

## **CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of March 17, 2010**

The Casa Conejo MAC held an official meeting Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 6:00 P.M.  
Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Dr., Newbury Park

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by *Chair Dustin Woomer* at 6:07 P.M. MAC members *Jennifer Lee Clark, Clara Ann Deemer, Megan Sandoval, Janell Smith,* and *Edward J. Villa, Jr.* were also present, and *Bobbi Ross-Neier* was absent.

### **2. Flag salute**

The American flag was saluted.

### **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The adoption of the agenda passed 6-0 on a motion by *Megan Sandoval*, seconded by *Jennifer Lee Clark*.

### **4. Approval of the minutes of January 20, 2010**

The approval of the minutes was continued to the next meeting.

### **5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks**

*Supervisor Parks* spoke about a six-week course available to residents covering requirements of the planning process. She also commented on a Borchard wetlands tour recently shared with Public Works Agency staff and MAC member Dustin Woomer. She stressed the importance of the Census to providing public services, and said that the May MAC meeting would have Public Works staff present to talk about Casa Conejo's street sweeping service. She said that the Board of Supervisors had to make changes to the County's campaign finance to reflect a recent U.S. Supreme Court vote on the role of corporate funding in financing political campaigns. Finally, she expressed congratulations to the Ventura County Sheriff's Department for catching a suspect in two recent TO bank robberies.

### **6. Public Comments**

Resident *Armand F. Mazzuca* spoke about his disagreement with the report made by the Thousand Oaks Police Department after he was involved in a car accident in 2008.

### **7. Council Comments**

*Janell Smith* commented on the difficulties created for the street sweeping service when landscaping is left to grow over the curb, making the sweeper drive around it. She gave the example of shrubbery on Wendy Dr., and asked residents to tell their neighbors to take better care of their plantings. *Supervisor Parks* added that the County could remove traffic hazards.

*Clara Ann Deemer* commented on the recent earthquakes in the Pacific Rim area, and suggested that organizing an emergency preparedness event for Casa Conejo would be a good thing. *Jennifer Lee Clark* said that this type of program could be coordinated through parent teacher organizations, and *Supervisor Parks* described the benefits of having a National Night Out event assisted by emergency personnel and law enforcement. *Dr. Ramona Armijo* of the Fire Department added that the State-wide preparedness event "The Great Shakeout" would occur in October, and also that the month of September was designated as National Preparedness Month.

### **8. Information items**

#### ***a. Introduction of Ventura County Animal Regulation: with Deputy Director Donna Gillesby and Officer Jennifer Thaler***

A presentation about the services of Animal Regulation was made by *Deputy Director Donna Gillesby* and she invited residents to volunteer with the department to help animals. She answered questions about filing noise nuisance complaints, how to contact the department after regular work hours (call the same number, as someone is also on duty), what to do with injured pelicans (contact the department), the age requirement for volunteers (18), and whether residents need to restrain an aggressive strange animal (no, the officers will do that). The topic of nuisance complaints received attention, with *Michael Adams* commenting that the requirement of filing complaints from two different sources needed to be changed. She responded that

nuisance complaints were being handled differently from in the past, because now in every case an officer would go out the site and try to address the issue with the owner of the animal.

***b. Recognition of the graduates of the 2010 Casa Conejo Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training classes: with the Fire Department's CERT Instructor Alan Perry, VCFPD Battalion Chief Steve Winter, and CERT Coordinator Dr. Ramona Armijo***

Certificates and congratulations were given to graduates of the CERT training classes by CERT Instructor **Alan Perry**, VCFPD **Battalion Chief Steve Winter**, and CERT Coordinator **Dr. Ramona Armijo**, along with **Supervisor Parks**, and the value of the training was appreciated. The graduates were Debbie Carrington, Kevin Carrington, Scott Haws, Catharine Hogue, Matt Reimer, Roger G. Smith, Edward J. Villa, Jennifer Villa, Dustin Woomer, Clara Deemer, Dane Andros, Arie Izhalk, Felix Sandoval, Cindy Mockry, John Mockry, Roxane Deleon, Dinah Frishling, Chris Pirtie, Zach Gabel, Ryan Niss, Paul Studer, Karl Kwial, Michael Adams, John Hanna, Debra Hanna, Kathleen Sieh-Pirtie, and William Deemer.

***c. Ventura County Farm Bureau on new threats to citrus: with John Krist, CEO***  
**John Krist** presented information about new threats posed to citrus trees by the insect the Asian citrus psyllid when it carries a disease it can spread called Huanglongbing. He showed residents how to recognize the insect in citrus trees, and stressed the vital importance of stopping the disease before it can destroy Ventura County citrus arming along with backyard trees.

***d. Update on the Neighborhood Watch program***  
**Clara Deemer** spoke about the recent meeting of residents with the Sheriff's Department Sergeant Jeff Miller, and she described the progress the group was making in creating an active neighborhood program. She displayed on a map of Casa Conejo where current volunteers were residing, and the areas still in need of people to come forward and get involved with the effort to improve neighborhood safety.

***e. Traffic study results for stop signs at Gloria/Ruth***  
The study by the Transportation Department had concluded that required engineering warrants for new signage at this location were not satisfied. The detailed study requested by residents would be presented at a later meeting of the MAC.

***f. Casa Conejo community clean up event scheduled for September 24, 2010***  
**Supervisor Parks** described the services that would be offered when the Public Works Agency recycling event was held at Newbury Park High School in September for the Casa Conejo community.

**9. Action items**  
There were none.

**10. Suggestions for future agenda items**  
Installing right hand turn pockets on Wendy Dr. along the newly renovated shopping center south of the 101 was suggested as a topic for the following agenda.

**11. Adjournment to 6:00 P.M., May 19, 2010**  
**Chair Woomer** adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM to May 19, 2010, on a motion by Dustin Woomer seconded by Janell Smith and approved by all members present.