

# THE EL RIO /DEL NORTE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

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

## **SUMMARY**

Thursday February 16, 2017

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

**I. *Call to Order: 7:00pm***

**II. *Roll Call – Regular Members***

Present, Don Hoffman (Vineyard Acres)  
Excused, Bonnie Bernal (Cloverdale)  
Absent, David Souza (Vice-Chair) (Nyeland)  
Present, Ken Knudsen (Vineyard Estates)  
Present, Julie Hupp (Strickland)  
Present, Loraine Bailon (Rio Plaza)

***At Large Members***

Present, Mike Barber (Chair)  
Present, Aaron Wedemeyer  
Present, Tino Ramirez

**III. *Pledge***

**IV. *Inspirational***

**V. *Summary: Approve summaries for October 20, 2016 & November 17, 2016 meetings***

After due discussion and consideration a motion to approve the October 20, 2016 and November 17, 2016 summaries was made by Councilmember Hupp, and seconded by Councilmember Hoffman. The board voted unanimously to approve the summaries for October 20, 2016 and November 17, 2016.

**VI. *Public Safety Update:*** Officer Tejeda reported additional CHP officers have been out on patrol and CHP continues to police Santa Clara Ave. and Collins. Officer Tejeda will be returning to patrol and introduced his replacement PIO, Officer Kevin Denharder (805-662-2658), Officer Denharder will now provide the Public Safety Update at MAC meetings. Chair Barber directed the secretary to send a thank you letter to Officer Tejeda on behalf of the MAC. Officer Arteaga of the VC Sheriff's office reported a few night burglaries on Walnut and asked residents to report any suspicious activity and remember to lock gates and close garages and windows. Councilmember Bailon asked about dumpsters in the street near Balboa Ave. Arteaga said he is aware of this and thinks it is a current county code compliance issue.

**VII. *Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda (3min. per individual)***

Supervisor Zaragoza announced an Association of Water Agencies workshop on Feb. 28, 2017. Information regarding available resources will be provided. Water mutuals, small water systems and the public are invited to attend. The Supervisor announced new signage in Nyeland Acres announcing no parking during "street sweeping hours". These signs were requested so the efforts of the street-sweeper could be more effective. Supervisor Zaragoza also shared there are new signs posted at Rio Mesa High School regarding illegal U-turns. The Supervisor met with parents and county and school officials to help resolve this safety issue, resulting in the new signage. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Nyeland Acres Community Center will be held April 6, 2017 at 10-11:30 am. Board members and members of the public are invited to attend.

**VIII. Council Member Comments: An Opportunity for Council Members to Communicate with Staff or Public Regarding Non-Agenda Items.**

Councilmember Knudsen asked about the pervious concrete in EL Rio and said he did not think it seemed to be working in the way Public Works reported it would. Supervisor Zaragoza said he will direct his staff to look into this concern and report back to Councilmember Knudsen.

**IX. Action Items:**

**1. Presentation Regarding VC Public Health Educational Campaign for Biking and Pedestrian Safety**

**Action: Receive oral presentation from Letty Alvarez and Vicky Gonzales, VC Public Health Agency (30min.)**

Letty Alvarez, VC Public Health introduced herself as the Program Coordinator for three grants that will benefit local neighborhoods. At a previous MAC meeting, Ms. Alvarez shared information regarding the application for an "Active Transportation Grant". Money for this grant is now available and a map indicating the work scheduled to begin on Kinney St. in El Rio was distributed. It is the intention of Public Health to attend monthly MAC meetings and share brief updates as the various local projects related to current grants progress. Ms. Alvarez encouraged residents to attend MAC meetings to stay updated. Chair Barber said the improvements to be done near Kenney St. are much needed. He asked if this was the only project being done under this particular grant. Per Letty, this is the only project for this grant. Chair Barber said he would like to point out some areas in Nyeland Acres he feels need improvement for the safety of the children. Vicky Gonzales introduced herself and said she will be spending time in the community as a part of the community engagement and outreach aspect of these grants. Vicky announced Public Health will be sponsoring a Resident Leadership Academy. The academy is a series of workshops to help to foster new leaders in the community. During the month of March they will promote the academy. The education portion will begin at the end of April, with the program completing in August 2017. They are open to suggestions as to where to conduct the Leadership Academy. In conclusion she said they will be at next month's MAC meeting with updates.

Supervisor Zaragoza announced funding became available for sidewalk near the Nyeland Center it should improve safety. Also signs are being installed to make the entry of the Nyeland Center more visible.

**X. Information Items:**

**Time Extension for:**

**Auto-Tech**

**Case No. PL16-0133**

**2872 Vineyard Ave.**

**Assessor's parcel Number 145-0-152-100**

Chair Barber asked the council and the public if they had any questions regarding Case No. PL16-0133. There were no questions from the council. A member of the public Bob Bauer reported Auto-Tech to be a good neighbor.

Chair Barber concluded the meeting by welcoming new MAC Member Loraine Bailon and thanking her for her participation.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:51pm**