

CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 18, 2019

**The Casa Conejo MAC held a Meeting Wednesday, September 18, 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 6:02 pm. MAC members **R. Scott Horn** and **Edward Villa, Sr.** were present. **Richard Gaz** was absent.

2. Flag Salute

Chair Wendy Zimmerman led the flag salute.

3. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2019

Scott Horn moved to approve the minutes from March 20, 2019 with no changes. **Ed Villa, Sr.** seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

4. Agenda Review

There were no changes to the agenda.

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

Ventura County Sheriff Captain Renee Ferguson reported on Casa Conejo criminal activity, including a May 14th burglary on Theresa Drive and later on August 2nd on Theresa Dr. where the same individual from May 14th stole a car. On May 22nd a Prius catalytic converter was stolen on Devia Drive, and on August 2nd there was an incident involving a stranger pounding on the door where a teenage girl was home at the North Wendy Drive apartments. Finally, on August 4th there was a petty theft, involving an online purchase of a pet on Dorena Drive. Captain Ferguson discussed an upcoming workshop on September 22nd at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza on local homelessness issues. She encouraged the MAC to participate.

California Highway Patrol Officer Michael Untalan, accompanied by CHP Officer Brian Devine, reported seven traffic collisions occurred since the last MAC meeting in May, and none were major injuries nor DUI-related. Residents in attendance expressed appreciation for law enforcement, and both Captain Ferguson and the CHP Officers responded that community support was very important, and that they want to help maintain the high quality of life locally through their work.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Jan Osterhaven reported on behalf of **Supervisor Linda Parks** that the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the 2040 General Plan Update that includes a policy in the Circulation Element indicating that Wendy Drive will be maintained as a two-lane road. She provided an article written by a County Integrated Waste Management staff member about recycling and deposits since the closure of the Re-Planet recycling facility. Ms. Osterhaven provided an update on the City's housing development at Reino Road and Maurice Drive stating since the February 26, 2019 application was submitted, the City and the applicant held meetings with four nearby Homeowner's Associations and no changes were made to the conceptual plans in response to the community outreach. The request is to change land use from commercial to high density residential, and the plan has 47 units, including 10 townhomes and 37 apartments on a 1.67-acre parcel at the northwest corner of Maurice Drive and Reino Road. On May 21, 2019, Thousand Oaks City Council directed the applicant to develop a medium density plan and return to the City Council at a later date. Finally, in response to a concern about helmet safety, Ms. Osterhaven said the Thousand Oaks Police Department has posted information about required helmets on NextDoor to get the word out about bicycle safety.

7. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Wendy Zimmerman requested future MAC agenda items on recycling, homeless problems and laws, including homeless overnighting in parks, and the new shopping center and its related traffic patterns.

8. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There was discussion about changing the meeting time to later in the evening. A resident questioned why the topics were not limited to issues within Casa Conejo and brought up examples of incomplete weed abatement/brush clearance near his home, and recent ground sidewalks cracking and lifting again. He also asked for follow up on the case of a homeowner who he said had violations and whose family ended up leaving Casa Conejo.

9. Updates

a. Coastal Clean-Up & Channel Clean-Up Day, September 21, 2019

Wendy Zimmerman invited participation at the Channel Clean Up event. The Ventura County Watershed Protection District will have information at the event about local projects, including raptor perches and combatting invasive plants.

b. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team

Ed Villa, Sr. advised people to call the Supervisor's office to report graffiti and said he would see to it that it is removed if it is on public property. He also discussed an incident regarding an Instagram address put on a bridge in Casa Conejo.

10. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- a. Update on the new CalAm Water Rate Case
- b. 101 Freeway Project

11. Adjournment at 6:48 pm.