

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 17, 2013

**The Casa Conejo MAC Held a Special Meeting Wednesday, July 17, 2013,
6:30 p.m. at Borchard Community Center, 190 Reino Road, Newbury Park**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **David Ayers** at 6:35 P.M. MAC members **Richard Twomey, Jr., Edward Villa, Sr., Dustin Woomer, Janell Smith,** and **Steven Wasco** were present. MAC member **Shannon Prachyl** was absent.

2. Flag salute

Janell Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Edward Villa, Sr. moved to approve the May 15, 2013 minutes as submitted. **Janell Smith** made the second. The motion passed 6/0.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as written. **Edward Villa, Sr.** made the motion, **David Ayers** made the second. The motion passed 6/0.

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

Sergeant Steven Curley, California Highway Patrol, told the MAC he is happy to be back after an injury had him out for 6 months. He said over the last two months there have been 2 accidents and 3 arrests in the Casa Conejo area. One of the arrests was the occupant of a vehicle pulled over from the 101 freeway. He also said the speed radar trailer that was vandalized is fixed and will be set up in Casa Conejo when school starts. He responded to a question about recent helicopter activity saying the Sheriff's Department had a vehicle pursuit that led to the apprehension of a suspect who is charged with committing multiple crimes throughout the day.

Sr. Sheriff's Deputy Michelle Kristol warned residents of ongoing thefts from cars, and a phone scam against elderly people from someone saying they are their grandchild and needed money. In responding to a question from **Edward Villa, Sr., Deputy Kristol** said she will follow up to see if Thousand Oaks' City Watch is still active.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks reported back on the April 13, 2013 Community Beautification Event at Newbury Park High School. She also provided copies of the County's new speed hump/speed cushion policy and said speed cushions provide gaps to accommodate the wheels of fire engines so they aren't slowed by humps. She mentioned the recent repairs of eroded pavement on Jenny Drive and provided a map showing streets in Casa Conejo that will be repaved this summer. She also announced widening of the 101/23 interchange is expected to begin in December. Supervisor Parks also told the MAC about the recent groundbreaking for a new wing for the Ventura County Medical Center, a ribbon cutting at the new Crisis Residential Treatment center for people with mental illness, and the opening of a new emergency dispatch center for the Sheriff's Department, and a ribbon cutting she attended for what is now the largest solar project in the county, at the Moorpark Wastewater Treatment Center which provides 80% of the plant's power.

7. Code Compliance Q&A, including status of neon sign on Michael Drive

County Code Compliance Division Director Jim Delperdang provided information fliers and complaint forms and gave a brief overview of his division saying they respond to building code violations on a complaint-driven basis. Examples include heights of fences, setbacks, excessive animals, and illegal signs. **David Ayers** asked about the status of the neon sign on Michael Drive and Mr. Delperdang said there is an abatement warrant to remove the sign and should occur this week. On further questioning he said the person who put up the illegal sign is in jail and there is a daily fine of \$300 for each day the sign isn't removed. He also responded to a question about the driveway of the house saying it too is in violation and needs to be restored.

8. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Nathan Borin asked about the past CBE event when the community assisted neighbors in cleaning up their properties. He also asked how the item on Jenny Drive speed humps got on the agenda and **Supervisor Parks** responded that a resident had started the process for getting speed humps which requires a petition and donations, and had offered \$1,000 towards the effort. She said the humps are estimated to cost \$1,000 each. Her office put the item on the agenda so the MAC could weigh in on the proposal. Mr. Borin offered \$300 to get a stop sign at Gloria Drive and Jenny Drive or Frankie Drive and Jenny Drive to help slow down cars.

9. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were no comments.

10. Action Items

a. Request for Installation of Speed Humps on Jenny Drive

Supervisor Parks stated that because the resident requesting the speed humps was not in attendance, the MAC may want to continue the item to the next meeting. She said she told the resident who requested the humps that the MAC has been deferring recommendations on traffic improvement proposals until the City completes the Wendy Bridge because circulation patterns may change. She also expressed the concern that if speed humps were put on Jenny Drive they may encourage drivers to use other neighborhood streets, particularly Ruth Drive and so speed humps may then be requested by residents there. Residents and MAC members commented on the positive and negative aspects of speed humps. The suggestion of adding a stop sign was also discussed. The item was then continued to the September 18, 2013 meeting and broadened to include speed humps, a stop sign or other measures to reduce speeds on Jenny Drive.

11. Information Items

a. "Welcome Home, Please Drive Safely" Sign Locations

Edward Villa, Sr. asked for input on size and color for the sign. Excessive signs, having the colors stand out more, and compliments for the existing sign were expressed. **David Ayers** said he noted the City of Thousand Oaks' welcome home signs are 3'x2' and the letters are 1.5" x 1.75". **Roger Smith** said Edison requires permission to use their poles. **Janell Smith** suggested purchasing "Children Slow Down" signs to encourage slower driving. The MAC continued the item to September 18, 2013 meeting so examples of different colors for the sign could be viewed.

b. Update on Grant Application: Pedestrian/Bicycle/Disabled Path Along Channel

There was no news yet on the status of the grant so the item was continued.

c. Casa Conejo Community Survey

Richard Gaz provided questions for a survey that could be mailed out to Casa Conejo residents. **Supervisor Parks** brought copies of the City of Thousand Oaks' Community Attitude Survey for consideration of additional questions. **Janelle Smith** noted she liked Questions 3 and 4 in Mr. Gaz's survey which ask people what they like least and what they like most about their neighborhood, and said people need to be offered choices. It was decided that **Nathan Borin** would work with **Mr. Gaz** in selecting questions, and MAC members and the public could pick out the questions they like from the City survey. The questions that are of most interest can then be selected at the next MAC meeting and so the item was continued to the September 18, 2013 meeting.

12. Suggestions for future agenda items

Speed Control Measures on Jenny Drive, Including Speed Humps and Stop Sign

Drainage Issues on Jenny Drive

"Welcome Home, Please Drive Safely" Signs

Questions for a Community Survey

Update on SCAG Planning Grant Application: Pedestrian/Bicycle/Disabled Path Along Channel

Status of Neon Sign on Michael Drive

13. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. until September 18th at 6:00pm at Walnut Elementary School