

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 15, 2018

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

I. *Call to Order:* 7:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call – Regular Members

Present, David Souza (Vice-Chair) (Nyeland)
Excused, Don Hoffman (Vineyard Acres)
Absent, Bonnie Bernal (Cloverdale)
Present, Ken Knudsen (Vineyard Estates)
Present, 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: Approve Summary for November 16, 2017 meeting.*

After due consideration, a motion to approve the November 16, 2018 meeting summary was made by Vice Chair Souza and seconded by Councilmember Ramirez. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

VI. *Public Safety Update:* Kevin Denharder, VC CHP PIO provided the Public Safety Report. He reported statistics for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 show fatality crashes have significantly decreased. Denharder also shared he teaches monthly driver safety classes for new drivers at VCMC. Chair Barber asked the council if they had questions. Councilmember Bailon asked if Denharder knows how many of the fatalities are DUI related. Although he did not know the exact number, he said the data is available, and speeding and driving under the influence are often factors in crashes resulting in fatality. Chair Barber asked the public if they had questions. Mr. Humberto Tello asked when the driver safety classes at VCMC are held. Per Denharder, classes are monthly usually on the last Wednesday of the month. More information is available at the CHP fb page.

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

Ron Solorzano, Ventura County Library and Bert Tello, Soliz Library announced the library will be extending the services of their education van to the First Five Family Festival on March 3rd. The education van and library are a local resource and the community is welcome to utilize both. Dina Ontiveros, President of the Nyeland Acres Mutual Water Co. announced the mutual's annual shareholders meeting on February 27 at La Luz Del Mundo Church on Nyeland Avenue. Non-shareholders living in Nyeland are welcome to come and observe.

VIII. *Council Member Comments: An Opportunity for Council Members to Communicate with Staff or Public Regarding Non-Agenda Items.* There were no comments from council.

IX. Action Items:

1. Update (including results) of Ventura County Resident Leadership Academy.

Action: Receive and File Update from Claudia Castañeda, Ventura County Public Health (15-20 min.).

Selfa Saucedo, Ventura County Public Health, introduced RLA participants who shared a power point presentation with results of the Resident Leadership Academy surveys and audits. Several concerns were identified, which included, lack of sidewalks, walking space, community parks, and park amenities. Excessive speeding (particularly on Vineyard and Santa Clara Avenues), dangerous conditions for kids/residents crossing Vineyard and drainage issues during and after rainfall was also identified. Engaging with the community and encouraging resident's involvement in regular MAC meetings was suggested as a way of finding solutions to the problems identified.

2. Presentation by David Fleisch and Norman Baculinao, Ventura County Transportation Dept., regarding oversized vehicles in Nyeland Acres and sidewalk construction in El Rio.

Action: Receive and File presentation from Ventura County Transportation Dept. (20-25 min.)

Dave Fleisch, VC Transportation Dept. commenting on the previous presentation, said the results of the Resident Leadership Academy are good feedback for his department and the county is doing the 2040 General Plan update so it is a good time to submit the information. He added there are a lot of limitations particularly with Vineyard Avenue, because it is a State Highway and due to that fact, different approaches to problem solving may need to be taken. Fleisch said it is School Districts who provide crossing guards for the students. Supervisor Zaragoza who was present at the meeting, suggested he and the MAC join together to write a letter to the School District, asking for additional crossing assistance for the students. Director Fleisch said the Safe Routes to School Study has identified four schools in the El Rio area as eligible for further study. Upon receiving the results of those additional studies the Transportation Department will work to improve conditions for students walking and riding to school. Fleisch concluded with a brief update on the status of current sidewalk projects in El Rio. Vice Chair Souza said in years past the county provided better grading services and this helped with drainage issues.

Norman Baculinao spoke on the issue of oversized trucks in Nyeland Acres. Countywide regulation states vehicles over 10,000 lbs. are not allowed to park on residential streets. There are currently truck restrictions in place in Nyeland Acres (no parking of trucks over two axles). County Transportation Department pointed out introducing new limitations regarding what type of vehicles are allowed to park can be done, however, it would very likely impact the personal vehicles of Nyeland residents. Prior to the meeting, the Transportation Department went into the neighborhood to identify and photograph parked vehicles that would be no longer able to park in the area if rules were to change. They located several vehicles that would be affected.

Chair Barber said this may be more of a code enforcement issue. The question of oversized trucks being allowed in the area arose because of a towing company doing business from a home. Chair Barber directed the MAC Secretary to agendaize the item for a future meeting and invite County Code Compliance to speak about what is allowed at a residence, as far as businesses and commercial vehicles are concerned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm