

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 24, 2014

**The Casa Conejo MAC held a Special Meeting Wednesday, September 24, 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 **Richard Twomey, Jr.** at 6:02 pm. MAC members **Edward Villa, Sr.** (Vice Chair), **Richard Gaz**, **Shannon Prachyl**, **Janell Smith**, **Steven Wasco** and **Dustin Woomer** were present.

2. Flag Salute

Richard Twomey, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of the Minutes of July 16, 2014

The July 16, 2014 minutes were approved 7-0 on a motion by **Janelle Smith** and a second by **Edward Villa, Sr.**

4. Adoption of the Agenda

There were no changes to the Agenda.

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

CHP Officer Musgrove said the speed radar trailer is working and has slowed traffic speeds near Walnut Elementary School as intended.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks provided follow-up on a request to have a representative from the Post Office attend a MAC meeting to discuss recent issues regarding carrier service and other Post Office related questions. Supervisor Parks said they would instead respond directly to any questions by phone at 805-376-0836 or by email at aline.f.conrad@usps.gov. She also reported back on request for repainting the red curb on Lesser Drive adjacent to Walnut Elementary School. She said County Public Works Agency staff believe it may just be dirty and in need of cleaning. She also gave the status on efforts to get a crossing guard on Lesser Drive at Rudman Drive, stating that the City of Thousand Oaks will be reviewing the potential when it considers the next round of requests in the spring, after doing new traffic counts. Additionally, she notified the MAC of a new use in the industrial area on Old Conejo Road where a specialty car seller, Johnston Motorsports, Inc. has applied to the City to operate there and have customers come by appointment only.

Supervisor Parks responded to questions from **Nathan Borin** on the need for better traffic circulation at the Reino Road/Old Conejo Road intersection and to several questions from the public regarding sidewalks, including letting the MAC know that the County's Public Works Agency did agree to their request to hold off sending any sidewalk fix-it letters until after the Board of Supervisors revisits the County policy requiring residents to pay for repairs.

A concern was also raised regarding cyclists riding the wrong way from McDonald's on the recently installed bike lanes on the Wendy Road overpass, and at Old Conejo Road and the 101 freeway off-ramp. Supervisor Parks said she would pass these concerns onto the City of Thousand Oaks.

7. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Susan Stout expressed her concern about the multi-use pathway proposal and presented information about crime that she found to show over 100 more crimes than reported in public crime watch reports.

Barry Gabrielson stated the County is obligated by law to fix sidewalks. He also complained about the lack of a stated criteria for determining out-of-compliant sidewalks. **Richard Twomey, Jr.** requested these concerns be addressed and **Supervisor Parks** said the issues involving criteria, grinding, and the Board's policy on who pays for repairs will all be considered at the October 28th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nathan Borin described a meeting he attended on sidewalks with County Public Works staff where he said there was a lack of customer service and questioned the responses they received.

Several members of the public also described their concerns with having to be responsible and pay for County sidewalks with no help from the County.

8. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were none.

9. Advisory Matters

a. Presentation on Empower Ventura County by Rachel Scott, Marketing and Community Outreach Coordinator

Information was presented about free energy assessments and low interest loans for energy conservation measures and solar energy.

b. Goal Setting Using 2014 Casa Conejo Survey Results

A review of responses to the 2014 Casa Conejo Survey Results were reviewed and the MAC selected the following goals for Casa Conejo:

Reduce Speeding
Reduce Congestion
Increase Bus Service
Better Sidewalks, Preferably at County Expense

c. Sound Wall on Borchard Road

Supervisor Parks shared options to assist residents' efforts to fund a sound wall they would like built behind their homes that back to Borchard Road.

10. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- a. Study Session with Public Works on Comprehensive Solutions for Traffic Flow in Casa Conejo
- b. Report Back on Sidewalks
- c. Draft Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance
- d. Rodent Extermination Information
- e. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update

11. Adjournment at 8:15pm until Wednesday, November 19, 2014.