

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 18, 2012

The Casa Conejo MAC Held an Official Meeting Wednesday, July 18, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
at Borchard Community Park Lounge Room, 190 Reino Road, Newbury Park

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Dustin Woomer** at 6:02 P.M. MAC members **David Ayers** and **Edward J. Villa, Sr.** were present. **Janell Smith** was absent. Three seats on the MAC remain open.

2. Flag salute

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Dustin Woomer moved to adopt the agenda. **David Ayers** made the second. Motion passed 3/0.

4. Approval of the Minutes

For lack of a quorum, the May 16, 2012 minutes will be reviewed at the September meeting.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that the Board of Supervisors passed the budget without cutting positions. She said they continue to increase reserves. In addition, she told the MAC the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution to strive for a "no kill" Animal Services Department so that all healthy animals have the opportunity to be adopted into homes. Supervisor Parks said a July 17th article in the *Ventura County Star* highlights the fact that the County now has double the money to spend on road repairs than it did during the last five years. In closing, Supervisor Parks said three seats are open on the MAC and she has interviewed well-qualified individuals who are interested in serving. She asked that anyone else interested in applying complete an application and return it to her office by e-mail, FAX or in person as soon as possible so her staff can arrange an interview.

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

Sergeant Steven Curley told the MAC it was a quiet Memorial Day and 4th of July. He said there were three traffic accidents since the May meeting including one at Bella and Kitty that was a DUI resulting in the arrest of the subject. There was an injury accident on Frankie and Ruth and one accident on July 4th at Gerald and Jenny. In addition, Sergeant Curley told the MAC there have been speeding complaints on Jenny Drive and the radar trailer is scheduled to be installed there within a few weeks. **Nathan Borin** inquired if the trailer will be installed on Ruth Drive and Sergeant Curley said he will look into it. Another complaint made to Sergeant Curley involved an RV blocking traffic visibility at Bella and Doreena and Sergeant Curley said he will look into it. In closing, Sergeant Curley told the MAC that the Wendy Bridge construction project will not be finished until 2013 and asked that residents drive carefully through the intersections.

Senior Deputy Laura Natoli of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department reported that crime is down for the month of June and no residential or commercial burglaries took place. She said that two assaults occurred, one where bottles were thrown on Frankie Drive and another where a vehicle windshield was knocked out on Verna. She added that four vehicle burglaries occurred when residents left valuables inside their cars. In addition, Senior Deputy Natoli said two catalytic converter thefts took place. A total of 5 people were arrested in the area for crimes in June. Senior Deputy Natoli warned that thieves are using Craigslist to scam buyers. She suggested that buyers take friends with them when making purchases or sales, and that the transaction take place in a populated area. Another scam she told the MAC about is sales of fraudulent tickets to events. **Ed Villa** asked Senior Deputy Natoli if she had heard of thieves marking curbs in front of homes where residents are frequently at home with a red "X" to which Senior Deputy Natoli responded she would make additional inquiries, but had not personally seen or heard this.

The dispatch number for the Sheriff is: (805)654-9511 and the e-mail address for residents who wish to be added to the Sheriff's East County E-Mail Watch is: ECSheriff.Watch@ventura.org

7. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Nathan Borin submitted a request that the MAC send a statement to the Board of Supervisors for Old Conejo Road widening. **Supervisor Parks** responded that Jay Spurgin, Public Works Director for the City of Thousand Oaks, is available to discuss roads that are in the City of Thousand Oaks boundaries.

Michael Gaura said his home borders Borchard Road and that the noise is unbearable. He remarked that funds from the developer of Dos Vientos were designated for noise mitigation and said he would like a sound barrier fence installed using those funds. **Jay Spurgin** told Mr. Gaura that Borchard Road was paved with rubberized pavement 10 years ago and is not due to be paved again for at least 15 years. He said with respect to the Dos Vientos mitigation money that the EIR identified areas that met the criteria and Borchard Road did not. Mr. Spurgin explained that if a home is adjacent to an arterial street that the back wall can go up to 9 feet high.

8. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Dave Ayers said that recently he encountered cyclists who were riding on the sidewalk on Thousand Oaks Boulevard near Kinko Fedex and Tile City. **Supervisor Parks** pointed out that Thousand Oaks allows cyclists to ride on the sidewalks and cyclists are sometimes encouraged to use the sidewalks in areas where it would be dangerous to use the roadway.

Richard Gaz expressed his concern that the island in front of the Mobile station makes traffic unsafe.

9. Information items

a. Wendy Bridge Widening Update

Jay Spurgin, Public Works Director for the City of Thousand Oaks introduced Public Works' Deputy Director Cliff Finley and said that Mr. Finley will sometimes be attending the Casa Conejo MAC meetings. Mr. Spurgin told the MAC that both sides of the Wendy Bridge are being widened with an additional lane and a bike path. He warned that there are complete closures of the Wendy Bridge or ramps during some nights and the completion date is expected in September 2013. For those who have not yet signed up for continuous e-mail updates, the web address is toaks.org/Wendy 10. He added that residents should try to avoid the bridge during peak traffic hours. He said the drainage channel along the Moridian property is also being widened at this time.

b. Traffic on Old Conejo Road and Berm Update

Jay Spurgin told the MAC with respect to widening Old Conejo Road, that it will not be widened any time soon and added that there are no plans to widen Wendy Drive. In addition, he explained that when Casa Conejo was built in the early 1960's, proper drainage was not installed. Mr. Spurgin said that a 6 inch high "mountable berm" will be installed along Old Conejo in back of the Frankie Drive properties that currently flood during heavy rainstorms and that it will be constructed to keep storm waters away. It will be installed during the rubberized pavement project for Old Conejo Road. He explained that trucks will be able to drive over the berm for maintenance and that water will be directed to the storm drains on Ruth.

c. Peppertree Park/Reino Road Angled Parking

Cliff Finley said the Community Stakeholder Meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Newbury Park Library Community Meeting Room. **Dustin Woomer** suggested that a roundabout at Reino and Old Conejo might work well. Mr. Spurgin said that is the type of suggestion they hope to hear at the meeting. **Ed Villa** said he will attend the meeting for the MAC.

d. Crosswalks to Walnut Elementary School

Janet Wall told the MAC that Jennifer Kramer of the Walnut Elementary School Site Council was contacted and that a meeting will be arranged with the head of the Transportation Department to discuss crosswalks before the matter is brought to the MAC.

e. Door-to-Door Solicitor's License Update

Janet Wall said that Supervisor Parks' office was provided guidelines for Door-to-Door solicitors by the Sheriff and that a written explanation of requirements is available on the table and will be added to Supervisor Parks' website.

f. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update

Ed Villa told the MAC that graffiti has been minimal lately and that he now has 8-9 people on the team. He asked that anyone interested in becoming part of the Graffiti Removal Intervention Team contact Janet Wall who will arrange for training with Watershed Protection District and for an Individual Permit allowing them access to the channels.

10. Action Items: None

**11. Suggestions for future agenda items
Information Items**

Wendy Bridge Widening Update
Peppertree Park/Reino Road Community Meeting Update
Crosswalks to Walnut Elementary School
Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. until September 19, 2012 at Walnut Elementary School