

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of March 16, 2011

The Casa Conejo MAC held an official meeting Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 6:00 P.M.
Walnut Elementary School, 501 Dena Drive, Newbury Park

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by *Dustin Woomer* at 6:10 P.M. MAC members *Jennifer Clark*, *Clara Ann Deemer*, *Janell Smith* and *Edward J. Villa, Jr.*, *Dustin Woomer*, and *Megan Sandoval* were present.

2. Flag salute

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda, with the change suggested by *Clara Deemer* that Information item 8. c. be moved up to follow item number 5, passed 6-0 on a motion by *Jennifer Clark* seconded by *Megan Sandoval*.

4. Approval of the minutes of January 19, 2011

The January minutes were approved 6-0 on a motion by *Janell Smith* seconded by *Megan Sandoval*.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks said that the Board of Supervisors had observed a moment of silence during its meeting that morning for victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. She said that the County Public Health Department was recommending against residents taking iodine pills as a response to the situation in Japan. She spoke about the Board's discussions on budget projections for the upcoming fiscal year, and said that the Board's top priority remained supporting services that protect public safety. She said that she and the Board were working on developing a new business model for improving the budgets of all libraries in the County. She noted that planning was underway to move the Newbury Park fire station currently at Hillcrest and Lawrence Dr. to a new location on a larger lot in an industrial area nearby. There would be seats on the Casa Conejo MAC opening up in July when their terms were finished, and she proposed discussing how to fill the seats at the following MAC meeting. *Nathan Borin* said that he would favor holding elections. He also asked about the background of the proposed change of location for the fire station, and said that prisoners in jails should receive training instead of incarceration. Supervisor Parks said that a representative from the Ventura County Fire Protection District could be invited to the next MAC meeting to address questions about the fire station planning.

8. Information Items

c. Casa Conejo CERT

Arie Itzhak provided information about a May 16 organizational meeting for residents who have received CERT training or are interested in beginning the CERT training offered by VCFPD.

6. Public Comments

There were none.

7. Council Comments

Ed Villa said that there were still shoes hanging from wires near Gerald Dr.

Jennifer Clark expressed appreciation for the service provided to Casa Conejo by *Captain Brent Kerr* during his time in charge of VCSD patrol for the area, and said that he would be missed when he moved to his next assignment in the Sheriff's Department. *Chair Woomer* presented Captain Kerr with an engraved rock thanking him for his work. Captain Kerr said that he would be keeping in touch with community members. He said that the vehicle burglaries of recent months had been solved by the Sheriff's Department, and he said that they would investigate the shoes described by Ed Villa.

8. Information items

a. Presentation about trees recommended for Casa Conejo, with arborists/landscape architects James Dean and Jody La Chance

The trees described and shown on a power point presentation included the following species: carrotwood, pink trumpet tree, Chinese flame, Tipu tree, Brisbane box, sweet

shade, Chinese pistache, and Callery pear. They were described as being suitable for parkways or yards in the area.

b. *Update on area flood control planning, FEMA flood insurance topics, with Sergio Vargas of the Ventura County Watershed Protection District*

Sergio Vargas described studies currently underway by his department to reduce the risk of flooding and reduce costs. He said that the County was submitting evidence to FEMA that could result in cutting in half the cost of flood insurance in the Casa Conejo area. A resident inquired about the use of backyard wells in Newbury Park for water, and the Supervisor's office was asked to research the possibility.

d. *Casa Conejo graffiti removal in public and private areas*

e. *Free vaccine clinic at Borchard Park, Saturday, April 6, 4 PM-7 PM, with Ventura County Public Health*

f. *Free recycling and disposal at NPHS parking lot, Saturday, April 16, 8:30 AM-noon, with Ventura County Public Works*

g. *Casa Conejo graffiti removal in public and private areas*

Edward Villa noted that a new training session was being planned, and that the graffiti removal team need keys to access the channels.

9. Committee updates

There were none.

10. Action items

There were none.

11. Suggestions for future agenda items

Dustin Woomer suggested a future agenda item regarding the new fire station being planned for Newbury Park, and there was also a request for an item discussing the process of appointing MAC members. *Clara Deemer* noted that there was a new newspaper being distributed in Newbury Park, "Newbury Park Notes", and she suggested that it would be a good place to publicize upcoming MAC meetings.

12. Adjournment until the May 18 MAC meeting

The MAC members and meeting attendees observed a moment of silence and *Chair Woomer* adjourned the meeting in honor of the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan at 7:55 pm.