

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 April 20, 2017

Roger Jones Community Center

2864 Jourdan St.

Oxnard, CA 93036

I. *Call to Order:* 7:07pm

II. *Roll Call – Regular Members*

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

At Large Members

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

III. *Pledge*

IV. *Inspirational*

V. *Summary: Approve Summary for March 16, 2017 meeting*

After due discussion and consideration, a motion to approve the March 16, 2017 meeting summary was made by Vice Chair Souza and seconded by Councilmember Ramirez. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

VI. *Public Safety Update:*

VC CHP Officer Kevin Denharder reported CHP is working some speeding complaints on Orange and Almond between Ventura Blvd. and Friedrich.

Chair Barber asked if the council had questions. Councilmember Hoffman said he sees a lot of speeding on the streets surrounding Stroube, which cars avoid because of the speed humps, however, he has seen more officers out on patrol.

Councilmember Bernal asked about speeding signs that were taken down on Balboa during construction. She agrees people avoid Stroube and speed on surrounding streets. CHP suggested Bernal contact Ventura County Roads. Chair Barber directed the MAC Secretary to work with Councilmember Bernal and the County Roads Department.

Councilmember Ramirez said he called CHP regarding cars blocking the street sweeper in Nyeland. CHP confirmed they did enforcement in the area.

Chair Barber asked if members of the public had questions. Bob Bauer, a resident of 2836 Vineyard, due to the businesses surrounding his house has consistent problems with vehicles blocking his driveway. CHP says call each time it happens and they will come, especially if he cannot exit his driveway.

Sr. Deputy Sheriff Eric Arteaga reported things are fairly quiet. The Sheriff's Gang unit has been out serving search warrants for gang related items. There were no questions from the council or members of the public.

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

Dina Ontiveros of Nyeland Acres asked if the MAC was going to have any meetings regarding the County's 2040 General Plan. Supervisor Zaragoza who was present, said the meeting is being held in the Saticoy area in Ventura.

Vicky Gonzales, Ventura County Public health shared the scheduled "Meet and Greet" that was to occur at Rio Real School was cancelled due to an outbreak of the Norovirus. It will be rescheduled. They would also like an opportunity to interview MAC Members.

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

Vice Chair Souza agreed with Councilmember Bernal's previous comments that traffic signs were removed during sewer construction and added, signs prohibiting large trucks from entering the area were also removed.

Chair Barber shared with the council the MAC received a certificate of thanks from Supervisor Zaragoza's office at the Nyeland Acres Center Ribbon Cutting event.

Chair Barber also shared he attended a fundraiser in Oxnard where kids from the Nyeland Center performed Hawaiian dances. He said because of the Nyeland Center the kids have a place to practice and this means they can participate in things like the fundraiser.

IX. *Action Items:*

- 1. Presentation and Update Regarding Construction of Gold Coast Transit District's New Operations and Maintenance Facility at 1901 Auto Center Dr. in Oxnard, California**

Action: Receive Oral Presentation from Reed Caldwell, Director of Engineering and Construction, Gold Coast Transit District (20min.)

Reed Caldwell made a presentation announcing the construction of Gold Coast Transit District's (GCTD) new, 15 acre facility in Oxnard. Gold Coast Transit District

has long since outgrown its current location on 3rd St. in Oxnard and this new facility will allow for future growth. The new facility located on Auto Center Drive will break ground on May 10, 2017 and is estimated to be completed in late 2018. Mr. Caldwell reviewed and explained the design of the facility.

In conclusion Chair Barber asked the council and members and the public if they had any questions.

Councilmember Hoffman asked if there are any houses near the facility. There is one farmhouse but it is not very close.

Councilmember Bernal asked if they will be increasing the amount of buses and asked how many jobs the new facility will bring? Yes in the future there could be increased buses, however there is no accurate estimate as to how many jobs could be created.

Councilmember Knudsen asked how they will be retaining rainwater. Per Reed, there are two retention basins on the property. Percolation tests showed water from a 100 year storm would absorb within 72 hours.

Vice Chair Souza asked about lighting and possible spillover. Per Reed, it should not be an issue. GCTD was required to follow several stringent guidelines in the planning process. The GCTD facility will have 100% LED lights. Souza commented on Mr. Caldwell's work experience in Arizona and if it influenced the rock and zero-scape design.

Mr. Caldwell said he was disappointed to find Oxnard actually has some pretty strict regulations that required them to use more non-drought tolerant plants than they would have liked. For example, GCTD is required to install grass along Auto Centre Dr. GCTD suggested turf instead of grass and were told turf would not be allowed along Auto Center Drive. Chair Souza commented this is an ineffective requirement because the dealerships park cars on the real grass and the ground becomes impacted and the water runs off.

Chair Barber asked if Gold Coast will store gas onsite. Mr. Caldwell said minimal gas is stored onsite.

Chair Barber asked which direction the buses will go when they exit the facility. He was told, GCTD is adding a fourth leg to the intersection and there will be a private drive into their facility. They will not be taking left turns.

Dina Ontiveros, a member of the public, asked if GCTD considered including solar panels over parking areas like Oxnard Union High School District did or including native plants in their landscape design.

GCTD would like to include solar at their facility. They have applied for several grants and are planning ahead by including conduits in their new construction so they can accommodate electric vehicles in the future

GCTD did include native species in the design, however they were required to change the plans based on what the City of Oxnard will allow.

Chair Barber asked if this facility is 100% for Gold Coast or will any other bus services be using the new facility. There are some buses using the facility to fuel up, but they are not stored onsite.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 pm