts of Loomis, in favor of set backs and paths.

Councilmember Kelley arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Council agreed to send this item to PROSC for recommendation.

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6) In the RR, RE & RA zoning areas, limit the clearing and grading of parcels to well defined Building Envelopes, documented via Notebooking on all parcels.

Council agreed to have this item return to Council for further discussion and clarification.

7) To minimize grading, get away from requiring that surface drainage flow either to front or rear of property. Natural contours and flow lines should be preserved.

Council agreed that this item has already been implemented.

8) Require developments to be designed to respect and maintain wildlife corridors, Any fencing used should not restrict wildlife movement.

Council agreed to bring this item back for further clarification and to include "the right to farm."

9) Use a new application form for developers to describe how their projects address preservation of open space and rural character.

This item has already been done by staff.

Council directed staff to put the next section on the next agenda for discussion.

Recess at 7:30 p.m. to 7:42 p.m.

3. Horseshoe Bar Road to King Road Interchange Feasibility Study

TC 3/10/09

Decide whether the Town should conduct a feasibility study between the Horseshoe Bar Road and King Road interchanges on I-80 to determine alternative on and off ramp configurations

Recommended action: Determine whether the Town should solicit proposals to do a study as detailed in this report

Public comment:

Brian Fragiao, Town Engineer/Public Works Director, gave a presentation on the traffic flows and answered questions.

Roger Smith stated the following:

- the traffic coming out from Swetzer Road would use the King Road ramp
- encouraged the Council to pursue this

Following further discussion on the matter, Council directed staff to bring this item back with the discussion on goals.

4. Rural – Urban Connections Strategy

TC 4/14/09

Mayor Scherer would like the Council to consider participating in a program that would provide education and support to a policy of encouraging growing, marketing and consuming more local grown food

Recommended action: Discuss and decide how Loomis might participate in the rural – urban connections strategy

Public comment:

No public comment.

Mayor Scherer stated the following:

- he encouraged farming and true agricultural uses in the local area for local needs
- Loomis is more a head of this than other communities but we don't have a Farmer's Market
- suggested having a local representative to be on some of the committees

Councilmember Liss suggested the following:

- look at agricultural processing downtown (fruits and vegetables)
- refer this idea to be considered as part of the Railroad property planning

Councilmember Kelley stated the following:

- Placer Grown only has 22 farms and we don't have a large enough base to work with
- we don't need a special committee, we just need to work with Placer Grown

No action was taken.

5. AB 811 Energy Independence

TC 4/14/09

Mayor Scherer would like the Council to consider implementing a program that provides local funding for energy efficiency work on houses

Recommended action: Discuss and decide if a program should be developed

Public comment:

No public comment.

Following further discussion on the matter, Council agreed to have the Town Finance Director research this and come back with more information

6. Town Incorporation 25th Celebration Plan and Budget

TC 4/14/09

Council is asked to consider how the Town might wish to celebrate its 25th anniversary of incorporation this year and establish a budget to carry out whatever the Council wishes to do

Recommended action: Discuss and give direction

Public comment:

No public comment.

Council discussed the following:

- new banners for the light poles for commemoration
- 25th birthday celebration with Christmas tree lighting ceremonies/or have them separately
- get sponsors
- card stock posters congratulating Loomis on the 25th birthday with "I love Loomis.com" logo , posted throughout Town
- rent freeway sign for 3 months with Town seal, 25th birthday celebration and I love Loomis.com logo

Following further discussion on the matter, Council agreed on the following:

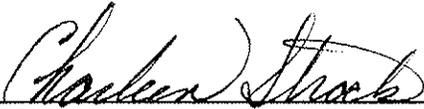
- \$500 for event (possibly day before Thanksgiving parade or during holiday tree lighting in December)
- \$1000 for 6 light post banners
- \$300 on commemorative pins
- \$500 possible eggplant piñata
- come back with more detail planning

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scherer stated there was no further business and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Mayor



Town Clerk