

**CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**January 20, 2021**

**The Casa Conejo MAC held a Meeting Wednesday, January 20, 2021,  
4:30 p.m. via Zoom and Teleconference.**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by **Scott Horn** at 4:31 pm. MAC members **Edward Villa, Sr.** and **Wendy Zimmerman** were present. **Richard Gaz** was absent.

**2. Flag Salute**

**Scott Horn** led the flag salute.

**3. Election of MAC Chair and Vice Chair**

**Wendy Zimmerman** moved to nominate **Scott Horn** as Chair of the MAC. **Ed Villa, Sr.** seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0. **Scott Horn** moved to nominate **Ed Villa, Sr.** as Vice Chair. **Wendy Zimmerman** seconded the motion, and it was approved 3/0.

**4. Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2020**

**Ed Villa, Sr.** moved to approve the minutes from September 24, 2020 with no changes. **Wendy Zimmerman** seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

**5. Agenda Review**

There were no changes to the agenda.

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

**Ventura County Sheriff Senior Deputy John Chiaramonte** said there were no significant incidents to report in the community and took questions from the MAC. **Wendy Zimmerman** asked about law enforcement presence in the Ralph's parking lot on Monday evening around 8:30 pm. **Deputy Chiaramonte** said there was nothing reported but will check to see what occurred. **Ms. Zimmerman** also asked about traffic control at major traffic intersections during the power outage and believes the larger intersections should have some patrol during a power outage. **Deputy Chiaramonte** said there were not enough resources to respond to the many areas without power, including intersections. He said whether there are flashing lights or no lights, an intersection should be treated as a four-way stop, and he will look into whether they can prioritize certain intersections for patrol in the future. **Scott Horn** asked if there is an increase in crime during power outages. **Deputy Chiaramonte** said the Sheriff's report did not report an increase. **Ed Villa, Sr.** expressed appreciation for the Sheriff's response to complaints about a homeless man at Borchard Park harassing people that helped defuse the situation. **California Highway Patrol Lieutenant Key** introduced himself to the MAC as the new Moorpark area Commander and taking over for Captain Logie. He said there have not been any additional collisions since the report at the last MAC meeting. He said CHP will also look into addressing concerns about traffic intersections during the power outages. He also said to be aware of traffic hazards from the strong winds and to drive carefully. **Wendy Zimmerman** mentioned a car that ended up in a ditch on Reino Road, southbound from Kimber.

**7. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks**

**Supervisor Linda Parks** announced there are new members on the Board of Supervisors, and she will be Chair of the Board this year with Supervisor Carmen Ramirez as Vice Chair. She announced there is one seat open on the MAC and is looking for recommendations to fill the seat. She also reported that Community Beautification Events are still not scheduled due to COVID, but the County is working with waste haulers in area to provide either extra curb-side pick-ups or free dump days. She said the Board is currently very busy dealing with COVID-related issues and to find out more about COVID vaccines, go to [www.venturacountyrecovers.org](http://www.venturacountyrecovers.org). She said senior citizens 75 years and older are now eligible, and as more vaccines are received, the County will open it up to 65 years. She said the good news is that 93% of vaccines received have been put into arms, but more vaccines are needed in the County.

She said the County has opened up vaccination sites throughout the County and location, hours of operation and appointments are available at [www.venturacountyrecovers.org](http://www.venturacountyrecovers.org). The County has been able to provide grant funds to local business to assist during COVID, and the County participates in the Great Plates program that offers meals to homebound seniors and also benefits the restaurants providing the meals. **Wendy Zimmerman** asked when vaccines might be available to those under 65 years with no underlying conditions. **Supervisor Parks** said as more vaccines come into the County, they will be able to increase availability, and with needed assistance from the State and Federal level that hopefully by late spring the vaccine will be much more widely available. **Scott Horn** asked about statistics for law enforcement and firefighters receiving vaccinations. **Supervisor Parks** said only some have been included in the first tier. County nurses and doctors are receiving the vaccine in good rates, she did not have information regarding other first responders. She said it will still be a while until the State provides a decision on whether Ventura County can be measured separately from Los Angeles County, as the County must be in the red tier with a case rate of 7 or less.

#### **8. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

**Ed Villa, Sr.** asked if the street cleaning schedule can be posted. **Vanise Terry** said she will follow up and post it on the Casa Conejo website.

#### **9. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

There were no public comments.

#### **10. Advisory Items**

##### **a. MAC Approval of Letter to Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) about the Highway 101 Expansion Project**

**Scott Horn** presented a draft letter addressed to VCTC Executive Director Darren Kettle regarding ideas for the Highway 101 Expansion project, including the use of “virgin” concrete already in existence as a fourth lane. **Wendy Zimmerman** offered minor grammatical changes and expressed concerns about safety of ingress and egress with the written suggestions. She also asked whether this letter is a suggestion of possible actions or an actual recommendation to VCTC. **Scott Horn** said a fourth lane as a service and on/off ramp lane is common in LA County. **Ms. Zimmerman** stated she prefers a feasibility study to look at safety issues before recommending this action. **Ed Villa, Sr.** said he understands the need to have an on/off service lane and agrees with the written suggestion. **Ms. Zimmerman** said the letter states there will be funding available, which is not correct because the State gives extra funding for HOV lanes only.

**Scott Horn** made a motion to send the letter with Ms. Zimmerman’s grammatical changes, and **Ed Villa, Sr.** second the motion. The motion passed 2/1 with **Ms. Zimmerman** dissenting.

##### **b. MAC Approval of 2021 meeting Calendar**

**Scott Horn** made a motion to amend the proposed 2021 meeting schedule to cancel the May 19<sup>th</sup> date and reschedule to May 26<sup>th</sup> to accommodate for the annual Ride of Silence event. **Wendy Zimmerman** seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

#### **11. Correspondence**

##### **a. Email Regarding Dog Waste Stations**

The MAC discussed an email from resident **Cecily Rock** that suggested adding dog waste stations around Casa Conejo. Ms. Rock reported on her research about dog waste stations. **Supervisor Parks** said that the County does not provide these types of extra services, including street sweeping, unless there is a revenue source from the community, usually in the form of an assessment, and also the County would require an entity to oversee it. She mentioned a trash can project in Oak Park that required a grant, an agreement with the local trash company for operation and the landscape maintenance contractor agreeing to clean them. She said Casa Conejo does not have a revenue source, but they could look into creative ways to partner with other entities in the community. **Wendy Zimmerman** mentioned there is not a park in Casa Conejo rather it’s just residences, but if the pathway along the Arroyo Conejo is built that could be a possibility. She also suggested working with the local

schools and churches, and expressed appreciation for Ms. Rock's well researched presentation and urged her to stay active in the community.

**Scott Horn** stated he would like to further investigate the possibility of adding dog waste stations in Casa Conejo with the two main points being searching for funding and viable locations.

**12. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items**

- a. Dog waste stations in Casa Conejo
- b. Follow up regarding VCTC correspondence
- c. Possible speakers from EJ Harrison and Conejo Recreation and Park District.

**13. Adjournment at 5:46 pm to Wednesday, March 17, 2021.**