

THE EL RIO /DEL NORTE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Serving as Advisory Council for recreational activities in the El Rio, Nyeland Acres, Strickland and Agricultural Areas or El Rio/Del Norte area, including advisory recommendations for the El Rio Roger Jones Community Center and the Nyeland Acres Community Center

Thursday July 18, 2024, 7:00 pm

Roger Jones Community Center
2864 Jourdan Street. Oxnard, CA 93036

Meeting started at 7:00 pm

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Regular Members

David Souza (Vice Chair) (Nyeland Acres)

Present

Bonnie Bernal (Cloverdale)

Absent

Julie Hupp (Strickland)

Absent (Excused)

Lorane Bailon (Rio Plaza)

Present

At Large Members

Mike Barber (Chair)

Present

Aaron Wedemeyer

Present

Brenda Heredia

Present

Alternate

Michael D. Stubblefield

Absent

Others Present: Deputy Jose Vargas, VC Sheriff's Office; Timothy Furgal, VC Library System; Sherry Leal-Ryan, VC Library System; Colter Chisum, Parks Department; Manuel Minjares, Supervisor Kelly Long's office; Ariana Castellanos-Rodriguez, Supervisor Kelly Long's office

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2024

Brenda Heredia made the motion to approve the minutes from June. Mike Barber seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

IV. Public Safety Updates

Ventura County Sheriff's Department, CHP, Oxnard PD

VCSH update from Deputy Vargas. Nyeland Bike ride is taking place this Sunday, July 21st from 10 am to 2 pm. There has been an increase in vehicle burglaries in the area involving cars that are both locked and unlocked. He advised parking in areas that have light, taking personal items with you inside, locking your vehicle, and optimizing the use of property cameras if you own them. Also mentioned scam phone calls regarding scammers calling to say you have a warrant out for your arrest, unpaid tickets, etc. They are asking for gift cards to "pay off" your bill, so if you receive this

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type of call you can call the VCSO to investigate the situation.

V. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

Colter Chisum from Parks came to give an update regarding the Nyeland Community Center. He mentioned releasing the plans to the public very soon and having them up on the Parks website for the public to comment. This would be a 30-day comment period where community members can submit comments that will be later followed by a presentation by Parks discussing what they heard from the community. Colter mentioned the key differences in the various plans are parking and park play (size of soccer fields).

A member of the public brought up a concern in the Strickland area. During the school year, cars are parking on Stickland Dr. and Central Ave, where it makes it difficult to drive in and out of Strickland Dr. He mentioned talking to Supervisor Long's office and the MAC board, but has not heard an update about the situation.

Sherry from VC Library announced that there will be an End of Summer Party on August 6th. This involves free ice cream at 3 pm and at 4 pm an engineering explorer event.

A member of the public announced a neighborhood clean-up and car club happening on August 24th. It will start at 9 am to 11 am and will involve the surrounding neighborhoods and Rio Plaza. She also asked if the county had a public toolshed where residents could use tools to help clean up their areas.

VI. Council Member Comments

Brenda Heredia: Announced Nyeland's first movie night happening tomorrow, July 19th at 8 pm. They will be showing Finding Nemo and collaborated with Rio School District. Bike Rodeo is taking place Sunday, July 21st from 10 am to 2 pm. Some organizations in attendance will be Gold Coast Transit, CHP, and Sheriff's.

Lorane Bailon: Ask about what work is happening on Simon Way. Manuel responded that it might be the water company working on the pipes before the County starts the pedestrian sidewalk project.

VII. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

VIII. Next Meeting: September 19th, 2024 @ 7 PM / John C. Zaragoza Community Center