

THE EL RIO /DEL NORTE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Serving as Advisory Council for recreational activities in the El Rio, Nyeland Acres, Strickland and Agricultural Areas or El Rio/Del Norte area, including advisory recommendations for the El Rio Roger Jones Community Center and the Nyeland Acres Community Center

Thursday September 19, 2024, 7:00 pm

John C. Zaragoza Community Center
3334 Santa Clara Ave. Oxnard, CA 93036

Meeting started at 7:00 pm

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Regular Members

David Souza (Vice Chair) (Nyeland Acres)

Present

Bonnie Bernal (Cloverdale)

Absent

Julie Hupp (Strickland)

Present

Lorane Bailon (Rio Plaza)

Present

At Large Members

Mike Barber (Chair)

Present

Aaron Wedemeyer

Present

Brenda Heredia

Present

Alternate

Michael D. Stubblefield

Absent

Others Present: Captain Gibson, VC Sheriff's Office; Jeff Collins, VC Sheriff's Office; Christopher Byrd, CHP; Brian Allen, CHP; Timothy Furgal, VC Library System; Sherry Leal-Ryan, VC Library System; Manuel Minjares, Supervisor Kelly Long's office; Ariana Castellanos-Rodriguez, Supervisor Kelly Long's office

III. Approval of Summary Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2024

Aaron Wedemeyer made the motion to approve the minutes from July. Brenda Heredia seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Abstained from vote: Lorane Bailon

IV. Public Safety Updates

Ventura County Sheriff's Department, CHP, Oxnard PD

CHP update from Officer Byrd. Patrolling the area in regards to towing and removal have been ramping up. They tagged, ticketed, and towed vehicles on Santa Clara Ave. Stated that Ventura Blvd and Vineyard Ave was Oxnard PD jurisdiction. In the El Rio area, they give vehicles 24 hour move notice regarding not parking on the street during construction of the pedestrian project and have

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towed two cars. VCSO update by Officer Collins and Captain Gibson. Recent shooting occurred last week in El Rio on Balboa & Cortez, and they are asking the public for help on information or details regarding the incident. Mentioned the Homeless Liaison Unit (HLU) which will be fully staffed in October. As Halloween approaches, parents should be having conversations with their children about the importance of safety and costumes. Also mentioned the Statewide issue regarding school threats and assured their offices are taking each threat seriously and are fully investigated. The number for the non-emergency Sheriffs number is (805) 654-9511 .

V. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

Ariana Castellanos-Rodriguez from Supervisors Long's office informed the MAC on updates in the community. PWA went out and painted red curbs on the entrance of Central Ave and Strickland Ave on both sides of the street to assist with congestion issues. The office was notified of faded red curbs in front of Rio Plaza Elementary School and PWA repainted them and repaired a damaged bench at the bus stop in front of the school on Simon Way. As mentioned by CHP and Sheriffs, they have tagged, ticketed, and towed vehicles that have been parked for long periods of time between Central Ave & 118. Gave an update on the El Rio Pedestrian Project and the community center on behalf of Public Works and Parks.

Tim Furgal from VC Library's gave some updates and shared dates to upcoming events. Also mentioned that the mobile library comes to Nyeland Acres each month on the third Wednesday.

Sherry Leal-Ryan, supervisor of the Albert H. Soliz Library in El Rio shared that they are offering homework help now that school has started for K-8th students.

A member of the public mentioned creating a non-profit for the El Rio community.

Monique Garcia with the Boys and Girls Club of Nyeland Acres gave an update on the things they have been doing such kindness ambassadors, soccer academy, junior entrepreneurship, and a student from the Nyeland Acres community up for a \$10,000 scholarship opportunity for the National Youth of the Year.

Oscar Hernandez with the Rio School District mentioned their after-school programs that approx. 1,000 students attend, held two movie nights in Nyeland Acres, and new fencing that is going up.

Mary Anne Rooney with the Nyeland Promise gave an update on the things they have been doing like ESL classes, community clean ups, and murals. She also spoke about what a MAC is for and to disband the facility district in Nyeland Acres.

VI. Council Member Comments

Lorane Balion shared an idea of ending each meeting with a positive note.

Mike Barber mentioned a request to have the Sheriffs gang unit present at a meeting.

David Souza asked about big pipes being transported on Santa Clara Ave.

VII. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm

VIII. Next Meeting: October 17th, 2024 @ 7 PM / Roger Jones Community Center