

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

Summary Minutes for the Thursday May 16, 2024

Roger Jones Community Center
2864 Jourdan Street Oxnard, CA 93036

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Regular Members

David Souza (Vice Chair) (Nyeland Acres)

absent

Bonnie Bernal (Cloverdale)

absent

Julie Hupp (Strickland)

absent

Loraine Bailon (Rio Plaza)

present

At Large Members

Mike Barber (Chair)

present

Aaron Wedemeyer

present

Brenda Heredia

absent

Alternate

Michael D. Stubblefield

absent

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2024.

No quorum. Minutes could not be approved.

IV. Public Safety Updates

Ventura County Sheriff's Department, CHP, Oxnard PD

CHP update from Officer Byrd. Cleared up issue with mobile homes parked on streets. 3rd Thursday street sweeping ticketing of cars in violation is improving compliance. Officer Byrd asked Public Works representatives present for information regarding ownership of an alley between Alvarado and Wright Rd. Road and Transportation Director Anitha Balan said she would investigate this and get back to Officer Byrd. Aaron Wedemeyer asked CHP officer Byrd to be on the look out for cars parked illegally in front fire hydrants in the Nyeland Acres community.

VCSO Sargent Pat Ruby gave an update on the Sheriffs office's efforts to address the graffiti problem on the white wall on Rose Ave and Simon Way. He brought up the idea of a community mural. Tim Furgal with the Ventura County Library system said he could connect the Sheriffs with individuals that helped to coordinate a mural project at one of the Ventura County libraries. Loraine Bailon stated that the mural project needed community input, especially regarding the mural subject matter. She didn't think it would be right if it was solely left to the property owner. Mike Barber stated that he believed having children from the community take part in the mural painting would be very positive

and beneficial. Mike Barber also stated that the graffiti problems in the community were a result of the short sightedness of county decision makers and not maintaining a consistent graffiti removal program.

V. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

A member of the public asked if there was an update on the progress of the new Nyeland Acres Community Center. Supervisor Long representative Manuel Minjares stated that there was no update at this time.

VI. Council Member Comments

none

Business Items

VII. Presentation by Ventura County Public Works Streets and Roads Director Anitha Balan and Engineering Manager Gianfranco Laurie

\$11 million Active Transportation Plan improvement project to be awarded by the Board of Supervisors. Public Works representatives described the scope of the improvement project. Road widening, street gutters, sidewalks, new driveway approaches and tie-ins. Construction to scheduled to start in July and will be a 9-month project. Mike Barber asked about the potential for a similar project in Nyeland Acres. Anitha explained that public works will need to conduct a feasibility study for any future grant applications. Loraine Bailon brought up safety concerns she has with Rose Avenue from Simon Way to Central Ave. Loraine asked public works to work collaboratively with the school district to improve streets and road safety in this area. Anitha explained to the board that public works does not have dedicated funding for this type of work and must obtain grant funding to complete these projects. Gianfranco spoke to the issue with semi-trucks driving and parking in residential neighborhoods. He stated that the county already has an ordinance prohibiting trucks over 7 tons with two axles from driving through residential neighborhoods and that these signs are already posted. Need CHP to enforce this ordinance.

Mary Anne Rooney mentioned that Gold Coast Transit was doing a feasibility study for road grants and that she would share that information with Anitha and Gianfranco.

VIII. Adjourn: 8:04 p.m.

IX. Next Meeting: June 20, 2024 @ 7 PM / John C. Zaragoza Community Center