

THE EL RIO /DEL NORTE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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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 November 16, 2017

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

I. *Call to Order:* 7:15pm

II. Roll Call – Regular Members

Present, David Souza (Vice-Chair) (Nyeland)
Excused, Don Hoffman (Vineyard Acres)
Present, Bonnie Bernal (Cloverdale)
Present, Ken Knudsen (Vineyard Estates)
Excused, 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 Summary for October 9, 2017 meeting.*

After due consideration, a motion to approve the October 9, 2017 meeting summary was made by Councilmember Ramirez and seconded by Chair Barber. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

VI. *Public Safety Update*

Officer Denharder, CHP shared the results of recent crosswalk and school bus “sting” operations done in the area, one specifically at Walnut and Alvarado. 60 enforcement stops were made. Most people received verbal or written warnings. On behalf of the Sheriff’s office, Denharder shared there has been several recent thefts at the fields/farms in the area. Chair Barber asked if anyone had questions for the officer. Regarding the crosswalk sting etc. Councilmember Knudsen said it would be a good idea to educate the kids walking to and from school as well. Officer Denharder said CHP does visit the schools and provide that education to the students. A member of the public asked if the school bus is stopped with its stop signs out are people driving on the opposite side of the road required to stop if there is a median separating the lanes. No, not if there is a median. However, if there is No median, yes, both directions of traffic are required to stop.

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

Jim Hupp, a member of the public, asked for an update regarding the closure of an alley by a homeowner in the Strickland Neighborhood that was discussed at the October MAC meeting. It was determined by County staff, the County does not have the authority to make the homeowner open the alley.

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

IX. *Action Items:*

1. Action: Receive Presentation from Ventura County Animal Services

Randy Friedman, VCAS gave a presentation on the services and responsibilities of Ventura County Animal Services, followed by question and answer.

Randy Friedman gave a presentation on the services and responsibilities of Ventura County Animal Services. Chair Barber asked the Council if they had questions. Councilmember Bernal asked if VCAS accepts donations of pet food. Yes however, the food is put into a pet pantry to help pet owners since the dogs in VCAS care need to eat a consistent monitored diet. Chair Barber said he recently visited the shelter and it was very congested in the lobby area. Friedman agreed and explained this was due to a temporary closure of an entrance/exit. This is no longer a problem, the issue has been resolved. A member of the public, Jim Hupp asked if they euthanize bully breeds. No, not because of the breed alone, if an animal is euthanized it is for legitimate reasons other than breed. Councilmember Bernal asked about the re-release of trapped feral cats. Friedman said they no longer euthanize these animals they have found it is better to return and release them to the location they were trapped for reasons regarding territory etc. Vice Chair Souza asked what about if you find an animal or need to bring in an animal or have one picked up after hours. Friedman said shelter staff works until midnight and beyond that they have a call center to take calls and if need be they can dispatch a staff member out into the field.

Chair Barber directed the Secretary to send a thank you letter to Mr. Friedman and V.C.A.S.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm