

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 16, 2011

**The Casa Conejo MAC Held an Official Meeting Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
at Walnut Elementary School, 501 Dena Drive, Newbury Park**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Edward J. Villa, Sr.** at 6:00 P.M. MAC members **Jennifer Clark, Janell Smith** and **David Ayers** were present. **Clara Ann Deemer, Megan Sandoval** and **Dustin Woomer** were absent.

2. Flag salute

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Items 9a, 9b and 9c were moved to follow Item 6 to accommodate speakers.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Jennifer Clark moved to approve the minutes for July 20, 2011 without revisions. **Ed Villa** made the second. Motion passed 4/0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that the Open House at her new office located at 625 Hillcrest was well attended. She said that Veteran's Services has their own office on site for residents to meet. In addition, she said she recently held a town hall meeting in Somis and approximately 80 people attended. She said she is introducing the Somis community to a Municipal Advisory Council for better community representation.

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

CHP Officer Greg Musgrove said the accident profile for Casa Conejo since the last meeting included 9 accidents with two minor injuries and no DUIs. He added that the accidents occurred in random places and not one particular location. In response to a resident request at an earlier MAC meeting, Officer Musgrove explained that the CHP speed trailer runs off marine batteries and that funding has not been provided to repair the unit. He said the trailer can be placed on Ruth once it is up and running. When a concern was raised about late night speeding in Casa Conejo, Officer Musgrove replied that if residents call and give him a location and specific time frame for late night speeders, the CHP can work on terminating the behavior. The MAC thanked Officer Musgrove for attending the meeting.

7. Public Comments

No public comments were submitted.

8. Council Comments

Janell Smith said that Cathy Drive has areas where the asphalt has failed after a gas line repair and asked if Supervisor Parks' office could find out when resurfacing will take place.

9. Information items

a. Flood Control/FEMA Results

Norma Camacho, Director of Ventura County Watershed Protection District, and **Sergio Vargas**, WPD Deputy Director, Planning and Regulatory Division, attended the meeting to address changes in hydrology related to the South Branch Arroyo Conejo and to review objectives. They said that they studied 100-year floodplain issues with advanced 2-D tools to determine whether improvements could provide better results for the community. The flooding analysis determined where water goes, how deep, and how it travels within a time frame. They stated that the good news is that they identified the problems. A video was shown which depicted flooding potential in the area between Borchard and Reino on the west and Highway 101 on the east end. In addition, a map that shows each property and whether flood insurance will be required by FEMA was provided along with a chart showing flood insurance rates. Mr. Vargas explained that the study showed which areas must be preserved as a basin to control flooding. He said that the biggest challenge is passing more flow downstream without inundating other communities because the freeway restricts flow. Ms. Camacho closed the presentation by summarizing that

the study data allows WPD to examine the effects of potential flooding on a parcel by parcel basis, to examine the cost of a project that will solve the problems, and to inform the community of risks.

b. Wendy Bridge Update

Jay Spurgin, City of Thousand Oaks Public Works Director, told the MAC that bids for the 101 Wendy Bridge widening were opened last week. The opening bids were lower than expected he said, and Rasmussen is the chosen contractor. He said the project is being completed with \$11M Federal funds, \$2M from the City's gas tax funds, \$700K developer fees and a \$600K loan from the City. Mr. Spurgin explained that they are adding a lane on the bridge along with a bicycle lane. He said the off-ramp from the north will be two lanes and the northbound on-ramp will also be widened to two lanes. Mr. Spurgin said he expects the project to begin in January 2012 after a City Council hearing in December. He added that there will be full freeway shutdowns involved and that the project should take 18 months to complete. In closing, Mr. Spurgin directed residents to the City website on the project: www.toaks.org/Wendy101 and said they will do public outreach and mail fact sheets to residents.

c. Casa Conejo CERT News

Arie Izhak and **Norm Goodkin** brought ham radio equipment to the meeting and demonstrated how ham radios will aid residents in emergency situations when all telephones are down and cellphones are swamped with calls. They showed that they can send messages and e-mails anywhere in the United States and stressed how CERT teams will be empowered by the use of ham radio communication. They said the 4X power 2 watt radios cost as little as \$38 and explained that the local repeater they used for the demonstration is at AMGEN. In closing, Mr. Goodkin handed out flyers for classes on ham radio use and said that additional information can be obtained by researching LACDCS.org and acs-thousandoaks.com websites. The MAC expressed their appreciation for the demonstration.

d. Casa Conejo Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (GRIT) Update

Ed Villa said that graffiti appears every week or so at the Jenny Drive bridge, the Gerald Drive bridge and the Wendy Drive bridge and he has been painting regularly. **Janet Wall** added that three new Casa Conejo GRIT members (Sandee Ayers, David Ayers and Bill Deemer) were trained in October and will receive Individual Encroachment Permits within a few weeks to help Mr. Villa with painting over graffiti in Casa Conejo.

e. Casa Conejo Community Beautification Clean-Up Event

Janet Wall said that an April 2012 date for the CBE and Clean-Up Event will be confirmed in early December and that the flyer and planning can proceed once the date is locked in. **Ed Villa** asked if another meeting would take place this year and **Supervisor Parks** said that the committees may want to meet to plan the tasks assigned to them once the date is approved.

10. Action Items: None

11. Suggestions for future agenda items

101 Wendy Bridge Update (Jay Spurgin)
Frankie Properties Drainage
Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update
Community Beautification Clean-Up Event

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. until January 18, 2012 at Walnut Elementary School