

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of July 21, 2010

The Casa Conejo MAC held an official meeting Wednesday, July 21, 2010, 6:00 P.M.
Borchard Community Center, 190 Reino Road, Newbury Park

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by *Chair Dustin Woomer* at 6:05 P.M. MAC members *Jennifer Lee Clark, Clara Ann Deemer, Megan Sandoval, Janell Smith* were present. *Edward J. Villa, Sr,* and *Bobbi Ross-Neier* were absent.

2. Flag salute

Chair Dustin Woomer led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda passed 5-0 on a motion by *Jennifer Lee Clark*, seconded by *Megan Sandoval*.

4. Approval of the minutes of May 19, 2010

The May minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by *Jennifer Lee Clark*, seconded by *Megan Sandoval*.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks commented on the current status of the parcel of land to the east of Casa Conejo that is adjoining the South Branch Arroyo Conejo and located south of the 101 freeway and north of Michael Drive. She said that there existed a flowage easement for flooding over the land, according to the County Watershed Protection District. Currently there were two different possibilities being pursued for the land, and within a year its future would probably be decided. On the one hand, she and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy were exploring how it could become a park. The other possibility involved developing a housing project there. She mentioned that a recent expansion of the FEMA flood map for Newbury Park could help to speed up the County Watershed Protection District's capital improvements in Newbury Park. Along with recent federal legislation pertaining to flood control, this could serve to increase the value of the land parcel for flood control and passive recreational uses. Regarding the contract between the City and the County on library use, she said that negotiations were still underway. She introduced *CHP Officer Steve Hunsaker* as the Community Alliance officer who would be overseeing enforcement activity for Casa Conejo. She also announced that there would be a community meeting on fire safety with Fire Chief Bob Roper on August 2 at 6:00 pm at the Newbury Park Library. She reminded residents about the County recycling and disposal event scheduled for Casa Conejo at Newbury Park High School on the morning of September 18. Resident *Nathan Borin* inquired whether pursuing the use of the land along Borchard Road as a wetland was a higher priority than creating a greenway along the South Branch Arroyo Conejo, and Supervisor Parks said that the two were compatible.

6. Public Comments

Resident *Sean Moradian* spoke about his family's hopes for developing the land along Borchard Road to the east of Casa Conejo, and said they welcomed the participation of MAC members in the process of planning for the land.

Resident *Richard Gaz* said that Henry Drive needed repaving, and also more patrolling and also speed humps since it was used by drivers as a shortcut to the high school.

CHP Officer Steve Hunsaker spoke about his 27 years of service with his agency, provided his contact information, and noted that he had been more proactive regarding parking violations in Casa Conejo recently. *Nathan Borin* requested that a speed trailer be placed on Henry Drive. *Clara Deemer* inquired about the need for posting Old Conejo Road with a 25 mph industrial speed limit, and about putting a yield sign on Theresa Dr. She exchanged contact information with Officer Hunsaker.

7. Council Comments

Clara Ann Deemer congratulated Supervisor Parks on her recent election victory.

Janell Smith commented on an unkempt back yard in Casa Conejo with conditions that were potentially a public health threat, and said that she would provide the address.

Jenny Clark inquired about the repaving of Henry Drive.

8. Information items

- a. Introduction of the new Transportation Director for Ventura County, David Fleisch, and discussion of Casa Conejo streets and transportation issues*

David Fleisch introduced himself and noted that in the past two years almost half of Casa Conejo had been repaved, and that in the following 18 months another mile of streets would also be repaved. He said that the remainder would be done within the next five years. He mentioned installing signs for street sweeping days, and *Jenny Clark* said that the MAC was not in favor of signs. *Jay Spurgin* of the City of Thousand Oaks Public Works Department also contributed to the discussion of traffic issues, with information about planning for work on the 101/Wendy Drive interchange. *Jenny Clark* inquired about the status of a new stop light at the Gerald/Wendy Drive intersection, and Mr. Fleisch responded that funding had been applied for, and that the best estimate would be 18-24 months before it could be installed if the funding application is successful. A resident asked about flashing crosswalks at this intersection, and Mr. Fleisch said this was not warranted by engineering standards. *Clara Deemer* mentioned that more speed feedback signs would be beneficial, and Mr. Fleisch said he would look at this, but that he felt the movable trailers were more effective. A resident expressed appreciation for the recent restriping of the crosswalks, and Mr. Fleisch said it was done yearly. He also briefly outlined the County policy on the maintenance of sidewalks, saying that a 2006 County Ordinance was based on the State Highway Code.

- b. August 2 Wildfire Safety Meeting with Chief Bob Roper, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Newbury Park Library, 2331 Borchard Rd.*
- c. Free recycling and waste disposal event September 18, Newbury Park High School parking lot 8:30 AM to noon*

9. Action items

- a. MAC recommendations for encouraging Casa Conejo community input, envisioning the flood control channel, including the concept of a pedestrian and bicycle "greenway" along the channel*

10. Suggestions for future agenda items

Clara Deemer said that there should be a discussion about the options for community-wide sidewalk repairs, and Supervisor Parks responded that she would be willing to survey residents for their views.

11. Adjournment until September MAC meeting

Chair Woomer adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM to the September meeting