

# THE EL RIO /DEL NORTE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## **SUMMARY**

**Thursday March 15, 2018**

**Nyeland Acres Community Center  
3334 Santa Clara Ave.  
Oxnard, CA 93036**

I. **Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

II. **Roll Call – Regular Members**

**At Large Members**

**Present,** David Souza (Vice-Chair) (Nyeland)

**Present,** Mike Barber (Chair)

**Excused,** Don Hoffman (Vineyard Acres)

**Present,** Aaron Wedemeyer

**Present,** Bonnie Bernal (Cloverdale)

**Present,** Tino Ramirez

**Present,** Ken Knudsen (Vineyard Estates)

**Present (arrived 7:05)** Julie Hupp (Strickland)

**Present,** Loraine Bailon (Rio Plaza)

III. **Pledge**

IV. **Inspirational**

V. **Summary:** The February 2018 summary was not available for review and approval.

VI. **Public Safety Update:** Kevin Denharder, CHP PIO Office said due to increased DUI's related to the St. Patrick's Day holiday, CHP will use maximum enforcement patrol.

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

Supervisor John Zaragoza made an announcement to save-the-date for April 4, 2018. The county will be holding a 2040 General Plan meeting in Spanish. The location and time are to-be-determined. Zaragoza gave an update on the desired left hand turn lane at Vineyard Avenue and Simon Way. Based on the data they have, it was determined by Caltrans a left turn lane is not warranted at this time.

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

Vice Chair Souza, reported the City of Oxnard's traffic sign is still lying in the bushes on Santa Clara Avenue. Souza reported he called the Caltrans Supervisor for this area regarding the striping on the Rice overpass. He says it is very faded and especially hard to see in the rain. Zaragoza responded, saying the sign is city property, however we can pass the information on.

**IX. Action Items:**

**1. Presentation by Brenda Herredia, Intern, Ventura County Public Health**

**Action: Receive and File Presentation from Ventura County Public Health (10-15 min.)**

Public Health Intern Brenda Herredia shared the results of a September 2017 survey given to 548 parents of students age K-8 attending Rio Real School. The purpose of the survey, which is part of the County of Ventura's "Active Transportation Grant", is to assess the distance the students travel to and from school and to assess the forms of transportation they use.

Results of the survey showed the main form of transportation to school is a family vehicle, followed by walking and the school bus. Only one student rode a bike to school. Concerns with walking or biking to school were mostly due to the distance to the school. Concerns included; safety of intersections and crossing, speed of cars, traffic and violence along the route.

Councilmember Bernal asked Brenda to repeat the purpose of survey and asked who will receive the results. Ms. Herredia said the survey which was funded by the county grant was used to determine the methods of transportation students use to go to and from school. The results will be provided to the school and will be used as input for future construction projects near the school.

Supervisor Zaragoza shared, he and Chair Barber co-signed a letter asking the School District for additional crossing assistance for students crossing Vineyard Avenue (the letter was distributed to the council).

A member of the public said they have a school bus stop near their house and after reporting the problem of littering at the stop to the school she has seen improvement.

**2. Subject: Request for Review, Case Number PL 17-0080**

**Applicant: Korean Oxnard United Methodist Church**

**Property Owner: Korean Oxnard Methodist Church Location:  
269 Walnut Dr. Oxnard, CA 93036**

**Project Description:**

The applicant requests that a Permit Adjustment of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 1233 (Case No. PL17-0080) be granted to authorize the construction of a solid covered patio at the entrance of the existing sanctuary and the construction of a 1,680-sq. ft. modular building for use as a multi-purpose room for the existing church. The request also includes the legalization of an approximately 200-sq. ft. storage shed, the installation of landscaping for the parking lot area, the installation of a trash enclosure, and the removal of unpermitted playground equipment. Water is provided by the Mutual Water Company of Vineyard Avenue Estates. Sewer service will be provided by the City of Oxnard.

Dr. Cho, the representative for the applicant was present, as well as Ventura County Case Planner Franca Rosengren. The applicant wishes to modify their C.U.P. to build a modular, multi-purpose room with an attached patio cover and re-design the layout of the parking lot and landscaping. Additionally they seek to legalize some small sheds on the property and install a trash enclosure and eventually merge the three legal lots into one.

Chair Barber asked what the planning Dept. recommended. Per Franca, they recommend approval.

Councilmember Bernal asked if it will be a single story building. Yes, it will be single story. Dr. Cho spoke saying the existing buildings are old and outdated. The new building will look much nicer.

Chair Barber asked if joining the three lots was part of the C.U.P. Dr. Cho referred to John Muller, of Johnson Muller Architects. Mr. Muller said yes, it will be a condition of approval. A classroom structure was unknowingly built over a property line a one time.

Barber asked if they have any input from the neighbors. Cho said officially no, but neighbors have expressed or shown their support unofficially. Franca Rosengren said planning has received no comments.

Supervisor Zaragoza commented Dr. Cho is a man of his word. He has known him for many years and worked with him as an Oxnard Councilmember. Zaragoza added, I think this is good for the community.

Councilmember Knudsen asked if there would be sporting activities in the multi-purpose room. According to Dr. Cho, No, the room is primarily for exhibits or shows and will be used as a dining area since it will have a kitchen and bathroom.

A member of the public asked if this change will affect the hours of the church. Will there be after-dark activities? Cho says nothing will change, they will be doing same activities in a better building.

Chair Barber asked if the new 1,600 sq. ft. building is in addition to the old building. Yes it is an additional building. The church will possibly remodel the old building and continue to use it, but that is not part of the current project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Knudsen and seconded by Councilmember Ramirez. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Chair Barber asked if anyone had any closing remarks. A member of the public said several people in Nyeland were recently ticketed for parking in the street sweeping zone. He said this is not usually enforced and therefore he and others had a reasonable right of expectation that they would not be ticketed.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.**