

**CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2014**

**The Casa Conejo MAC Held an Official Meeting Wednesday, January 15, 2014,
6:00 p.m. at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Ed Villa, Sr.** at 6:03 P.M. MAC members **Richard Twomey, Jr., Edward Villa, Sr., Dustin Woomer, Janell Smith,** and **Shannon Prachyl** and Steven **Wasco** were present.

2. Flag salute

Janelle Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Ed Villa, Sr. nominated **Richard Twomey, Jr.** for Chair, **Janelle Smith** made the second, motion passed 6/0. **Ed Villa, Sr.** nominated himself to be Vice Chair, **Rick Twomey, Jr.** made the second and the motion passed 6/0.

4. Approval of the Minutes of November 20, 2014

Edward Villa, Sr. moved to approve the November 20, 2013 minutes as submitted. **Dustin Woomer** made the second. The motion passed 6/0.

5. 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.

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

Officer Greg Musgrove, California Highway Patrol, said the radar trailer has been effective but will have to be moved to other areas in the East County and suggested a blinking yellow light be installed on Lesser Drive near the Rudman crosswalk. **Supervisor Parks** said a flashing yellow may disturb residents in their homes and said a solar radar speed sign may be a better solution.

7. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks announced that David Ayers had stepped down from the MAC and recruitment for a new member will be commencing. She also reported that the County received a grant for funding the traffic signal at Gerald Drive and Wendy Drive. She provided an example of the Casa Conejo Community Survey that will be mailed out shortly. She said the Wendy Bridge Ribbon Cutting ceremony is scheduled for February or March. She also showed the MAC a photo of a decorative sign that will be added to the chain link fence where the flood control channel crosses Wendy Drive, and congratulated the MAC for the recent installation of their new Welcome Home signs. She also announced openings for the civilian Grand Jury and brought information on their open house if anyone was interested in applying.

Supervisor Parks said County Transportation Department will be adding a No U Turn sign on Rudman Drive, facing Lesser Drive and will be doing a pedestrian count to determine need for a crossing guard. She said the red curb had been painted along Walnut School property and **Shannon Prachyl** asked that the yellow curb on the southeast side of the Lesser Drive crosswalk be painted red. Supervisor Parks said she will follow up.

She also reported that she and Dustin Woomer met with leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints regarding the potential for a demonstration tree planting project in Casa Conejo. **Dustin Woomer** commented that the Church had offered plenty of volunteers to do the project and that there would be careful consideration of tree types that don't impair sidewalks. **Janell Smith** commented that carrot wood trees should be considered because they grow slowly. Supervisor Parks said she had added a question to the community survey to find out which residents would like to participate in a tree planting program and that she will work to get the trees at no cost. **Nathan Borin** recommended the tree planting be done on Ruth Drive in concert with the desires of Clara Deemer.

8. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Debbie Ambrose asked if there will be fencing on the Wendy Bridge over the 101 along the bike lane edge with the bridge. Supervisor Parks said that while the construction of the bridge is complete she understands that there is still work to be done, including adding landscaping, fencing and signing. She anticipates a fence will be installed and said she will confirm and get back to the MAC on this too.

Nathan Borin asked about the possibility of speed humps on Jenny Drive and was told that the process required getting signatures on a petition from residents on the street. Supervisor Parks said that the County Transportation Department found that Jenny Drive did meet the warrants for speed humps.

9. Advisory Matters

a. MAC Recommendation on Letter of Support for Supervisor Parks' Request for County Funding Assistance for Sidewalk Repair

Supervisor Parks said she is requesting at the January 28th Board of Supervisors meeting that the Board allocate \$566,081 in unanticipated revenue to fund sidewalk repair in the unincorporated County and asked if the MAC would like to send a letter of support.

Barry Gabrielson expressed concern with the 2006 County Ordinance 4355 which lays costs and liability for County sidewalks on homeowners. He said it is illegal for the County to pass on liability and the Ordinance violates the law. He said he would not be paying for fixing his sidewalks, that his taxes should already take care of that, and described other upset neighbors he talked to when he canvassed his neighborhood. He also showed photos of his sidewalk with County markings and said a ½ inch rise in a sidewalk slab is not the criteria the County should use and that State law calls for it to be 1 inch. **Nathan Borin** said the County cannot make requirements that are more restrictive than the State. **Roger Smith** described watching how County staff measured lifted sidewalks with a plastic measure that they placed in slots between sidewalk slabs measuring for ½ inch. **Shannon Prachyl** described a sinkhole that the County filled in and the need to fix a sidewalk. **Ed Villa, Sr.** said there are areas very much in need of repair and mentioned William Drive as an example.

Supervisor Parks responded that the County stopped repairing sidewalks in 1978 and the Board of Supervisors has not been supportive of funding sidewalk repairs to date, including when she has tried before, but is hopeful now that there is revenue she can get support. **Kit Korf** asked Supervisor Parks if residents who have paid in the past for their sidewalk would get a refund if others get their sidewalks done for free. Supervisor Parks said that could be part of the final solution, though it would reduce the amount of sidewalks the funds could repair. **Ed Villa, Sr.** made a motion to request the Board of Supervisors fund sidewalk repairs and repeal Ordinance 4355. **Steve Wasco** seconded the motion. **Dustin Woomer** suggested a compromise alternate motion to send a support letter to get money to fix sidewalks and not add the part about rescinding the Ordinance at this time. **Barry Gabrielson** stated his support for the alternate motion. **Ed Villa, Sr.** revised his motion to send a support letter, to be signed by the Chair of the MAC, expressing the MAC and community's overwhelming support for the County using the identified funds to repair sidewalks. **Steve Wasco** seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

b. Speed Humps on Lesser Update

Supervisor Parks said she provided petitions for signatures to determine if residents on Lesser Drive would support approximately three speed humps on Lesser Drive west of the crosswalk. **Shannon Prachyl** said she has 8 of the 18 signatures and it was pointed out that residents' signatures from 2/3 of the houses on the street were required. A question was raised about the possibility of adding stop signs at Rudman Drive/Lesser Drive, and it was explained that the intersection does not meet established standards for stop signs and if they are installed they could lead to accidents and liability issues.

c. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update

Edward Villa, Sr. noted graffiti has declined in the area and offered residents an opportunity to join the Graffiti Removal Team.

10. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- a. Casa Conejo Survey Results**
- b. Speed Humps on Lesser Update**
- c. Tree Planting Demonstration Project Update**

11. Adjournment at 7:19pm until Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at Walnut Elementary School