CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES November 20, 2013

The Casa Conejo MAC Held an Official Meeting Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **David Ayers** at 6:09 P.M. MAC members **Richard Twomey**, **Jr.**, **Edward Villa**, **Sr.**, **Dustin Woomer**, **Janell Smith**, and **Shannon Prachyl** were present. **Steven Wasco** was absent.

2. Flag salute

David Ayers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Edward Villa, Sr. moved to approve the September 18, 2013 minutes as submitted. **Dustin Woomer** made the second. The motion passed 6/0.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as written. **Edward Villa, Sr.** made the motion, **Richard Twomey, Jr.** made the second. The motion passed 6/0.

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

Officer Greg Musgrove, California Highway Patrol, said the radar trailer has been on Lesser Drive for the last two and a half weeks and has helped slow traffic near the school. He has also had an officer present on some afternoons when school lets out. He suggested a crossing guard will also help at the Lesser Drive/Rudman Drive crosswalk. Ventura County Sheriff's Deputy Noel Juarez said crime trends had been down in the last month, with no residential thefts since June 4th. He did report though that a vehicle was burglarized on Cathy Drive, and from a truck on Molly Court, and cautioned people to lock their vehicles because burglars were stealing from unlocked cars particularly between 2am and 4am. Additionally he said a package was stolen from a front porch on Bella Drive, and a bicycle was stolen from a garage. He said there appeared to be an increase in door to door solicitation, and said if residents ask the solicitors to see their permits, which they are required to have, it can help discourage people from using solicitation as a way to case properties for criminal purposes.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks said she brought petitions for signatures to determine if residents on Lesser Drive would support approximately three speed humps on the eastbound approach to the crosswalk at Lesser Drive and Rudman Drive. She said that residents are generally required to pay for their own speed humps which cost approxiatemly \$1,200 each, but was hopeful other sources would be available and did not want the cost to be the reason for residents to reject the safety measure. Shannon Prachyl and David Ayers said they would be willing to get signatures. She also said she would see if the County Public Works Department would install the six Welcome Home, Drive Safely signs at locations Edward Villa, Sr identified. She also asked the MAC when they would like to have a Community Beautification Event and they reported that April 12, 2014 would be best to avoid the Easter Holiday. She also mentioned the potential for doing another service day of helping senior citizens and disabled residents remove bulky items in coordination with the event if there was interest, and further said she could help facilitate with a donation of trees and coordination of volunteers from the Church of Latter Day Saints if the MAC wanted to proceed with tree plantings along sidewalks to beautify a street. Dustin Woomer and David Ayers and Nathan Borin all expressed interest in the tree planting. Finally, Supervisor Parks announced an upcoming Quarterly Dinner Event with California Treasurer Bill Lockyer that is open to the public and will be at Tuscany Restaurant.

7. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Barry Gabrielson expressed concern with having to pay for fixing sidewalks in front of his house and along the side of his house. He said it was not a safety issue and that the community isn't complaining. He did not want to take on the responsibility of fixing it. **Nathan Borin** agreed and said if residents fix their sidewalks then they would be liable if an accident occurred on them. Supervisor Parks responded that she too would like the County to agree to fix sidewalks but the Board of Supervisors has not been supportive to date, though she will continue to try.

Steve Giboney spoke about de-victimization from a global and national level including issues with the NSA and people's freedoms and rights to privacy.

Rob Lendin expressed concerns about an erosion control project done behind his properties at 3366 Henry Drive & 3382 Henry Drive. He said sufficient dirt was not put back and he is concerned his fence will become unstable and may fall over. He would like to have the dirt replaced. He provided photos and Supervisor Parks agreed to follow-up with the Watershed Protection District.

8. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda

David Ayers expressed concern with the crosswalk at Lesser Drive and Rudman Drive and suggested that a prohibition on U-turns during school pick-up and drop-off times could be done as in Oak Park and submitted photos to Supervisor Parks who said she would request the signage from County Public Works.

9. Advisory Matters

a. Questions for Casa Conejo Community Survey

Richard Gaz said he had only received two comments and accepted both changes. **Dustin Woomer** said he thought the survey looked fine and made a motion, seconded by **Richard Twomey**, **Jr.** that Supervisor Parks' office mail the survey to Casa Conejo residents on or after January 15, 2014. The motion passed 6/0.

b. Neighborhood Traffic Control Measures

Neighborhood Traffic Control Measures were discussed under Agenda Items 6 and 8 (above).

c. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update

Edward Villa, Sr. noted graffiti removal.

10. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- a. Survey Update
- b. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update
- c. Speed Humps on Lesser Update

11. Adjournment at 8:15 until Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at Walnut Elementary School