

**CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**March 16, 2016**

**The Casa Conejo MAC held a Meeting Wednesday, March 16, 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 6:01 pm. MAC members **Richard Gaz, Dustin Woomer, and Wendy Zimmerman** were present. Vice Chair **Edward Villa, Sr.** and **Shannon Prachyl** were absent.

**2. Flag Salute**

**Chair Richard Twomey, Jr.** led the salute to the flag.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of January 20, 2016**

**Richard Gaz.** moved the approval of the minutes, **Wendy Zimmerman** seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**4. Agenda Review**

No changes were made to the agenda.

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

**CHP Officer Musgrove** provided traffic safety statistics from the previous three years. He said the majority of traffic violations were on Wendy Drive, but with the activation of the Wendy/Gerald signal soon that might decrease. There is currently a radar trailer on Wendy Drive, but it does not collect data. He also looks for speeders on Jenny Drive. He said one to two crashes in the area were DUI related, and he will provide DUI statistics from December 2015 to the present at the next MAC meeting. **Senior Deputy Paul Ferruzza** reported that since January 2016 there have been three vehicle burglaries, one residential burglary, and three thefts reported, two grand thefts and one petty, and two incidents of vandalism. He said the majority of crimes are thefts and crimes of opportunity. He reminded residents to lock their cars, secure their homes, and close garage doors.

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

**Vanise Terry** commented on behalf of **Supervisor Linda Parks** that Steve Wasco had resigned from the MAC and she is looking for applicants to fill the open seat. Applications can be obtained through the Supervisor's office. She announced that the next Community Beautification Event will be on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Newbury Park High School and flyers are available. Ms. Terry said the Tax Collector's office will be accepting tax payments in Supervisor Parks' office from March 29-April 11 as a convenience to east county residents. She also said VC Alert information cards were available to sign up for the county's emergency alert system. Finally, she mentioned Supervisor Parks is considering hosting a Board of Supervisors meeting in Casa Conejo in an effort to bring county government closer to the residents. The date and location has yet to be determined.

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

**Wendy Zimmerman** announced that the third stage of the Amgen Bike Race will come through Newbury Park from Borchard Road to Reino Road on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The bicyclists will start at Amgen at 11:00 am and she encouraged residents to cheer on the cyclists. She also said that the Ride of Silence, which brings awareness to bicyclist safety, will be on May 18<sup>th</sup>. She announced she was happy to hear that the new signal at Wendy and Gerald Drives will have detectors for cyclists crossing the intersection.

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

**Barry Gabrielson** asked the MAC to assist with setting up a meeting with Supervisor Parks, County Counsel, and the Transportation Department regarding the legality of charging residents for sidewalk repairs. **Richard Twomey** said he would assist.

**Charles Maslin** announced that the Grand Jury is looking for applicants to serve on the Grand Jury and applications can be found online at the Grand Jury's website.

**Steve Ivie** said speeding on Alice Drive is very bad and he has witnessed cars running through the stop sign at Alice Drive and Bella. He also said the stop sign at Alice Drive and Strauss does not help slow drivers taking the left turn onto Strauss. **Vanise Terry** said she would contact CHP Officer Musgrove to see if he could also monitor Alice Drive.

## **9. Advisory Matters**

### **a. Presentation on the Casa Conejo Road Resurfacing Project with Dave Fleisch, Ventura County Transportation Director**

**Dave Fleisch**, Ventura County Transportation Director, discussed several projects scheduled for Casa Conejo, including a new signal at Wendy Drive and Gerald Drive that is currently scheduled to become operational on April 11<sup>th</sup>. He said the thermoplastic will be removed and the street will be painted instead. Once the signal is activated it will remain green on Wendy Drive unless activated by a car, pedestrian, or bike on Gerald Drive. He discussed the upcoming resurfacing project in Casa Conejo on Lily, Verna, Cary, Ethel and Melvin Courts, and Louis, William, Dena, and Devia Drives. He said the Transportation Department surveyed all of the sidewalks in Casa Conejo and identified those needing repairs with either black dots for "replacement" or pink dots for "grinding eligible." He said of the 79 trees they inspected, 39 trees (29 properties) needed to be removed for causing root damage to sidewalks. Residents needing sidewalk repairs and/or tree removal will be notified by mail, and those that are eligible for sidewalk grinding must notify the Transportation Department to ask for that procedure. Residents preferring to do tree removal on their own must obtain a no-fee permit from the Transportation Department, which is online at their website. The bid for the contractor will open the first week in May, and letters to residents needing repair work and/or tree removal will go out within weeks after that. He said letters will go to property owners using the Assessor's database. Construction is slated to begin early July with the sidewalk repairs and tree removals happening first, and then re-pavement. The project should be complete by mid-late August. **Dustin Woomer** asked what kind of material would be used for the paving, and Mr. Fleisch replied it would be a normal overlay, not the Cape Seal used in the paving last year. **Catherine Hogue** asked about gutters and Mr. Fleisch said he would look into correcting problems that she and another resident are having with the flow in their gutters. Mr. Fleisch said that should any problems or damage happen during the project, the contractor is responsible and the project manager's contact information will be in the letter to residents.

### **b. Wendy/Gerald Signal Ribbon Cutting and Channel Walk in April 2016**

With the Wendy/Gerald signal scheduled to be activated on April 11<sup>th</sup>, the MAC suggested moving the ribbon cutting and channel walk to April 16<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the Community Beautification Day.

## **10. Updates**

### **a. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (Councilmember Villa)**

GRIT member **Roger Smith** reported on behalf on Councilmember Villa that there was graffiti on Jenny Drive on both sides of the bridge, and on Michael Drive. Both were removed.

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

- a. Status on Water Conservation with California American Water
- b. Board of Supervisors meeting in Casa Conejo
- c. Watershed Protection District on Flood Control

## **12. Adjournment at 7:22pm until Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at Walnut Elementary School**