

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of November 18, 2009

The Casa Conejo MAC held an official meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 6:00 P.M.
Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Dr., Newbury Park

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by *Interim Chair Edward Villa* at 6:04 P.M. MAC members *Jennifer Lee Clark, Clara Ann Deemer, Janell Ann Smith, Edward J. Villa, Jr.,* and *Dustin Woomer* were present. *Megan Sandoval* and *Bobbi Ross-Neier* were absent.

2. Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chair

By agreement among the MAC members this item was continued to the next meeting and *Edward Villa* continued as the Interim Chair.

3. Flag salute

Edward Villa led the flag salute.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda passed 5-0 on a motion by *Edward Villa*, seconded by *Jennifer Lee Clark*.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks said that the County of Ventura had recently given the City of Thousand Oaks a check covering the yearly payment to provide library services to residents of unincorporated areas bordering the City. She also announced that the County Library system had recently been accepted into the multi-jurisdictional Southern California Library Cooperative (SCLC) library system, which would greatly expand the resources available to library patrons in the County. She provided copies of a booklet on drought friendly vegetation. She commented on the issue of posting part of Wendy Drive as a 25 mph school zone, saying that she had inquired an opinion from the County Counsel's office on whether it could be possible to waive the requirement of Public Works that posting for a school zone was only allowable on streets directly adjacent to school property. With regard to an inquiry about the dips on Jenny Drive, she said that Public Works had responded that the proximity of the dips to stop signs on Jenny Drive should mean that law-abiding drivers would reach the dips at a slow enough speed, and that the Transportation Director commented that the dips could be considered as "reverse speed humps" for drivers going too fast on Jenny Drive. She also mentioned that the concept of a walkway along the flood channel in Casa Conejo was being considered by the Watershed Protection District staff. Regarding the County budget, she said that the Board of Supervisors was in the process of discussing cuts to the benefits of County workers. Resident *Nathan Borin* asked about extending the widening of Old Conejo School Road to Reino Road, and Supervisor Parks replied that it is a City road and that the City of Thousand Oaks had responded that there was presently no funding to do so. He also asked about providing a three-way stop at the intersection of Gloria and Ruth Drives. Public Works Agency representative *Anitha Balan* responded that she would study this. A resident asked why the dredging of the flood channel had been halted, and Supervisor Parks said she would inquire.

6. Public Comments

There were none.

7. Council Comments

Jennifer Lee Clark expressed appreciation to the members of County and City staff and law enforcement who had come to participate in the meeting and explain issues to the MAC and the residents. She also commented that the repaving of the Casa Conejo streets after the sewer line work had been accomplished perfectly and was done quickly.

Janell Smith talked about community involvement, and highlighted the success of her street's directory for contact information. She said that everyone knew about their neighbors this way, and she provided examples of the proven usefulness of the directory in helping out neighbors.

8. Information items

a. Plans for 101 freeway widening projects and Wendy Dr. interchange

Jay Spurgin of the City of Thousand Oaks Public Works Department shared information about projected work on the 101 at the 23 freeway, and on planned improvements on the Wendy Drive/101 interchange, and he addressed questions.

b. The Neighborhood Watch Program (Ventura County Sheriff's Department)

Sergeant Jeff Miller made a presentation about the program, assisted by **Captain Brent Kerr**. It was emphasized that an active Watch program gave law enforcement additional "eyes and ears" in a community and effectively aided public safety. MAC members **Edward Villa** and **Dustin Woomer** were already volunteering to help lead the organization in Casa Conejo and a community meeting was planned.

c. Update on County and City Library Agreement

This topic was covered in Supervisor Parks' comments.

d. The Community Emergency Response Training program

Supervisor Parks announced dates and location in 2010 for the Fire Department CERT program training for Casa Conejo. The free, six week training program is scheduled for Wednesday evenings in January and February of 2010 at the Newbury Park Library Meeting Room.

e. Volunteer Graffiti Removal Team

Supervisor Parks gave an update about the graffiti removal efforts overseen by the Public Works Agency.

f. Reverse 911 emergency public notification

Sergeant Jeff Miller talked about how to register for this service, which will enable automated emergency calls to get to residents' cell phones. Currently R911 is already programmed to call residents' land lines in emergencies. **Sergeant Miller** described the reverse calls' usefulness during emergency situations. **Supervisor Parks** pointed out that residents can register their cell phones online on the County Sheriff's website, on the County website, or on her County web page.

Jennifer Lee Clark asked **CHP Officer Randy Hosking** about a traffic situation in the vicinity of Sequoia Middle School, in which a short left turn lane into the school parking lot led to drivers queuing to the left of a double yellow striping. **Jay Spurgin** said he would investigate this, since it involved City streets and not the unincorporated area patrolled by the CHP.

Janell Smith commented that tickets had recently been given to residents for not having a front license plate on their cars.

Officer Hosking also heard comments from residents regarding speeding on Theresa Drive and on Wendy Drive and said the CHP would follow up on the complaints.

A resident expressed appreciation to the CHP for its responsiveness in adding patrolling at a stop sign in Casa Conejo that had been the scene of no stopping violations by drivers.

9. Action items

a. City of Thousand Oaks sewer line project, Wendy Dr. and Casa Conejo streets

Jay Spurgin of the City of Thousand Oaks Public Works Department addressed concerns voiced by some residents about an odor caused by the City's sewer project. He said that staff had monitored the situation, and that all manholes were now sealed. There was no MAC action taken on the item.

b. Wendy Drive and school zone 25 mph posting requirements

This topic was covered in Supervisor Parks' comments.

c. Establishing MAC liaison positions

Supervisor Parks introduced the types of assignments or areas of special focus for which the MAC members could decide to create positions.

10. Adjournment to 6:00 P.M., January 20, 2010

Interim Chair Villa adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM to January 20, 2010.