

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 20, 2019

**The Casa Conejo MAC held a Meeting Wednesday, March 20, 2019,
6:00 p.m. at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Wendy Zimmerman** at 6:04 pm. MAC members **Richard Gaz, Edward Villa, Sr.** and **R. Scott Horn** were present.

2. Flag Salute

Chair Wendy Zimmerman led the flag salute.

3. Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2019

Scott Horn moved to approve the minutes from January 16, 2019 with a name correction for Police Chief Tim Hagel. **Richard Gaz** seconded the motion and the motion passed 4/0.

4. Agenda Review

There were no changes to the agenda.

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

California Highway Patrol Officer Ben Susanka reported on receiving parking complaints about motor homes parked for long periods of time. He said any vehicle cannot be stationary for more than 72 hours, not just oversized vehicles. **Wendy Zimmerman** let officers know she was assaulted by people in a cream colored 4 x 4 who shot at her with a super soaker while she was bicycling. Officer Susanka said CHP would follow up on the incident.

Ventura County Sheriff Captain Renee Ferguson reported there has been a recent surge of burglaries on homes that back up to open space. She said the burglary crews are often very professional and will strike around dinner time when families are not home, targeting jewelry, cash, guns, unbolts safes. She said the Sheriff's Office is making a dent in getting rid of the criminals with a lot of support from multiple law enforcement resources. However, she encouraged residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity or people in the neighborhood. She also suggested installing home surveillance systems, such a Ring, and working with a Crime Prevention Officer to get advice on how to organize a neighborhood watch group.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Linda Parks announced that Dustin Woomer would be retiring from the MAC since he has moved out of the neighborhood. She thanked him for his many contributions to the Casa Conejo community and presented him with a certificate of recognition signed by the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Parks invited residents to attend a dinner event featuring Mic Farris, a local resident and astrophysicist, who will be discussing artificial intelligence on April 11th. She announced a Community Beautification Event on April 20th and free residential landfill days on April 14th and September 15th for residents to dispose of trash. She said the Board of Supervisors approved the elimination of a fee for residents wanting to add improvements to areas between sidewalks and curbs. She said County Transportation is set to complete the ADA ramp at Ruth Drive and Wendy Drive in the next week, barring any rain or contractor delays, and that they have already completed the lowering of the traffic signal box. Finally, Supervisor Parks said the Tax Collector's Office will be available to receive property tax payments in her office as a courtesy to east county residents from March 27th to April 10th.

7. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Wendy Zimmerman thanked Dustin Woomer for his service on the MAC and encouraged residents to apply for the open seats on the MAC.

8. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Jim Bovard registered a complaint about excessive vehicle exhaust noise on Borchard Road and asked if more law enforcement could be added on his street.

9. Presentation by Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District on the Arroyo Simi Greenway

Dan Paranick, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Manager, presented information on the successful partnerships and completed phases of the Arroyo Simi Greenway, a multiuse pathway that runs through the City of Simi Valley. Phase one included two miles of paved trail, seventeen new access trail entries, interpretive exhibit signs, and site amenities. Phase two included another 1.67 miles of paved trail, new trail entries, gateway monument signs, three signalized crossings, and additional signage at various points along the trail. Phase three will include two miles of paved trail, additional entrances, a pedestrian bridge, and trails into the community for easier access to the Arroyo. He said flood walls were built along the Arroyo as mitigation for the 100-year flood plan, which also helped to remove adjacent homes from required flood insurance. He said the trails back up to some residential communities and home owners maintain their own fencing. As a result of the trails by residential communities, they have found that many homes have improved fencing and there is less trash in the arroyo.

10. Updates

a. Update from Ventura County Planning Division on the 2040 General Plan

Clay Downing, presented the project phases, milestones, structure, and next steps for the 2040 General Plan Update project. The Planning Division is currently preparing the Administrative Draft 2040 General Plan and is working to release of the "Preliminary Public Review Draft 2040 General Plan" by the end of April. The Planning Division will host a series of community workshops to share the Public Review Draft 2040 General Plan with the public, followed by a series of five Planning Commission Work Sessions to secure input from the Commission on the draft document. Following review and recommendations from the Planning Commission, the document will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at a Work Session. The public will have the opportunity to provide input on the draft document throughout the process of community workshops, Planning Commission Work Sessions and Board of Supervisors Work Session. Upon review and approval by the Board of Supervisors of the Preliminary Public Review Draft 2040 General Plan, the "Public Review Draft 2040 General Plan" will be prepared and environmental review completed on the document. Anticipated final review and adoption of the Public Review Draft 2040 General Plan by the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Spring 2020. **Susan Curtis, Planning Manager**, stated that the current General Plan (2005), which include the completion of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), identified the restriping of Wendy Drive from two to four lanes as a mitigation to reduce the impact of increased traffic resulting from build-out of the General Plan. She indicated that Wendy Drive can be analyzed as part of the 2040 General Plan Environmental Impact Report to determine if the restriping is still necessary to mitigate traffic impacts. **Supervisor Parks** indicated that the Board of Supervisors has the option to adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations for Wendy Drive to maintain the status of the road as two lanes in the Environmental Impact Report thereby, maintaining the current quality of life in Casa Conejo. **Richard Gaz** asked if the 2040 General Plan will maintain agriculture in Ventura County. Ms. Curtis indicated that the Board of Supervisors directed staff to include no new land use changes (e.g. changing agriculture to a residential or commercial land use), thereby protecting agriculture for the next 20 years. Additionally, the Board directed staff to include only goals, policies or programs in the 2040 General Plan that are consistent with the Save Our Open Space and Agriculture Initiative and Guidelines for Orderly Development.

b. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team

Ed Villa, Sr. reported graffiti on the Jenny Drive bridge, but it can't be removed with standing water in the arroyo so they're waiting for it to dry out. He said anyone interested in joining the team can contact Supervisor Parks' office for information on training.

11. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- a. CERT Program
- b. 5G Cell Sites in Casa Conejo/Newbury Park area
- c. Housing development on Reino Road and Maurice Drive

14. Adjournment at 7:30 pm until Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Walnut Elementary School