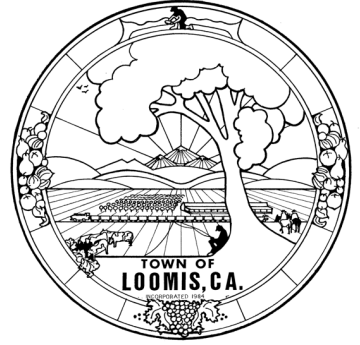


TOWN OF LOOMIS



TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Sean Rabé, Town Manager
DATE: April 13, 2021
SUBJECT: Town Manager Report for April 2021 Council Meeting

Mayor and Council Members,

The following report provides an update on some of the major activities Town Staff has been working on in the past month.

COVID-19 Update:

Governor Gavin Newsom recently announced that California would fully reopen our economy on June 15, assuming that vaccine supply remains sufficient and hospitalizations are stable and low. That means that all business sectors will be able to reopen, with masking and social distancing still required.

At this point, Placer County remains in the Red Tier (substantial risk) of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. This means that some business sectors are able to open for indoor patrons, with restrictions. More can be found here: <https://covid19.ca.gov>.

The State and County continue to provide vaccinations as quickly as possible. Vaccine supply has increased, and all people aged 16 or older are eligible for vaccines. Loomis residents looking for vaccine information can look to the County's COVID-19 site at <https://www.placer.ca.gov/coronavirus> or to the State site above.

I am looking to reopen Town Hall Monday through Thursday, from 8 am to 5 pm, in May. All Town Hall employees who want to be vaccinated will be at least two weeks past their second vaccination by May 3.

The Library has reopened to the public on a minimal basis. Current hours are Wednesdays from 1 pm to 5 pm; Friday from 1pm to 5 pm; and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

Please remember to wear a face covering in public, social distance, and wash your hands.

Costco

As you know, Council approved the Costco project back in September. The Town recently settled one of the lawsuits (with Brace Taylor, LLC). The Town is preparing to defend the other two lawsuits (with the City of Rocklin and Citizens for Responsible Growth or the Rocklin Arco gas station owner) in court.

The administrative record for the lawsuits has been certified, as of the end of March. A hearing on the merits of the lawsuits has been scheduled for August 27th.

A recent story in the Loomis News included a comment from a City of Rocklin spokesperson whereby he insinuated the Town hasn't adequately addressed traffic impacts, and questioned why the project only had one entrance. I posted the following comment on the story, and thought I should also reiterate it here:

The Town has been very disciplined in its response to these types of stories in the past. However, we cannot let flat-out falsehoods continue to be perpetuated.

Perhaps Mr. Young hasn't reviewed the project's Conditions of Approval. They can be found here: <https://loomis.ca.gov/meetings/town-council-special-meeting-august-4-2020/>. I'll summarize, since this is a lengthy document. If Rocklin wants a second access point for Costco, they should allow Costco to connect to Granite Drive. That connection point was put into the Conditions of Approval (COA) for the project – if Rocklin allows the connection. Costco already has the adjacent property owner's approval.

You can find Condition of Approval (COA) #19 on page 178: AS PART OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, if access between the Costco property and Granite Drive is sought by the City of Rocklin and the adjacent landowner, Costco shall provide a connection point for said access at a location approved by both Costco and the Town of Loomis.

Mr. Young's assertions that the Town isn't mitigating traffic impacts is also incorrect. Those impacts are addressed in the EIR, and also in the Conditions of Approval: COA #76 (page 185) states, "The applicant shall contribute their fair share toward regional transportation improvements and shall provide traffic mitigation contributions to Caltrans, the City of Rocklin, and Placer County pursuant to the terms of the Town's agreements with those entities."

The Town has gone above and beyond to resolve these issues with our neighbor to the west. You can get a flavor of how long we worked to resolve these issues on Page 191, a timeline of agency coordination efforts. You'll note that communication with Rocklin stopped in October of 2019, after the Town submitted a draft agreement intended to address their concerns. The Town has yet to receive a response to that agreement.

There is a mechanism to address Rocklin's concerns about one access point. Unfortunately, they have chosen not to engage the Town in further discussions to complete an agreement on that mechanism.

As I have noted in the past, the Town looks forward to vigorously defending the project in court, if necessary.

Town Council Strategic Planning Session

Council and Staff held our 2021-2026 Strategic Planning Session this past Friday at the Blue Goose Event Center. That meeting provided much clarity to all attending as to the Town's priorities for the next five years. I will be pulling all of the information together and will present Council with the actual Strategic Plan by June.

Hidden Grove Project

As you know, the Town received a pre-application for the Hidden Grove project, for the property located behind Raley's (former Village at Loomis site). That pre-application is for a housing project, to be processed under a new California housing law called SB-330. You can find that pre-application here: <https://loomis.ca.gov/documents/hidden-grove-full-pre-application-submittal-package/>. Staff has reviewed the pre-application and has sent it back to the potential developer for additional refinement.

Relatively new legislation (effective last year) significantly alters the process for reviewing residential and mixed use development projects that are consistent with a community's objective development standards. This new law – SB 330 – may be triggered for the first time in Loomis by the Hidden Grove project. To help the Council, Planning Commission, and the community understand what this means, the Town Attorney has prepared a memo that we hope provides a comprehensive review of SB 330 and

how it impacts the planning process. That memo can be found here:
<https://loomis.ca.gov/documents/town-of-loomis-sb-330-overview/>

Town Manager Tuesdays

The Town Manager Tuesday event continues to be held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 am. This month's meeting will be held outside the Train Depot, if weather allows. I will post the meeting information to the Town website and to the Town Facebook Page on the Friday prior to the event.

QUESTIONS? Call me at the number below or email me at srabe@loomis.ca.gov.