

**CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 16, 2016**

**The Casa Conejo MAC held a Meeting Wednesday, November 16, 2016,
6:00 p.m. at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Richard Gaz** at 6:00 pm. Vice Chair **Wendy Zimmerman** and MAC members **Edward Villa, Sr.** and **Dustin Woomer** were present. MAC member **Shannon Prachyl** was absent.

2. Flag Salute

Chair Richard Gaz led the salute to the flag.

3. Approval of the Minutes of July 20, 2016 and September 21, 2016

Wendy Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes from July 20, 2016 with no changes and **Ed Villa, Sr.** seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0. **Richard Gaz** moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2016 with no changes and **Ed Villa, Sr.** seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0.

4. Agenda Review

Item 9a was moved to be heard after Item 6.

5. Public Safety Reports (CHP, Sheriff's Department)

Ventura County Sheriff Senior Officer Paul Ferruzza reported that the neighborhoods in Casa Conejo have been quiet regarding reported crime. The main concerns in Casa Conejo and Thousand Oaks in general are residential burglaries and thefts. He provided an overview of the body cameras, which are new to law enforcement in Ventura County and have been used for three months. The cameras mount on the shirt in the front and record any public contact. He said the majority of Sheriff Deputies will now have them on and they will assist with safety and questions about an incident. He said citizen complaints have dropped since the cameras have been in use. Release of footage is not something the Sheriff's Office will do at his time because it is potential evidence and exempt from the Public Records Act.

A resident asked about a recent incident of vandalism in Casa Conejo saying it was mostly property damage done by teens to a vacant house. Officer Ferruzza said that's not typical but that having neighborhood watch groups is helpful for those situations. Also residents should call the Sheriff's Dispatch at (805) 654-9511 for non-emergencies so officers can get to the scene and get information.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Linda Parks announced an upcoming dinner featuring experts on transportation of the future, including driverless cars, on December 7th at Jeanette's Edelweiss in Newbury Park. She also said there are two seats open on the Casa Conejo MAC and anyone interested in applying should complete an application. Supervisor Parks also announced the Tax Collector will be in her office in Thousand Oaks from November 28-December 12 for east county residents to pay taxes in a more convenient location. She reported that efforts are continuing on getting a bike and pedestrian path along the Arroyo Conejo. She reported that with the passage of Prop 64, marijuana legalization, the county is having a workshop on December 2nd to discuss and get public input. She announced the passage of Measure C, the SOAR initiative, and said open space and agriculture land will be protected until 2050. She said the Board of Supervisors held a Volunteer Appreciation Day at the Board meeting to thank the over 300 county appointed members of councils, boards, and commissions, and presented thank you cards and pins to MAC members unable to attend the event. She stated that the City of Thousand Oaks alerted her office that water rates through California American Water may increase substantially and will get more information to residents as it becomes available. Also, the

Transportation Department will provide a final cost analysis on the sidewalk repair project for the January MAC meeting.

7. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Wendy Zimmerman said she attended the Board of Supervisors Volunteer Appreciation Day and was happy for the opportunity to speak to the other Supervisors and go on a tour of the Government Center. She visited and learned about the County's Elections Division, IT department, Public Works Agency and Office of Emergency Services. She was happy to learn of the County's interest in developing more multiuse paths throughout the county and the need for cooperation from other entities such as cities and Recreation and Parks districts. She also suggested having newly elected officials that represent Casa Conejo visit the MAC.

8. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

9. Updates

a. City of Thousand Oaks Staff to Discuss Old Conejo Road

Cliff Finley, City of Thousand Oaks Public Works Deputy Director, stated there are no current plans for road projects on Old Conejo Road. He said Old Conejo Road is a 32 feet wide, single lane road with 4-5 foot bike lanes on either side, which doesn't accommodate additional lanes. A resident asked if it is feasible to add a center turn lane on Old Conejo Road because she had an incident where a car slammed into her backyard, which is across the street from Hollywood Storage Center. Mr. Finley said in order to widen the road to add a lane, trees would have to be removed or the road would have to be moved closer to backyards, and he understands those are not popular actions among residents. The history of accidents along Old Conejo Road consists of five accidents in a two-year period for the last six years, with accidents mostly the result of driver carelessness. Mr. Finley said this would not make the road eligible for grant funding for widening, particularly since it's a straight road with no visibility impediments. He also said with the transportation tax not passing, funding for roads will be in short supply. While the data does not support a wider road, he will watch for possible grants. A resident asked about placing a speed radar on Old Conejo Road, and Mr. Finley said he would look into doing that. Another resident expressed concern about traffic merging onto Old Conejo Road moving westbound from Wendy Drive, and that he has been cut off several times. Mr. Finley said that is likely a law enforcement issue. **Dustin Woome**r said there are safe routes to school funds and possible funding for sidewalks. **Wendy Zimmerman** asked if decreasing the speed limit would help, but Mr. Finley said laws that set the limits are according to the 85th percentile of how fast people drive, not set by the City.

b. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team

Vanise Terry reported that the graffiti off Borchard Road and the 101 Freeway is tentatively scheduled to be cleaned on November 22nd. She said the GRIT renewal permits are coming soon from Watershed Protection District. Anyone interested in joining the GRIT can get a permit application from Linda Parks' office.

10. Advisory Matters

a. Consideration of MAC Correspondence Regarding Delivery Service by the Newbury Park Branch of the U.S. Post Office

Ed Villa, Sr. moved to draft a letter to the Newbury Park Branch of the U.S. Post Office from the Casa Conejo MAC to outline repeated, poor mail delivery service in Casa Conejo. **Wendy Zimmerman** seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. **Vanise Terry** will draft the letter and any person wishing to include his or her experience with the post office can contact her.

b. Establish Ad-Hoc Committee for Casa Conejo Community Clean-Up Day

Wendy Zimmerman would like to see a day when residents come together to pick up litter. **Supervisor Parks** suggested combining such a day with the Community Beautification Day in April. She said it might be helpful to designate areas for clean-up and organize outreach for volunteers and community participation. She also suggested partnering with the local Helping Hands group for larger projects. The establishment of an ad-hoc committee was continued to the next MAC meeting.

11. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- a. Approval of MAC Correspondence Regarding Delivery Service by the Newbury Park Branch of the U.S. Post Office
- b. Community Clean Up Day
- c. Old Conejo Road Update
- d. Membership of MAC

12. Adjournment at 7:21 pm until Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at Walnut Elementary School.