

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 18, 2016

**The Casa Conejo MAC held a Meeting Wednesday, May 18, 2016,
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 6:05 pm. Vice Chair **Edward Villa, Sr.** and MAC members **Richard Gaz, Dustin Woomer, Wendy Zimmerman** and **Shannon Prachyl** were present.

2. Flag Salute

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

3. Approval of the Minutes of March 16, 2016

Ed Villa, Sr. moved the approval of the minutes, **Richard Gaz** seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

4. Agenda Review

Richard Twomey, Jr. made a motion to move Council Comments to before comments by Supervisor Parks, and to move Advisory Matters 9a and 9b to before Public Comments. **Wendy Zimmerman** seconded the motion and it passed 6/0.

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

CHP Officer Musgrove provided statistics on DUI arrests in the Casa Conejo area for the following years: 2010 (2), 2011 (1), 2012 (4), 2013 (7), 2014 (1), and 2015 (4). He reported there is no pattern to the arrests. **Ventura County Sheriff Deputy James Douglas** reported on crime statistics in the area since March 2016. There were two vehicle burglaries, one petty theft, one basic assault, two domestic incidents, and one domestic violence incident with an arrest. **Ed Villa, Sr.** asked if there has been a rise in vehicle theft, and Deputy Douglas said there are peaks and valleys, and that residents must always lock their car doors and remove valuables from cars.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Linda Parks presented a certificate of recognition to **Richard Twomey, Jr.** for his leadership and commitment to the residents of Casa Conejo on his last day as a member of the MAC. **Vanise Terry**, Senior Aide to Supervisor Parks, stated that applications are available for two open seats on the MAC. Ms. Terry provided the Community Beautification Event results and said that community participation has increased since 2014. She reported on the Transportation Department's sidewalk repairs and pavement project saying that replacement of sidewalks will cost \$6.00/square foot, and grinding is \$7.50/lineal foot. She said the Transportation Department recently mailed letters to residents stating the need for sidewalk replacement and/or repair (grinding option), and some properties were also notified about needing tree removal. Finally, she said the Wendy/Gerald Signal Ribbon Cutting and Channel Walk Day was very successful.

7. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Wendy Zimmerman said she's noticed an increase in fast food litter on streets and in the Arroyo Conejo. She suggested organizing a Community Clean-Up Day. She talked about the excitement of having the Amgen Tour of California bicyclists speed through Newbury Park, and also mentioned the Ride of Silence event that emphasizes the importance of bicycle safety.

8. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

James Willis stated his disagreement on sidewalk ownership in regards to the letter he received from the Transportation Department about repairs to his sidewalk.

Steve Cooley said the new light at Wendy and Gerald Drives turns red too often without being tripped by a car or pedestrian on Gerald. **William Hayes** said the new signal has two bright, white LED lights that are distracting. He asked why they are not amber like the light at Wendy and Ruth. **Vanise Terry** said she would pass both concerns on to the Transportation Department.

9. Advisory Matters

a. Presentation by Susan Curtis, RMA Planning Division, on the Status of Ventura County's General Plan Update

Susan Curtis, Senior Planner with the Ventura County Resource Management Agency (RMA), presented information on the Ventura County General Plan, how it impacts residents' daily life, and the process by which the county will receive input from the community to update the document by 2020. She said the RMA will return to a future MAC meeting to hold an interactive workshop and collect public comments on the general plan.

b. Presentation by Karl Novak, Ventura County Watershed Protection District, on Flood Control and Raptor Pilot Program

Karl Novak from Watershed Protection District presented an update on flood control measures contemplated for El Niño and information on several projects happening in the county, including the Raptor Perch Program, an environmental way to rid areas of rodents, Green Streets Retrofit Project that uses pervious concrete to eliminate contaminants from stormwater, and the bioswale project in Ojai that also captures and treats dry-weather and stormwater runoff.

10. Updates

a. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (Councilmember Villa)

Ed Villa, Sr. reported graffiti off Michael Drive that was cleaned up. He said the Casa Conejo GRIT cleans the flood control channels off Jenny, Gerald, Michael and Wendy Drives, but does not clean up graffiti on private property. If anyone sees graffiti, he asked residents to report it to Supervisor Parks' office.

11. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- a. California American Water Update on Water Conservation
- b. Election of New Chair
- c. Community Clean Up Day
- d. Speaker from Newbury Park Post Office

12. Adjournment at 7:46 pm until Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at Borchard Community Center