

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 19, 2012

**The Casa Conejo MAC Held an Official Meeting Wednesday, September 19, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Dustin Woomer** at 6:03 P.M. MAC members **David Ayers, Janell Smith** and **Edward J. Villa, Sr.** were present.

2. Flag salute

3. Swearing In of Shannon Prachyl, Richard Twomey, Jr. and Steven Wasco

Supervisor Parks administered the Oath of Office to the three new members of the Casa Conejo MAC, Shannon Prachyl, Richard Twomey, Jr. and Steven Wasco, who signed the Oath of Office and took their places on the council. Supervisor Parks expressed her appreciation for their willingness to serve their community and gave each of them Ventura County pins.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Dustin Woomer suggested that Item 10 follow Item 7 and moved to adopt the agenda with that revision. **David Ayers** made the second. Motion passed 7/0.

5. Approval of the Minutes

Janell Smith moved to approve the May 16, 2012 and July 18, 2012 minutes as submitted. **Edward J. Villa, Sr.** made the second. Motion passed 4/0; Shannon Prachyl, Richard Twomey, Jr. and Steven Wasco abstained.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that farmland in Oxnard and 700 acres of farmland in Camarillo is being considered for development. She said the Conejo Creek project at the base of the Conejo Grade was before the City of Camarillo Planning Commission and 300 members of the public showed up to oppose the project. Supervisor Parks said that crosswalks will be discussed at the Walnut Elementary School Site Council meeting on October 10th and the Ventura County Transportation Director will attend the meeting and will later attend a Casa Conejo MAC meeting to respond to crosswalk suggestions. Supervisor Parks also mentioned that September is National Preparedness Month and the Great American Shake Out, an emergency earthquake drill, will take place on October 18th. To participate in the drill and be part of the simulation, she said to log onto www.shakeout.org.

Janet Wall told the MAC that the November Casa Conejo MAC meeting is scheduled as a Special Meeting on the second Wednesday of November, November 14th, because the 3rd Wednesday is the day before Thanksgiving.

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

Sergeant Steven Curley told the MAC that two accidents occurred at the Gerald and Wendy intersection, one on August 8th and another on August 21st. He said the accident on Gerald was a DUI. Sergeant Curley also told the MAC there was an arrest for false ID on August 31st. Dustin Woomer asked if Sergeant Curley could provide information at the November meeting on how many collisions have occurred at Gerald and Wendy.

Senior Deputy Laura Natoli of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department reported that crime has gone down again. In particular, she noted that thefts from vehicles decreased and said the Neighborhood Watch program is an asset to the community and Sheriff's Department. She said between August 1 and September 19 there were two domestic violence incidents and two individuals were arrested for battering their spouse. In addition, she said an adult on the 200 block of Dorena Drive was fined under the "Social Host" ordinance when two juveniles were confirmed drinking. Senior Deputy Natoli also told the MAC that two young teens were propositioned by a man in a truck at Jenny and Gerald and the suspect was later arrested. In closing, Senior Deputy Natoli said a burglary occurred within City boundaries on Michael while a couple watching their surround-system television left their bedroom sliding door unlocked and the burglar ransacked the room and stole jewelry and other valuables.

When asked about laws regulating homeless people, Senior Deputy Natoli said there is no ordinance prohibiting homeless people, and the Sheriff cannot do anything unless they are aggressive or violent.

The dispatch number for the Sheriff is: (805) 654-9511; residents are encouraged to call the Sheriff with license plate numbers and descriptions any time they witness suspicious activity. The e-mail address for residents who wish to be added to the Sheriff's East County E-Mail Watch is: ECSheriff.Watch@ventura.org

8. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Nathan Borin requested that the speed trailer be placed on Ruth.

Debbie Ambrose said that she is not in favor of having a signal installed at Gerald and Wendy because residents on the western side of Michael Drive will not be able to exit onto Wendy when cars are backed up from the light. She said it is already difficult to exit Michael onto Wendy and that is the only exit for Michael Drive residents. Supervisor Parks responded that a crosswalk with a signal will be safer for pedestrians, and the County Transportation Department will consider her concerns. She said the signal would be timed to avoid backups on Wendy, and "Do Not Block Intersection" signs could be added as well.

9. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Dustin Woomer welcomed the new council members to the Casa Conejo MAC.

10. Information items

a. Wendy Bridge Widening Update

Cliff Finley, Deputy Director of Public Works for the City of Thousand Oaks, said the Wendy Bridge widening project is progressing well and is on schedule to finish in Fall 2013. He said a lot of work on the south side of the bridge is finished and new beams will be installed in October. Mr. Finley told the MAC the offramps will be affected through the middle of next year and reminded residents that the northbound 101 will be closed for several nights. The web address for updates on closures is [toaks.org/Wendy 101](http://toaks.org/Wendy101)

b. Old Conejo Road Berm Update

Cliff Finley told the MAC the 6-inch high "mountable berm" will be installed along Old Conejo in October and the preconstruction meeting is to take place tomorrow, September 20. However, he said there is no drain on Ruth Road so a cross gutter to move water down Old Conejo will be installed. He said the City may end up installing another drain if the capacity is not adequate. He said the cross gutter will have a little bit of a dip. In response to Mr. Borin's question regarding widening Old Conejo, Mr. Finley said traffic studies show the road is still at a high level of service which does not warrant widening the road and explained that there are limited resources that must fix the worst problems first. Ed Villa told Mr. Finley that drivers are using Jenny Drive to avoid backed-up traffic on Reino and Old Conejo. Mr. Finley was asked to bring accident statistics and traffic counts for Old Conejo Road to the November meeting. Mr. Villa also asked if "No Through Traffic" signs could be placed on Jenny. Janet Wall said that she will have the County Transportation Department respond to that request.

c. Peppertree Park/Reino Road Community Meeting Update

Cliff Finley said the Community Stakeholder Meeting took place on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Newbury Park Library Community Meeting Room and 50 people came to the meeting, including AYSO and Conejo Recreation and Park District spokespersons. He explained that another meeting will be scheduled, adding that new fields in Dos Vientos will go into service in the Spring which may alleviate some of the parking issues at Peppertree Park.

d. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update

Ed Villa told the MAC that graffiti in the channels picked up when school started, and the team continues to paint over it when it is spotted.

11. Action Items: None

12. Suggestions for future agenda items

Information Items

Milestones of the Casa Conejo MAC (Dustin Woomer)

Wendy Bridge Widening Update

Peppertree Park/Reino Road Community Meeting Update

Crosswalks to Walnut Elementary School

Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update

13. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. until November 14, 2012 at Walnut Elementary School