

# THE EL RIO /DEL NORTE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

*Serving El Rio, Nyeland Acres, Strickland and Agricultural Areas*

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

## SUMMARY MINUTES

**Thursday June 15, 2023, 7:00 pm**

Roger Jones Community Center  
2864 Jourdan St. Oxnard, CA 93036

- I. **Call to order 7:05 pm**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call - A quorum was declared, based on the presence of the following Board Members**

Regular Members

David Souza (Vice Chair/ Nyeland Acres), Absent  
Bonnie Bernal (Cloverdale), Present  
Julie Hupp (Strickland), Present  
Lorane Bailon (Rio Plaza), Present

At Large Members

Mike Barber (Chair), Present  
Aaron Wedemeyer, Absent  
Brenda Heredia, Present  
Alternate  
Michael Stubblefield, Absent

Others in Attendance

Supervisor Kelly Long, Third District  
Brian Miller, Supervisor Long's Office  
Michael Inda, Supervisor Long's Office

- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2022**  
**Approval of Minutes with correction Under Council Member Comments, favored by all Board Members**

Moved by: Mike Barber

Seconded: Brenda Heredia

Vote: Motion Passed 5-0

- V. **Public Safety Updates**

Deputy, Calderon encouraged community members to keep important documents like birth certificates and social security cards stored in a safe place due to recent theft in the area. Deputy Calderon also reminded the community that it is illegal to buy /sell fireworks. The City of Fillmore is the exception with the sale of Approved fireworks between June 28 – July 5, 2023.

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## VI. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

Mary Anne Rooney shared the contact for CHP Special officer for abandoned vehicles.  
(CHP Officer Chris Bird (805)-662-2661 [765\\_cops@chp.ca.gov](mailto:765_cops@chp.ca.gov) )

Brian Miller invited the community to join the Active Transportation consultant for community engagement on June 16, 2023, from 5:30 -6:00 pm.

## VII. Council Member Comments

Lorain Bailon is concerned about the Adjudication letter and wanted more information regarding the Lawsuit involving Fox Canyon, United Water, and the City of Oxnard. She also wanted to know if each water mutual will respond to Adjudication letter and if they will need to get their own attorneys?

Mary Anne Rooney explained that if you have a water well you should contact an attorney regarding your water rights, if you are under the City of Oxnard or a Water Mutual, they will take care of it.

## Updates by Supervisor Kelly Long, Third District

VIII. Supervisor Kelly Long opened by presenting Ken Knudsen with a Certificate of Appreciation for his time and service to the El Rio Del Norte MAC.

She also had the opportunity to highlight Yvonne Becerra, Supervising Library technician for her amazing job bringing Actor Danny Trejo to the El Rio Library to share his motivating life story to the 400 attendees.

Supervisor Long updated the MAC to the upcoming changes surrounding the Nyeland Acres Community Center and Park that will be presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 27, 2023.

The Board of Supervisors will be voting to suspend the Community Facilities parcel tax and add the Nyeland Community Center to the County Parks System, allowing the park to be open to the community from dusk till dawn on a daily basis.

The yearly parcel tax will be removed from Nyeland Acres property owners annual property tax bill.

The old Community Center will be demolished, and a new larger Community Center will be built in its place using American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds as well as state funding.

Supervisor Long advised to be on the lookout for community input opportunities as the County moves forward with the project.

## Q & A

Q. Mike Barber, when will the mobile library be open to the community?

A. Michael Inda, Currently working with the Director Library Services Nancy Schram and The Boys and Girls Club to set a schedule date.

Q. Brenda Heredia, will the park have bathrooms in future?

A. Supervisor Long, No it is not common for neighborhood parks to have restrooms.

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Q. Brenda Heredia, Will the playground be open to the community?

A. Supervisor Long, Yes the park and playground will be open dusk till dawn on a daily basis.

Q. Ayxa, will the soccer goals be replaced so that my brother, sister and the kids in the community can play soccer?

A. Supervisor Long, When the new community center is built the County will look into getting equipment that will be long term based on the information gathered from the community engagement. The Boys and Girls Club removed the goals for liability reasons.

Q. Mike Barber, Six years ago the community raised funds and donated the soccer goals. The bolts were missing and not put together properly.

A. Michael Inda, After speaking to CEO, Erin Antrim she stated one of the goals was missing an arm and could really injure someone. For liability reasons they were removed.

**Adjourn: 7:52 pm**

**Next Meeting: August 17, 2023, 7:00 PM at the John C. Zaragoza Community Center**