

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 17, 2018

**The Casa Conejo MAC held a Meeting Wednesday, January 17, 2018,
6:00 p.m. at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Vice Chair Wendy Zimmerman** at 6:06 pm. MAC members **Edward Villa, Sr., Dustin Woomer, R. Scott Horn,** and alternate member **Roger Smith** were present. **Chair Richard Gaz** was absent.

2. Flag Salute

Vice Chair Wendy Zimmerman led the salute to the flag.

3. Election of MAC Chair and Vice Chair

Ed Villa, Sr. moved to continue this item to the next agenda, and **Dustin Woomer** seconded the motion. It passed 5/0.

4. Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2017

Ed Villa, Sr. moved to approve the minutes from November 15, 2017 as written, and **Dustin Woomer** seconded the motion. It passed 5/0.

5. Agenda Review

Item 3 was moved to after Item 6.

6. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to CHP Officer Gregg Musgrove Upon His Retirement

Supervisor Parks and the MAC members presented CHP Officer Gregg Musgrove with a certificate of recognition and thanked him for his years of service to the Casa Conejo community.

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

CHP Officer Gregg Musgrove reported that the CHP speed trailer had been on Jenny Drive for a few weeks monitoring speed. He said a review of the number of accidents for 2017 is being prepared and will be presented at the next MAC meeting. He introduced **CHP Officer Ben Susanka**, the new community liaison for the Casa Conejo area.

Ventura County Sheriff Senior Deputy Jennifer Bowie reported on local law enforcement issues, including one catalytic converter theft, and one residential burglary on Devia Drive that resulted in an arrest. She said law enforcement has been working with the Newbury Park Library and representatives of vulnerable populations to decrease the number of homeless people that loiter there. She mentioned opioid use has increased nationwide, with people often using prescription drugs, and that there is a drug drop-off box at the East Valley Sheriff's station. Finally, she said the City of Thousand Oaks has had some residential burglaries and reminded residents to be vigilant of suspicious activity, such as door-to-door sales people without proper identification or people saying they lost a dog but refusing to give contact information, and said people should call the Sheriff's office to report suspicious activity. **Wendy Zimmerman** reported a concern about drug activity on Martha Street and Deputy Bowie said she will pass information along to investigate the area.

Ed Villa, Sr. thanked law enforcement for their increased presence in Casa Conejo and said it has made the community safer.

8. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Linda Parks announced that the next hearing at the Ventura County Planning Commission on Accessory Dwelling Units ordinance will be on January 18th. She reported that the County and

Southern California Edison (SCE) approved the agreement to hang signs on SCE poles, and the Transportation Department had tracked the safety signs discarded by SCE's contractor during the recent pole replacement project. New safety signs, along with the newly purchased Casa Conejo welcome signs, will be re-attached to the SCE poles by the end of January or early February. SCE will cover the cost of the signs. Following up from the November MAC meeting, Supervisor Parks said County Transportation investigated the timing of the traffic light at Wendy Drive and Gerald Drive and changes were made on December 1st to provide a longer green extension for Gerald Drive traffic. Transportation also inspected water valves on Devia Drive and surrounding streets that were not raised to match the new pavement. She said Transportation will report the affected locations to California American Water and thanked the citizen who brought this to their attention. Supervisor Parks announced that the County will be joining the Community Choice Aggregation Energy Alliance, a consortium of public agencies that will provide electricity to residents, including several cities and the unincorporated area in Ventura County through a new collaborative partnership with Los Angeles County. She said benefits will include lower rates, cleaner energy, ability to bring new projects to the county, and residents will have a choice to stay with the public community choice utility or go back to Edison. It is anticipated to be available to residents at the end of 2018. She reported the County's Watershed Protection District (WPD) completed a two-year study of the effectiveness of raptors to reduce rodent population, and the results showed that adding raptors perches and owl boxes were more effective than the use of poisonous anticoagulants, as well as better for the environment and less costly. **Roger Smith** asked about work in the Arroyo, and Supervisor Parks said it is part of a new project by WPD, still being tested, to caulk the gopher holes then cover the arroyo banks with mesh and resurface with grass to prevent gophers from continued burrowing. Finally, Supervisor Parks said the Board of Supervisors will be voting to approve a lease agreement for a drought tolerant non-profit nursery called Growing Works, dedicated to helping those with mental illness on Lewis Road.

9. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Ed Villa, Jr. commented that residents should use the online tools supplied by Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin's office to check if records have been affected before putting a hold on credit. Tools are available at: www.equifaxsecurity2017.com

Wendy Zimmerman said the MAC meeting in May will conflict with the International Ride of Silence, which brings awareness to bicycle safety, and asked if moving the May MAC meeting date could be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Nathan Borin commented on the need for new Casa Conejo MAC meeting signs.

Jeff Switzer commented on the multiple yard sales happening at a property on Theresa Drive. **Wendy Zimmerman** said that Code Compliance Director Doug Leeper encouraged residents to contact him if the yard sales continue.

Lori Med announced the new Lion's Club Chapter in the community and said they are eager to grow and get involved in community projects.

11. Advisory Matters

a. Approval of MAC Letter Regarding Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations

A draft letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding accessory dwelling units (ADUs) was presented for discussion. **Dustin Woomer** stated concern about the addition of second story ADUs that would affect the quality of the neighborhood, and concern for people building without permits. **Nathan Borin** also expressed concern about ADUs built illegally and commented that the restrictions to the County's ADU ordinance might push towards more illegal building. He suggested decreasing the minimum lot size that qualify for ADUs to 8,000 square feet from 10,000 square feet. **Wendy Zimmerman** offered minor grammatical changes to the letter and expressed support for keeping the minimum lot size to 10,000

square feet to discourage overbuilding in the community, which would tax resources and increase parking problems.

Wendy Zimmerman made a motion to approve the letter with only minor grammatical changes, and **Ed Villa, Sr.** seconded the motion. It passed 3/2, with **Dustin Woome**r and **Scott Horn** dissenting.

b. Approval of MAC Letter Regarding Wendy Drive in General Plan Update

A draft letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the County General Plan Update (GPU) was presented for discussion. **Wendy Zimmerman** made a motion to approve the letter with no changes, and **Ed Villa, Sr.** seconded the motion. It passed 5/0.

12. Updates

a. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team

Ed Villa, Sr. said there has not been any graffiti lately, and to keep a watch on the bridges at Jenny Drive, Gerald Drive, and Michael Drive. Also, report any graffiti to Supervisor Linda Parks' office.

13. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- a. Election of MAC Chair and Vice Chair
- b. Alternate date for May MAC meeting
- c. Presentation by Office of Emergency Management regarding earthquake preparedness

14. Adjournment at 7:17 pm until Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Walnut Elementary School