

## **CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of November 17, 2010**

The Casa Conejo MAC held an official meeting Wednesday, November 17, 2010, 6:00 P.M.  
Walnut Elementary School, 501 Dena Drive, Newbury Park

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by *Chair Dustin Woomer* at 6:10 P.M. MAC members *Jennifer Clark, Clara Ann Deemer, Janell Smith* and *Edward J. Villa, Sr.* were also present. *Bobbi Ross-Neier* and *Megan Sandoval* were absent.

### **2. Flag salute**

Chair Woomer led the salute to the flag.

### **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The adoption of the agenda passed 5-0 on a motion by *Janell Smith* seconded by *Edward Villa*.

### **4. Approval of the minutes of September 15, 2010**

The September 15 minutes were approved 5-0 on a motion by *Janell Smith* seconded by *Jennifer Clark*.

### **5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks**

*Supervisor Parks* said that seventy-five people had participated in the "Walk the Channel Day" events, and that so far thirty residents had returned filled out questionnaires with their opinion on making a the channel a greenway for pedestrians and cyclists. She distributed copies of the responses to the MAC members, and said that the questionnaire could be accessed on her County website. She commented on a meeting of LAFCo earlier that day regarding the City of Thousand Oaks' proposal to annex Rancho Potrero, 326 unincorporated acres in Newbury Park, and formerly called Broome Ranch. She distributed copies of the statistics from the County sponsored recycling event held at Newbury Park High School for Casa Conejo residents in September, showing that the event had resulted in a 55% rate of diversion from trash to recycling of the materials brought in by residents. She also spoke on the topics of budget news from the County, the upcoming interviews conducted by the Supervisors with candidates for the position of County Chief Executive Officer, the importance to the County of the new propositions passed state-wide in the recent election, and the Ventura County Transportation Commission's work to better consolidate the County's different public transportation systems to better serve the public and save money. She also expressed her best wishes for a speedy recovery for *Megan Sandoval* after her recent back surgery. *Clara Deemer* asked about the prospects for building a new senior center in Newbury Park. Funding issues would present problems at this time, Supervisor Parks noted. *Nathan Borin* expressed his preference for removing the arrows added to Frankie St. after there were repeated accidents. He said that the placement of landscaping rocks at the location had solved the problem of vehicles running off the road into the house that was repeatedly hit by vehicles in recent years. *CHP Officer Steve Hunsaker* noted that the arrows have a dual purpose, serving to protect drivers as well. Nathan Borin also requested the placement of more speed feedback trailers in Casa Conejo.

### **6. Public Comments**

There were none.

### **7. Council Comments**

*Janell Smith* said that she is successfully publicizing meetings and other issues through her e-mail list of residents in her neighborhood. She also stressed the importance of how things are presented while introducing new ideas; for example regarding the greenway concept for the channel, that it would be useful to show how it could function as a better thoroughway for children to use than a street.

*Sergeant Jeff Miller* of the Sheriff's Department reported that suspects had been arrested and property recovered connected to a residential burglary on Gerald Drive. It is believed that other similar crimes were committed by the suspects in the Thousand Oaks area. Empty houses were being targeted by the suspects, and storage containers have also been broken into. He also said that the most frequent crimes for Casa Conejo have involved thefts from vehicles, including thefts of equipment from truck beds or of items left in full view. Finally, he reported that in the past month the Sheriff's Department had made several arrests in Casa Conejo for drug related charges.

**CHP Officer Steve Hunsaker** emphasized that the County ordinance that addresses oversized vehicle parking is complaint driven, and that law enforcement is obliged to respond when there are complaints.

#### **8. Information items**

- a. Presentation about water use, with California American Water Company's Water Conservation Specialist Trevor Bacchus**

**Trevor Bacchus** gave a presentation about programs the company provides to help consumers save water and reduce their bills. He answered questions and distributed packets with water saving devices for household use.

- b. Update on the Wendy Drive/101 bridge, with City of Thousand Oaks Public Works**

Engineer **Jay Spurgin** presented an overview and showed illustrations of planning for the upcoming major project to widen the bridge and improve circulation on roads and ramps that connect to it.

- c. "Walk the Channel Day" follow-up**

- d. Casa Conejo CERT team update**

- e. Casa Conejo Graffiti removal team update**

#### **9. Committee updates**

There were none.

#### **10. Action items**

There were none.

#### **11. Suggestions for future agenda items**

**Clara Deemer** requested a presentation from Southern California Edison staff. She also noted that trees increase property values, and that she would be providing information from a landscaper about the best trees for planting in Casa Conejo. **Nathan Borin** asked for an item about adding pocket lanes on Old Conejo Drive and on Wendy Drive. There was a discussion about the concept, with City Engineer **Jay Spurgin** commenting that there was not room to create the new lanes. MAC members expressed the opinion that adding lanes could create more hazards to circulation.

#### **12. Adjournment until the January 19 MAC meeting**

**Chair Woormer** adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm until the January 19 meeting.