

**CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**March 28, 2012**

**The Casa Conejo MAC Held an Official Meeting Wednesday, March 28, 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 6:09 P.M. MAC members **David Ayers, Janell Smith** and **Edward J. Villa, Sr.** were present. **Jennifer Clark** and **Megan Sandoval** were absent.

**2. Flag salute**

**Dustin Woomer** asked that the MAC spend a few minutes in silence to honor Clara Ann Deemer's service to the community.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Ed Villa** moved to adopt the agenda, and **Dustin Woomer** made the second. Motion passed 4/0.

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

**Ed Villa** moved to approve the January 18, 2012 minutes without revisions. **Janell Smith** made the second. Motion passed 5/0.

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

**Supervisor Parks** thanked Mr. Woomer for opening with a moment of silence in memory of Clara Ann Deemer and remarked that Clara's participation on the MAC, Beautification Committee, and her positive attitude will be sorely missed on the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council. She told the MAC she attended the Wendy Bridge widening groundbreaking and encouraged residents to sign up for frequent construction and road closure updates on the Thousand Oaks City website which can also be accessed through Supervisor Parks' website under the Casa Conejo link. Supervisor Parks explained that the fire station on Lawrence Drive is old and too small and floods regularly and that it will be relocated and replaced closer to the industrial and office building area which will also allow more firefighting equipment. She said the Community Beautification Event at Newbury Park High School which is sponsored by the County will be combined this year with a Volunteer Neighborhood Clean-Up on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition, Conejo Recreation & Park District has approved a free picnic area for the volunteer BBQ afterwards at Borchard Community Park. In closing, Supervisor Parks told the MAC that she is hosting a Senior Summit at Cal State Channel Islands on April 21<sup>st</sup> where the Ventura County Health Care Agency will offer information on wellness issues for seniors. She said there will be approximately 350 seniors attending and that bus service is provided from the senior centers in Ventura County. Anyone interested should sign up on the County Website.

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

**Captain Frank O'Hanlon** said that at the January Casa Conejo MAC meeting he talked about how residential burglaries had picked up. He told the MAC that in mid-March one Casa Conejo resident had a face-to-face encounter with an individual who entered their home. He said the 19-year old who had broken into the home lived on Ruth Drive and is now in custody. Captain O'Hanlon advised residents to secure their residences and vehicles and to make sure all valuables are locked safely inside the home because thefts from vehicles have increased all over the area. Captain O'Hanlon said residents should call Sheriff's dispatch at **805-654-9511** if anyone suspicious is seen loitering or prowling. In response to a question from **Daiva McBride**, Captain O'Hanlon explained that Casa Conejo residents are part of the Volunteers in Policing program that patrols homes when residents are on vacation.

**7. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

**Robert Lendin** said that he is concerned about the erosion of the flood channel off Henry Drive. He told the MAC he lives at 3366 Henry Drive and showed photographs of the back of his property that he said is deteriorating due to flood channel erosion. **Supervisor Parks** said she will pass along his concern and photographs to Watershed Protection District.

**Nathan Borin** told the MAC that he wants the community to be aware that “Smart Meters” may cause health problems as well as allowing utility companies to monitor usage, access private information such as when residents are not home, and to sell that information. In addition, he added that “Smart Meters” are prone to hackers and said he does not want his current meter replaced. He informed the MAC that if they want to opt out, they should call the Public Utilities Commission at 800-810-2369.

**Matt Heavrin** said that he walks with his grandson to school and they must cross Wendy at Gerald. He said cars are going much too fast to be able to stop quickly and proposed a crossing guard. Supervisor Parks said that grants are available for a traffic signal through the “Safe Routes to School” program if the MAC would like to put the item back on the agenda and take a position. The item will be added to the May agenda.

**Jay Spurgin** told the MAC that the city of Thousand Oaks uses “pole mounted blinking lights” that are not as expensive and suggested the MAC could ask the County to consider using them at Wendy and Gerald.

**Steve Giboney** mentioned that he has lived in Casa Conejo for 10 years and said he has a number of issues to address: 1) Mr. Giboney believes that heavy metals are being emitted through ChemTrails; 2) Obama signed the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 which “gives the military the right to indefinitely detain any American citizen;” 3) Agenda 21; and 4) Mr. Giboney said he agrees that “Smart Meters” should not be installed.

## **8. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

None.

## **9. Information items**

### **a. 101 Wendy Bridge Update**

**Jay Spurgin**, Public Works Director for the City of Thousand Oaks, provided an update on the 101 Wendy Bridge widening and explained that the project is under way, that ramps are shut down at night after 10 p.m. He encouraged residents to use Borchard instead of Wendy for the next several months. He said that in July the freeway will shut down for several months for demolition, new retaining walls, and ultimate widening of the bridge. Mr. Spurgin said the web page for the project can be accessed at [www.toaks.org/Wendy101](http://www.toaks.org/Wendy101), and that weekly updates can be e-mailed to your home once you sign up on line.

### **b. Frankie Properties Drainage**

**Jay Spurgin**, Public Works Director for the City of Thousand Oaks, explained that in heavy rains the runoff from the commercial properties on Old Conejo tops the center line and drains into backyards on Frankie Drive. He said the City of Thousand Oaks Public Works Department had hoped to complete an overlay in conjunction with creating a berm to offset the flow; however, the overlay will be delayed for 3 or 4 years due to inadequate funding. Public Works will put in the berm this summer which will prevent excess water from entering the backyards.

### **c. Neighborhood Watch**

**Janell Smith** told the MAC she lives on Cathy Drive and that residents on Cathy Drive fully participate in Neighborhood Watch. By communicating and knowing each other’s names and contact information, she said they were able to offer information to the Sheriffs that led to the arrest of someone breaking into homes in Casa Conejo. Ms. Smith recommended that others in the community agree to be a block captain so that the entire community can be proactive, connected and protect ourselves. Any resident who would like more information can e-mail Janell Smith at [troffs@verizon.net](mailto:troffs@verizon.net) or call (805)498-6405.

### **d. Casa Conejo Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (GRIT) Update**

**Ed Villa** said graffiti has been minimal during the last several weeks but he and the team are willing to paint over it as soon as it appears.

### **e. Casa Conejo Community Beautification Clean-Up Event**

**Janet Wall** said that recycling trucks and people to offload items will be available on Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Newbury Park High School. In addition, notices were sent to residents through the mail and will go home with Walnut Elementary School students this week explaining that elderly or disabled people are being offered assistance with yard clean-up and getting items to the high school if they call Janell

Smith to request help. Afterward the Community Beautification Event, she told the MAC that the BBQ for volunteers will be held at picnic area B in Borchard Community Park.

**10. Action Items:** None

**11. Suggestions for future agenda items**

**Action Items**

Safe Routes to School

**Information Items**

Traffic on Old Conejo Road

Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update

Community Beautification Clean-Up Event Statistics

**12. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. until May 16, 2012 at Walnut Elementary School**