

# 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 June 15, 2017

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

I. **Call to Order:** 7:08 pm

II. **Roll Call – Regular Members**

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

**At Large Members**

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

III. **Pledge**

IV. **Inspirational**

V. **Summary: Not available for review at this time**

VI. **Public Safety Update:**

Kevin Denharder, VC CHP reported the CHP has received some grant money allowing them more officers on patrol, which has resulted in them recovering some stolen vehicles. They have had a few bad DUI crashes lately. Fourth July is coming and accordingly they increase the amount of officers on the road to enforce DUI's. Chair Barber asked for questions from the council and members of the public.

Councilmember Knudsen asked about what they do to enforce the use of illegal fireworks. Officer Denharder referred the question to officer Arteaga to answer during his presentation.

Letty Alvarez a member of the public asked if they would be increasing patrols due to grad night, specifically Rio Mesa. Office Denharder said yes it is considered a maximum enforcement periods, as is the Fourth of July.

Chair Barber asked about an RV that parks on Freidrich Road, near to the school bus stop. He says the owner moves the RV to avoid ticketing and appears to be living in it. Officer Denharder said it is hard to enforce the moving around issue, if they are technically not breaking the law, however living in an RV on the street is not allowed.

Senior Deputy Sheriff Eric Arteaga (805-765-0701) in response to Chair Barbers question about the RV on Freidrich, said he is aware of it and has had contact with the occupant in the past. He will continue to monitor the situation.

Arteaga addressed Councilmember Knudsen's question and said yes, fireworks are definitely illegal. It is hard to enforce, they have to catch someone in the act.

Councilmember Bernal expressed concern for the number of shootings in Oxnard this year and asked if the majority of the shootings are gang related. Per Arteaga, possibly half or more could be gang related and understaffing is a problem for Oxnard City as well.

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

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

**IX. Action Items:**

**1. Update Regarding V.C. Public Health Educational Campaign for Biking and Pedestrian Safety**

**Action: Receive and file update from Vicky Gonzales, VC Public Health Agency**

Vicky Gonzales and Letty Perez, VC Public Health were present. Letty, Public Health Program Coordinator gave an update on the Campaign for Biking and Pedestrian Safety and the Resident Leadership Academy Program which is part of the campaign. They reported they had four residents sign up to participate. The first meeting will be held Thursday August 3, 2017.

Chair Barber told the speakers, there is a need for sidewalk on Friedrich Rd. in Nyeland. The neighborhood kids use that route to walk to school.

**2. County Update and discussion of possible topics, speakers and presentations for future MAC meetings, Ventura County Supervisor, John Zaragoza.**

**Action: Receive and File**

County Supervisor John Zaragoza led the discussion of possible presentations for future MAC meetings. Councilmembers received a list of County Agencies with descriptions and were asked to select departments that would be appropriate to invite to the MAC based on the concerns they may have. After due discussion and consideration the council selected the following departments or agencies;

1. Ventura County Animal Services
2. Area Agency on Aging
3. County Executive Office
4. Ventura County Fire Dept.
5. Harbor Dept.
6. Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA)
7. Public Works
8. Parks Dept.

Based on these selections, the MAC Secretary will work with the Chair of the MAC and the various County Agencies on a monthly basis to determine who will be invited to make presentations.

**The Meeting Adjourned at 8:17pm**  
**The next El Rio/Del Norte MAC Meeting is**  
**Jul 20, 2017 (Nyeland Acres)**