

# 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 19, 2018**

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

- I. **Call to Order:** 7:05 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call – Regular Members**  
Absent, David Souza (Vice-Chair) (Nyeland)  
Present, Don Hoffman (Vineyard Acres)  
Present, Bonnie Bernal (Cloverdale)  
Present, Ken Knudsen (Vineyard Estates)  
Present (7:18 p.m.), 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 Summaries for February 15, 2018 and March 15, 2018.  
After due consideration, a motion to approve the February 15 and March 15, 2018 summaries was made by Councilmember Hoffman and seconded by Councilmember Knudsen. The motion was carried by unanimous motion
- VI. **Public Safety Update:** Kevin Denharder, VC CHP PIO provided the public safety update. Member of the public, Bob Bauer had questions regarding illegal parking enforcement along Vineyard Ave. Member of the public Mary Anne Rooney informed Denharder of a trailer parked in Nyeland being used as a dumpster. The issue of the trailer is most likely a code compliance issue as opposed to CHP. Councilmember Wedemeyer said it is difficult to determine who to call when you need to report something. Even the agencies you call are confused at times regarding jurisdiction. Member of the public, Mr. Tello said he has experienced the same. Bob Bauer, a member of the public said the El Rio area has improved and has more of a family atmosphere and it would be good to bring back the Police Bike Patrols that were once in the neighborhood.
- VII. **Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda (3min. per individual)**  
Councilmember Bailon suggested having a Spanish language translator at MAC meetings to encourage non English speakers to attend MAC meetings. Bailon translated for resident, Claudia Quezada. Quezada said she would like to see more parks in El Rio for the children and better ways to travel through the

neighborhoods such as bike lanes. Chair Barber shared the community has wanted a park in El Ro for years but public space is very limited. There has been talk of a need and desire for a regional park for several years. Supervisor Zaragoza said he has made suggestions for the 2040 General Plan regarding the need for more parks for El Rio. Claudia responded saying she thinks the space for a park in El Rio could be found.

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

There were no comments from the council.

**IX. Action Items:**

**1. Receive and File**

**Subject: Discussion Regarding Home Occupations and Accessory Parking and Storage of Large Commercial Vehicles in a Residential Zone. Amanda Ahrens, Ventura County Code Compliance Officer (20-25min.)**

Amanda Ahrens gave a brief presentation on the type of Home Occupations allowable in a Residential Zone and the vehicle parking and storage codes as they relate to Home Occupations. Ms. Ahrens provided the council with a copy of the code section of the County of Ventura's Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance. In the presentation it was specifically noted, Auto Repair is not an allowable home occupation, as this has been an issue in these neighborhoods in the past.

Chair Barber asked Amanda to explain the process once an issue has been identified. Ms. Ahrens said code compliance is complaint driven. Once you contact code compliance, the concern is researched and enforced if necessary. They do not accept anonymous complaints however, information given is kept extremely confidential.

Councilmember Bernal asked how to report if you don't know the homeowners information. Per Ms. Ahrens, the county will need the address of location of the complaint and they determine who owns the property and the person on title receives a notice by mail. The length of time before the notice is sent is determined by the amount of research required. Typically, this occurs in 10-15 days. Response to the letter is required within ten days.

Councilmember Wedemeyer suggested that an automatic reply stating the concern was received is sent out when someone makes a submission by email. He has submitted concerns in the past and has no way of knowing if they were received. Amanda suggested the use of the Ventura County Citizens Access Page to facilitate the process, but noted it does not send an automatic reply when a concern is received.

Chair Barber asked the MAC Secretary to send a thank you letter to Amanda Ahrens, Ventura County Code compliance officer.

**X. Adjourn: 7:59 p.m.**