

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 18, 2012

The Casa Conejo MAC Held an Official Meeting Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
at Walnut Elementary School, 501 Dena Drive, Newbury Park

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Dustin Woomer** at 6:00 P.M. MAC members **David Ayers, Jennifer Clark, Janell Smith** and **Edward J. Villa, Sr.** were present. **Clara Ann Deemer** and **Megan Sandoval** were absent.

2. Flag salute

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Ed Villa moved to adopt the agenda, and **David Ayers** made the second. Motion passed 5/0.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Ed Villa moved to approve the November 16, 2011 minutes without revisions. **Jennifer Clark** made the second. Motion passed 5/0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that Supervisor John Zaragoza is now Chair of the Board of Supervisors, and explained he is the first Hispanic in 100 years to be elected Chair. Supervisor Parks said a Ventu Park resident, Linda Ford-McCaffrey, was selected as the public member of LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) which guides orderly growth and determines the boundaries of cities as well as protecting farmland and open space. In addition, Supervisor Parks told the MAC she is sponsoring a second Senior Summit in conjunction with the other four Supervisors on Saturday, April 21, 2012, and will focus on mental and physical health, with a special track for health care professionals including an "Ask the Doctor" session. In closing, Supervisor Parks said she met with the head of Public Works and widening Wendy Drive to 4 lanes was near the top of the Transportation Department's list of projects. Supervisor Parks told the MAC she requested the General Plan be revised to reflect that Wendy will remain a two-lane road to protect the homes lining the road from traffic impacts.

6. Public Safety Reports (CHP, Sheriff's Department, etc.)

CHP Sergeant Steven Curley said he is assigned to Newbury Park and recently transferred from Los Angeles. He told the MAC there were 4 collisions in the city in the last quarter, 3 hit and run accidents, and no fatalities. Officer Curley noted that the radar board requested for Ruth Drive is still out of commission, but said it should be repaired before summer. **Nathan Borin** requested installation of the radar board on Gloria and Ruth. Officer Curley asked residents to take down the new CHP telephone number for traffic complaints: **805-477-4174**. He said calls go directly to dispatch and, if possible, residents should obtain the license plate number and a description of the vehicle so a written warning can be issued. **Ed Villa** asked about the number of patrol cars and Sergeant Curley explained there are 5-7 CHP vehicles circulating every 12-hour shift.

Captain Frank O'Hanlon told the MAC the violent crime rate was down in Casa Conejo in 2011. However, he noted that a prowler tried to break into a house in the 200 block of Devia Drive on January 14 at approximately 8 p.m. when the resident was at home, and Captain O'Hanlon said residents should call Sheriff's dispatch at **805-654-9511** if anyone suspicious is seen loitering or prowling. Captain O'Hanlon also warned that thefts from vehicles continue because owners leave valuable items in plain view, sometimes in unlocked vehicles. He said gang activity and graffiti crimes are down as well. **Roger Smith** commended the local bike patrol and told Captain O'Hanlon their visibility is appreciated.

7. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

No public comments were submitted.

8. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda

No council comments were submitted.

9. Information items

a. 101 Wendy Bridge Update

Dean Morales, Engineering Division Manager for the City of Thousand Oaks, **Mike Tohidian**, Senior Engineer for the City of Thousand Oaks, and **Dan Lazo**, the Construction Manager for the City of Thousand Oaks assigned to the 101 Wendy Bridge widening project, attended the meeting to address the upcoming project. Mr. Morales told the MAC the project's low bid came in last November and said the widening project will involve road closures and detours but should be completed in approximately 455 days or 1-1/2 years. Mr. Tohidian explained that the City Council approved the \$8.5M project in December 2011 with the contract awarded to C.A. Rasmussen Inc. He told the MAC to access the City's website and type in "toaks.org/Wendy 101" to sign up for project e-mail updates. **Dan Lazo** said they will have a consultant on board and the pre-construction meeting will be held next Tuesday. Mr. Lazo explained that half of the bridge will be closed for approximately 6 months. He said they will post the start date and when the freeway is due to be closed during the nighttime. In addition, Mr. Lazo added that they will be notifying businesses and property owners so that businesses have minimal disruption. The MAC thanked Mr. Morales, Mr. Tohidian and Mr. Lazo for attending the meeting and invited them back for another update at the March 28th Casa Conejo MAC meeting.

b. Frankie Properties Drainage

Dean Morales, Engineering Division Manager for the City of Thousand Oaks, said he was assured by Jay Spurgin, the Thousand Oaks Public Works Director, that Old Conejo Road will get new overlay in 2013. Mr. Morales explained berming to contain the runoff can be added on the south side of Old Conejo at that time which will solve back yard flooding for residents on Frankie Drive. **Denise Hughes**, a Frankie Drive resident, asked what will happen this year and who would be responsible for flooding issues until the project in 2013. **Mike Tohidian** said they will take a closer look at the road and current drainage and provide an update for residents at the March Casa Conejo MAC meeting. The MAC expressed their appreciation for the follow-up.

c. Casa Conejo Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (GRIT) Update

Ed Villa said graffiti in the area has been minimal and acknowledged several newly trained GRIT members who are available to paint over it with him as soon as it appears. The MAC thanked Mr. Villa for his responsiveness.

d. Casa Conejo Community Beautification Clean-Up Event

Janet Wall said that Saturday, April 14, 2012 is confirmed for the CBE and Clean-Up Event beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 12:00 p.m. when a picnic for volunteers will take place. **Dave Ayers** added that a short meeting of the Beautification Committee took place before the MAC meeting and a revised flyer was approved for distribution. **Nathan Borin** inquired about tree planting at the event, and **Jenny Clark** explained that the tree planting project is tabled until the Beautification Committee explores additional options, including locations, tree species and encroachment permit process. **Dustin Woomer** suggested a tree-planting demonstration project should be a goal for a future event.

10. Action Items: None

11. Suggestions for future agenda items

101 Wendy Bridge Update (City of Thousand Oaks Public Works Department)
Frankie Properties Drainage Solutions (City of Thousand Oaks Public Works Department)
Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update
Community Beautification Clean-Up Event

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m. until March 28, 2012 at Walnut Elementary School