

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 15, 2015

**The Casa Conejo MAC held a Meeting Wednesday, July 15, 2015,
6:00 p.m. at Borchard Community Center, 190 Reino Road, Newbury Park**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Richard Twomey, Jr.** at 6:00 pm. **Vice Chair Edward Villa, Sr.** and MAC members **Janell Smith** and **Richard Gaz** were present, **Steven Wasco** arrived at 6:07 pm. **Dustin Woomer** and **Shannon Prachyl** were absent.

2. Flag Salute

Richard Twomey, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of the Minutes of March 18, 2015

Edward Villa, Sr. moved the approval of the minutes. **Janell Smith** seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Richard Twomey, Jr. made a motion to move Item 9a to follow Item 5. **Janell Smith** seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

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

CHP Officer Musgrove stated that there is no longer an individual living in an RV on Theresa Drive. **Senior Deputy Dan Hallinan** of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department introduced himself and the MAC welcomed him.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks announced that residents can get emails of the minutes and agenda of the MAC by registering on the Casa Conejo MAC page on her County webpage. She also said November 14th will be a Senior Summit at Cal State University Channel Islands and will feature HomeShare, which matches seniors with empty rooms in their homes. She also told the MAC that Ventura County now has the largest no-kill shelter in the State and are offering an amnesty for pet owners who owe money on their pet's licenses. She also described some of the positive programs and capital improvement projects from the recent approval of the County's budget, including a new fire station to replace the smaller one at Hillcrest and Lawrence, a crisis residential center for children, and improving the intersection of Somis and 118.

7. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were none.

8. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Wendy Zimmerman shared her experience riding on two separate bikeways, one in Chatsworth and one in Simi Valley, and described nice block walls and landscaping including flowers, and commented how she felt safe and that there was a lowered criminal element in these areas.

9. Advisory Matters

a. Final Plan for Traffic Control in Casa Conejo and Implementation Schedule with Ventura County Transportation Director Dave Fleisch

Ventura County Transportation Director Dave Fleisch showed plans of using striping to add a double yellow centerlines, white edge lines with 11-foot lanes and an 8-foot parking area. Normal lanes are 12-feet and currently there are no center lines. At several of the intersections they will add

painted bulb-outs, including at Jenny Drive and Lilly Court and at Jenny Drive at Melville with red curbs so cars will slow in the intersections. In the bulb-out areas they will add breaks in the center line so people can cross to get to their driveway. They will also add a ladder-type design at crosswalks. At Lesser Drive at Rudman Drive, the bulb-out will include moving the bus stop further back and changing the curb from yellow to red. The work will be done relatively quickly as it involves, at this point, only painting and some signs. If the changes are effective they may do it in other areas, and can also more easily make adjustments if necessary.

Nathan Borin requested school signage on Ruth Drive, and asked that the City add a middle lane to Old Conejo Road. **Wendy Zimmerman** asked that County Public Works evaluate the intersection of Wendy Drive and Bella Drive for increased red curb and striping to increase visibility. Regarding a request to put a designated right lane at Wendy Drive at Gerald Drive, **Mr. Fleisch** warned that painting the curb in front of someone's house limits the homeowner's ability to park in front of their own home and so such measures need to be done judiciously.

An update on the Wendy Road at Gerald Road traffic signal was provided. It will include crosswalks with a ladder design (using paint instead of thermal plastic), shaving off a couple of inches of pavement at the bridge to reduce noise, and synchronizing with the Wendy Drive/Ruth Drive signal. The signal will be run in coordination with other signals during peak hours favoring Wendy through-traffic, and in answer to a question stated the traffic on Gerald Drive would have waits of approximately 20-30 seconds. During off-peak hours Wendy Drive traffic will have a red light when triggered by pedestrians and/or cars on Gerald Drive. Adjustments can be made to assist the timing of the signal once installed.

10. Updates

a. Thousand Oaks Visioning 2064 and City Status with Thousand Oaks Mayor Al Adam

Mayor Al Adam discussed the Thousand Oaks Visioning process, and provided a status on the City of Thousand Oaks. He reported that the 23/101 intersection is scheduled for completion in October, discussed the number of cars sold at the Auto Mall and the sales tax the City receives, which he said is a penny for every dollar, and that the Auto Mall brings in one-third of the City's sales tax. He said the average home in Thousand Oaks is selling for \$625,000, and unemployment rate has gone down to 5%. He answered questions about the Thousand Oaks Blvd. Specific Plan, saying he wanted a pedestrian friendly downtown and that he's willing to have 200 residential units built on the Blvd. if they are quality units.

Chair Richard Twomey, Jr. expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and overall the attention Casa Conejo MAC has received with meetings attended by the heads of County departments, the head of the Park District, the Mayor, and the County Supervisor.

b. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team

Edward Villa, Sr. said he needs keys for two of the locks into the channel and **Supervisor Parks** said she would look into it.

11. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- a. Issues related to Northbound bike lane on Wendy bridge over the 101 Freeway
- b. Desirability of Adding a Center Lane on Old Conejo

12. Adjournment at 8:04pm until Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at Walnut Elementary School