

**CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**March 18, 2015**

**The Casa Conejo MAC held a Meeting Wednesday, March 18, 2015,  
6:00 p.m. at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Flag Salute**

**Richard Twomey, Jr.** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of January 21, 2015**

**Dustin Woomer** moved approval of the revised January 21, 2015 minutes. **Richard Gaz** seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

**4. Adoption of the Agenda**

On motion by **Richard Twomey, Jr.** and second by **Edward Villa, Sr.** Items 9a and 9b were moved to come after Item 7. Motion passed 7-0.

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

**CHP Officer Musgrove** introduced **CHP Commander Ron Cohan** who talked about an enforcement action at the crosswalk on Wendy Road at Gerald Drive to cite drivers who did not stop for pedestrians. They issued a total of 32 citations and several warnings over two days totaling 3.5 hours of enforcement. The MAC and audience applauded the CHP for their effort at this longstanding concern in the community.

**6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks**

**Supervisor Parks** announced that April 11<sup>th</sup> is a Community Beautification Event for Casa Conejo at the Newbury Park High School to dispose of large bulky items, electronic waste, yard clippings, etc. She also told the MAC about the County providing Earth Day Awards and is looking for good environmental stewards to honor. She also reported that the Tax Collector will be accepting payments at her office March 30-April 10. She answered questions about ground squirrels in the area by saying she is looking at reducing anti-coagulant rodenticides, and owl boxes could be used to help reduce the population, as well as a future contest with awards for winning concepts to eliminate rodents and not impact other animals or the environment.

**7. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

MAC members asked questions about the recent Board of Supervisors' vote to place liens on properties if owners haven't paid their bill for sidewalk repair. Supervisor Parks said it was a 4-1 vote of the Board to initiative the liens with her voting against. **Dave Fleisch** County Transportation Director answered questions on the process.

**8. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

**William Hayes** expressed opposition to the proposed multi-use pathway saying the report has major errors and omissions. He expressed concern for high \$2 million project cost, said the elevation of the bridge on Wendy Road is not wide enough for the path, that Earth's Magnet School was left out of the analysis, and that dog barking would be a problem too.

**Wendy Zimmerman** expressed support for the multi-use pathway and said it does separate motorists from pedestrians and cyclists which is safer, that fencing and plants would enhance the area, and that neighbors of a similar path in Thousand Oaks have adjusted to their path.

## **9. Advisory Matters**

### **a. Study Session with Public Works on Comprehensive Solutions for Traffic Flow**

**Ventura County Transportation Director David Fleisch** presented options for reducing speeding in Casa Conejo. Suggestions included striping to narrow traffic lanes that could also be bike lanes, chokers, and bulb-outs at corners to slow traffic. There are concerns with loss of parking and impact on driveways and traffic circles, and there has been some push back because it impacts the way people drive. He commented on how people who live by speed humps find them noisy and the County policy requires residents to pay for them. After reviewing a traffic calming study of Casa Conejo roads, Mr. Fleisch suggested addressing three road segments from Jenny Road to Lesser Road, on Lesser Road from Jenny Road to Dena Road, and on Theresa Drive from Wendy to the City/County border. He suggested white striping to narrow the roadway, striping bulb-outs at intersections, and ladder striping at all four legs of the Lesser/Jenny intersection. **Shannon Prachyl** reminded them to take into account where the school bus parks adjacent to Walnut Elementary. Mr. Fleisch agreed and said the striping would be an initial step and if it works, he can later add concrete bulb-outs. He also suggested reducing lane widths and adding red curb painting, and putting wide striping to crosswalks in place of existing ones to bring more attention to them.

### **b. Sidewalk Repairs and Costs**

Supervisor Parks reported that the Board of Supervisors voted to move forward with putting liens on properties with owners who have unpaid sidewalk repair bills. This is the first time the Board has moved to begin this process. Some residents from Casa Conejo spoke at the meeting, and the Board decided to wait 90 days before placing the liens on their property. Supervisor Parks voted against the initiative to place liens. **Dave Fleisch** reported that the number of properties affected has been reduced to 32 and letters were mailed to notify affected property owners and answered questions on the process.

### **c. Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance**

**Supervisor Parks** gave the status on the new County's wireless antenna ordinance and the recent changes in Federal laws that give wireless companies greater rights to build antennas. The County Planning Commission has already heard this issue and it will be coming before the Board of Supervisors soon. She said her goal is to see that they are sited in appropriate locations, preferably not in residential neighborhoods, and not are not eyesores to the community.

### **d. Bus Service in Casa Conejo**

**Supervisor Parks** reported that no Casa Conejo residents spoke at the Unmet Transit Need hearing, which is the best way to show there is a demand for service.

### **e. Graffiti Removal Update**

Graffiti was reported in the channel near Jenny Drive.

## **10. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items**

- a. Study Session with Public Works on Comprehensive Solutions for Traffic Flow
- b. Graffiti Removal Update

## **11. Adjournment at 7:41pm until Wednesday, May 20, 2015.**