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REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

September 12, 2024

6:00 PM

Municipal Advisory Council
Casa Conejo, California

Walnut Elementary School
Multipurpose Room
581 Dena Drive
Newbury Park, CA 91320

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At: ventura.org/casaconejomac
MAC Calendar, Agenda, and Minutes

Welcome to the meeting of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) an advisory council for the unincorporated area of Casa Conejo to Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell.

OPENING

1. Call to Order by **Chair, Debbie Hanna** at 6:09 PM.
2. Roll Call.
 - Members Present: **Debbie Hanna, Brendon Garcia, Rob Alvidrez, Richard Gaz**
 - Members Not Present: **Scott Horn.**
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, July 11, 2024.
 - Motion to approve the July 11, 2024 minutes made **by Vice Chair, Brendon Garcia** and seconded by **Rob Alvidrez**. Motion Passes.
5. Agenda Review.
 - No changes to the agenda.
6. Consent Agenda Items 10 through 12.
 - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by **Vice Chair, Brendon Garcia** and seconded by **Rob Alvidrez**. Motion Passes.
7. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
 - **Wendy Zimmerman:** Commented on the Casa Conejo resolution still contains the term coterminous in the language.
 - **Debbie Ellis:** Spoke about the meeting time for the MAC and that changing the hours from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM for the meeting would encourage more people to come to the meetings.
8. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.
 - **VCSO Bust Crime Tourists:** Special thanks to our dedicated VCSO for busting a South American crime tourism group that terrorized many local residents since 2018. I will be recognizing the 16 officers involved in this case at the Thousand Oaks City Council meeting on the 24th. The investigation and arrests were a joint effort by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, LAPD, FBI and Ventura/Orange DA Offices. This coordinated effort and subsequent arrests have helped to take down a key operator.
 - **County Fire Headquarters Grand Opening** – Important resource in D2.

Casa Conejo MAC Members will be touring the facility on October 9th.

- **Harry Selvin** - Harry was a legend in the Conejo Valley and role model for many. Hope you can visit his last project, the notable Selvin's restaurant in Thousand Oaks at the Palm Gardens Hotel.
 - **Fire Insurance Town Hall** with the State's Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, Fire Chief Dustin Gardner, and other key members from the real estate, mortgage, and local insurance agencies. The event takes place on October 15 from 6-8 PM and will take place at the new VCFD Headquarters at 2400 Conejo Spectrum Road in Thousand Oaks.
 - We will be addressing the solutions to mitigating fire with your home and in your community
 - We will be addressing the challenges with getting fire insurance and what the Insurance Commissioner's Office is doing to bring relief to California residents.
9. Council Comments – Comments by Council members on matters they deem appropriate. A Council member may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. A Council member may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for information, or request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter. The Council may also direct staff to place a matter of business on the future agenda.
- **Debbie Hannah, Chair:** Want to place the initials the Newbury Park initials NP on a hill like we previously had growing up. She would like to put together a newsletter for the Casa Conejo area. Both items she feels would create more community spirit. The newsletter would help inform people about what is going on in the community and get more people to participate in meetings and programs.
 - **BRENDON GARCIA, Vice Chair:** Continuing to work on getting out Firewise Certification for the Casa Conejo area.
 - **ROB ALVIDREZ:** No comments.
 - **RICHARD GAZ:** Concerned about the conditions of the roads and streets in Casa Conejo. He wants to know if we can have a date of when the roads will be repaired.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are routine and non-controversial. Items are reviewed and approved together by the Council as recommended and without discussion unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Board on the Regular Agenda. Consent items are heard at the Council's

discretion and may be heard at any time during the meeting.

10. California Highway Patrol (CHP)

CHP MOORPARK'S CASA CONEJO MAC TALKING POINTS: (9.12.24)

- As the CHP Moorpark Area continues to monitor and enforce the Oversized and Recreational Vehicle ordinance in Casa Conejo, we are pleased to report the motorhome once parked near Jenny Dr. and Lesser Dr. has been permanently removed from Casa Conejo. We thank you for your patience with this process as we navigated our legal options and ultimately, worked with the owner to find a favorable outcome for the community. We would also like to thank the Casa Conejo residents for continuing to assist us in keeping the community's streets free of oversized vehicles. It makes the community a safer place to drive, walk, and bike.
- CHP Moorpark is hosting a Start Smart class on **Thursday, September 26th from 6:00pm-8:00pm** at the Moorpark CHP Office at 610 Spring Rd. in Moorpark. This is a FREE class offered to current and prospective teenage drivers and their parents/guardians to discuss important issues such as tips on how to avoid crashes, safe driving habits, dynamics of a crash, consequences of a poor choice behind the wheel, parental roles and responsibilities, and legal and civil liabilities. Call the Moorpark CHP office to reserve your spot at (805) 553-0800.
- CHP Moorpark will be at several upcoming community events:
 - Be Prepared for the Safety Fair on **Saturday, September 14 from 10:00am-1:00pm** at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza.
 - Underwood Farms Fall Festival/ Public Safety Weekend, **Saturday, September 28th and Sunday, September 29th from 10:00am - 4:00pm.**
 - Make'm Smile, celebrating kids with special needs on **Saturday, September 28th from 11:00am-3:00pm** at America's Teaching Zoo at Moorpark College.
- The California Highway Patrol is hiring 1,000 officers to help make California's roadways safer. If you or someone you know would like to join the CHP, visit www.betheCHP1000.com for more information and to speak with a local recruiter. Also, the CHP is hiring more than just officers. We are currently looking to fill 165 dispatcher vacancies across the state and are also looking for Commercial Vehicle Inspection Specialists to inspect the growing number of commercial vehicles on California highways. The CHP will provide you with the training for all three of these positions. More details and applications can be found at www.chp.ca.gov. **RECEIVED AND FILED**

11. Ventura County Fire Department

- The VCFD has been contacted regarding the status of a radio communication tower that was planned for Fire Station 36 located in Oak Park. After careful consideration, we have decided not to pursue this project at the moment.

Currently, we are focused on rebuilding our communications microwave system and enhancing our VHF radio capabilities. This work is integral as we evaluate all available options for our radio infrastructure's future. The tower project was intended to improve our existing system but given the ongoing design and study of the new system requirements, we are pausing the tower and other similar projects at selected locations. Additionally, we are in the process of evaluating our staffing needs, including the potential hiring of a new department IT/Radio positions following the recent departure of our previous manager as well as a Telecom Analyst. These potential new hires will play a crucial role in aligning our current and future needs to ensure we develop adequate infrastructure. Thank you for your understanding and continued support in our public safety systems.

- October 6-12 will be Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is Smoke Alarms, Make Them Work for You. VCFD will be challenging residents to share the safety message by posting short videos of creative ways to test your smoke alarm to social media. Participants in the smoke alarm challenge could win a VIP experience with an engine company or a fire extinguisher. Start developing your ideas now. We want to see how you complete the Smoke Alarm Challenge.
- Fire conditions are high across California. VCFD firefighters have been deployed as mutual aid to many other communities this summer to help stop large wildfires, just as other agencies responded to help us on several occasions earlier this summer. That fire activity is a reminder to continue vegetation management on your property and maintain safety practices. A spark from a dragging chain on a trailer, a tossed cigarette or a hot muffler against a dry weed might be all it takes for the next fire to start.

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12.Ventura Sheriff Department

- This report will cover July and August reported crimes in the Casa Conejo community.
- Deputies responded to 78 calls for service during the time frame. Deputies took 12 reports and made 3 arrests and 1 case was submitted for a warrant to the District Attorney's Office. Not all calls for service generate a report. They made 6 self-initiated contacts. A self-initiated contact could be a traffic enforcement stop or a pedestrian stop.

Fraud/Forgery crimes:

- The victim received an email from a company about refunding a payment. The victim called the associated number and was told to purchase bitcoin to initiate their refund. The case was sent to the FBI for investigation due to the use of crypto currency.
- Victim received a bill for cellular phone on their account that they did not authorize. The case was investigated by the Fraud/Forgery Unit. There was no suspect information, and the fraud was potentially associated with the recent AT&T data breach.
- Throughout the area we are still seeing a pattern of phone and computer scams. Remind your community members if individuals ask for banking information or personal information this is a scam. These scammers will also ask for you to pay for services via gift cards or crypto currency. These are red flags and if you receive these calls hang up and call the Sheriff's Office.

Assault Crimes:

- There was 1 arrest for a domestic violence investigation and 1 case submitted for an arrest warrant to the DA's Office by East County Major Crimes.

Burglary:

- There were 3 residential burglary reports taken during this time frame. 2 were in July and 1 was in August. burglaries. 1 was a motorcycle stolen out of a garage. The motorcycle was recovered the same day and returned to the victim. East County Detectives completed their investigation with no suspects located.
- The other 2 are residential burglaries. One had jewelry stolen. The other was a single item of personal property. The Commercial/Residential Burglary Unit is investigating both cases.

Stolen vehicle:

- The victim's vehicle was stolen out of their driveway and found a short distance away. The victim has personal property stolen from the vehicle. It appears the vehicle was stolen for the purpose of stealing items from the car. This case was investigated by the East County Property Crimes Unit and closed with no suspect information.

Miscellaneous reports:

- 2 reports were generated by calls for service for possible elder financial abuse and possible child crime. Both cases were investigated by patrol and reviewed by detectives. No crime was determined in either incident. **RECEIVED and FILED**

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13. Update on the RV Situation in Newbury Park

Chair, Debbie Hanna and **CHP Officer Ryan Ayers** spoke on the RVs parking at the Library parking lot and with the RV at Lessor and Jenny roads. The RV on Lessor and Jenny roads is gone and will no longer be an issue. It has been one year since the ordinance went into effect and it is working to keep RVs off the streets.

- **Wendy Zimmerman** brought-up the house that has the permanent yard sale. **Chair, Debbie Hanna** mentioned the house is up for sale so we will probably see a change as a result.

14. Update on the Student Representative for Casa Conejo MAC

Chair, Debbie Hanna provided an update on where we are in bringing on a student presentative for the MAC. The Newbury Park School Principal has identified four students for the role, and we should be getting a student representative soon.

15. 3-5 Year Plan – Next Steps

MAC Member Brendon Garcia and **Field Representative Israel Rodriguez** on the MAC structure going forward for the 2025 calendar year. There was lots of discussion about going to quarterly meetings with the addition of Ad-Hoc committees. The Casa Conejo MAC would act as a strategic board guiding the goals and objectives for Public Safety, Public Health, Planning, Public Works, and Community Relations. It was agreed upon by the MAC board members that they feel that the new structure would be more effective in getting things done and could possibly involve more people from the community. **RECEIVED AND FILED**

- **Wendy Zimmerman** spoke about her concern about people getting involved and that we are taking on more than we can handle as a MAC.

- Motion to adopt quarterly MAC meetings with the addition of Ad-Hoc Committees made by **Chair, Debbie Hanna**, seconded by **Rob Alvidrez**. Motion Passes.

CLOSING

16. Adjournment of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, November 14, 2024, at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park, CA 91320.

- **Chair, Debbie Hannah adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM**