

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 18, 2011

The Casa Conejo MAC held an official meeting Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 6:00 P.M.
Walnut Elementary School, 501 Dena Drive, Newbury Park

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by *Dustin Woomer* at 6:13 P.M. MAC members *Clara Ann Deemer* and *Edward J. Villa, Jr.* were present. *Jennifer Clark*, *Janell Smith*, and *Megan Sandoval* were absent.

2. Flag salute

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was revised to move Information items 8a. and 8b. after item 4. Motion passed 3-0 on a motion by *Dustin Woomer* seconded by *Clara Ann Deemer*.

4. Approval of the minutes of January 19, 2011

The March minutes were continued to the July meeting due to lack of a quorum.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Jan Osterhaven introduced *Janet Wall* and said that she would be taking over the Casa Conejo MAC because Supervisor District boundaries are changing. She said that Supervisor Parks' district is expected to encompass Somis and a new Municipal Advisory Council for residents in Somis will be established.

6. Public Comments

Nathan Borin inquired about the graffiti on the northeast side of Wendy and Borchard. He asked how to get it taken care of quickly and who would pay the cost of removing it. *Captain Frank O'Hanlon* responded that 12-year old and 19-year old youths were recently apprehended for gang graffiti in the Newbury Park area. He also said that fines are tied to the type of damage done to private property but that they have been successful in collecting fees.

7. Council Comments

Ed Villa said that he was approached by 5 residents who expressed interest in having the Casa Conejo area become part of the City of Thousand Oaks. *Jan Osterhaven* told the MAC that a majority of residents would need to agree to pursue the matter, and that a LAFCO representative could be invited to a MAC meeting to explain the process involved. Lacking a quorum, the discussion was continued to a future meeting.

Priscilla Desjardins asked if her neighbor is permitted to have chickens in their backyard. *Jan Osterhaven* told her that if she e-mails the address of the property, Supervisor Parks' office will determine if the lot is zoned for keeping poultry.

8. Information items

a. Introduction of Ventura County Sheriff Captain Frank O'Hanlon

Captain O'Hanlon told the MAC he has been with the department for 30 years and that he is very familiar with the community. He explained that he replaces Captain Brent Kerr who moved to the crime unit. Captain O'Hanlon told the MAC that Sheriff Dean approved a Reverse Contract with the City of Thousand Oaks due to budget cuts and that City Police resources, detectives and volunteers will be patrolling and working with crime and safety in the Casa Conejo area. He asked residents to call him at 654-9511 if for any reason they believe service declines after the July 1st initiation date. He said he expects a seamless transition and expects no drop in services. Captain O'Hanlon added that the contract is a pilot program that will be reviewed after one year, and that Sheriff Dean can reassign the contract if it does not work satisfactorily. The MAC welcomed Captain O'Hanlon and expressed their appreciation for his presentation.

b. Update on area emergency service topics, with Chief Bob Roper of the Ventura County Fire Protection District

Chief Bob Roper also introduced **Ventura County Fire Protection District Division Chief Ted Smith**. Chief Roper told residents that the weed abatement requirement is June 1. He told the MAC that only 10 homes have been lost in Ventura County during the past 10 years and that of the 15,000 weed abatement notices sent, only 20 lots had to be cleared because owners didn't comply. He asked that residents also be aware that mulch placed close to homes during fire season presents a hazard from blowing embers and that placing 1/8 screen on attic vents is a good precaution. Chief Roper said that they now have the ability to electronically view and zoom in on a property when the address is known to tell residents what dangers exist on their lot. Chief Roper said that Fire Station 35 services the Casa Conejo area and that the station may be moving location in January 2013. The MAC thanked Chief Roper for attending the meeting.

c. Casa Conejo CERT news

Clara Deemer said that they need more volunteers for another training session. **Arie - Izhak** said that he has 15 people on the list for training. He asked **Chief Roper** what would happen if the overpasses fail. Chief Roper said that heavy equipment would be brought in to clear roads. **Chief Bob Roper** encouraged residents to do more CERT training because he said there will likely not be enough safety officials to cover all situations. He said that neighbors have a trust bond that will enable them to assist each other with such things as turning off gas lines, water leaks, and performing minor first aid. He explained that CERT teams work with emergency services, Red Cross and the Sheriff's department to make neighborhoods more able to cope with disaster.

d. Casa Conejo graffiti removal in public and private areas

Janet Wall explained that Supervisor Parks has asked County Counsel to render an opinion on whether the Casa Conejo Graffiti Removal Team can paint over or remove graffiti from private property as well as the Watershed Protection District channels. County Counsel said that cities and counties can require graffiti to be removed and that County Counsel is reviewing a release form that can be signed by property owners if they choose to allow the graffiti removal team to paint over or otherwise remove graffiti from their property. **Captain O'Hanlon** added that cities and counties can require restitution for graffiti removal. In addition, Janet Wall told the MAC that several new team members trained for the graffiti removal team on May 14.

9. Committee updates

There were none.

10. Action items

a. Selection process for filling MAC seats

Jan Osterhaven noted that there will be 3 open seats in July. She told the MAC that Supervisor Parks wants input on the appointments to those seats and that she would like to have a subcommittee to conduct interviews with her. **Dustin Woomer** said he would be happy to participate in the subcommittee. Lacking a quorum, the item was continued to the July meeting.

11. Suggestions for future agenda items

Dustin Woomer suggested that information regarding the East County Sheriff Watch Community Update be published in the minutes. To receive internet notification please e-mail Ecsheriff.watch@ventura.org. In addition, **Clara Deemer** requested that the materials provided by the tree experts at the March MAC meeting be posted to Supervisor Parks Casa Conejo website.

12. Adjourned at 7:19 p.m. until the July 20, 2011 MAC meeting at Borchard Community Center