

Riverpark Neighborhood Council

October 8, 2025

Rio Vista Library

- I. Welcome 6:05
- II. Comments for items not on the agenda
 - Resident on Moss Landing – Immigration enforcement has been terrorizing our friends and neighbors 805-780-8855
 - Fountain – Later
- III. Public Safety Report
 - Crime Map (3 month Aug 7 – Oct 7 (60 days)) – We seen a tremendous decrease in crimes. 85% - property 66%- auto 33% - Shoplifting 42%- theft
 - Robbery + Aggravated Assault – Friday night 10pm, group of juveniles, they took another kid's shirt and shoes
 - Assaults – Neighbor on neighbor dispute w a weapon, lead to an arrest
 - Argument that started at school, went to Target, cut on his eyebrow, chose not to identify the assailant
 - Residential Burglary – Garage at Serenade – You are less likely to notice a detached garage, if your clicker is taken from an unlocked car
 - 2 cars stolen - both times caught and arrested
 - 12 arrested at Esplanade with local business collaboration, another on-going tonight to identify repeat shoplifters. 2 prior convictions = felony
 - 15 shoplifting = online reports. 5 calls lead to arrests
 - 10 thefts – each one was preventable, unlocked cars, open garages, bikes on porches, amazon deliveries (more common at apartments). Officers may alert you if your garage is open
 - Comment – MyQ – you can monitor your garage, Amazon can deliver into your garage.
 - Comment – Whole Foods has Amazon lockers
 - Comment – Breast Cancer Awareness, t-shirt and patches at Starbucks tomorrow 730am to 11am
- IV. Anthony Miller Special Districts Update
 - Handout – Overview of CFD Operations
 - 85% of expense budget (low due to lack of personnel)
 - We are working to recover useable assets – benches, slides, trashcans, cages
 - Downstream – storm drain cartridges (5 year cycle)
 - Next update will be in December
 - Fountain Update - Trucking right along, periods of activity and quiet while we are awaiting parts. The vendor was unable to design a cabinet to spec, so it will be re-run through code compliance. We are at 75% completion. Control panals and boxes on outside of vault will be the final steps. We are expecting to meet.
 - Q – (missing)

- Not a set replacement schedule for everything, we consider them as they start to fail fail.
- We are trying to bank 250k a year for storm drain project, not a major issue but something we need to pay attention to
- Comment – How were the funds reallocated to the budget from the reduction of field expenses. It will remain in the fund for future years.
- Does it make sense to allocate those funds to the storm drain project? A: We need to do some research, the next step is an engineering estimate, which was not factored in to this year's budget. Last year we were at 85% so we have funds but it might not happen this fiscal year.
- Pipes are dripping at Crescent Park. A: If you submit it through 311, we will decide whose responsibility it is?
- Corporal Martin has not been seeing as many cuts in the fence, that is one of maintenance's first stops in the morning. We are seeing less traffic in the area.
- The fence is primarily a barrier between a no trespassing area and the neighborhood. We stopped re-paneling. Q: Can we do cameras? A: It depends on where you put the cameras. Ultimately the expense may not match the deterrent value.
- Birthday parties at the parks. A: Picnic tables and gazebos are reservable, otherwise they are first come first served.

V. County Supervisor – Matt Lavere (SB County Line to NW Corner of Oxnard to Lockwood Valley) Chief of Staff - Anna

- 5 Districts
- County Executive Officer
- Elected Officials - Assessor, DA, Auditor-Controller, Sheriff, Clerk-Recorder, Treasurer-Tax Collector
- The County is a safety net, 11,000 employees (Navy 21,000), 350 addresses
- Budget \$3.22B – 46% General Funds (discretionary say, administration of justice Health & Human Services, General Gov't, Environmental, General), 54% State and Federal Allocated
- Great rainy day reserves, pension
- Counties are funded by property and sales tax, Prop 1 will have significant impacts
- State = 20B deficit
- 0 position add year, reduced empty positions
- Santa Clara River Encampment Outreach
 - Multi-agency coordinated outreach
 - County Public Works \$200k for clean up, doctors w backpacks, we keep trying, repetition helps them accept help
 - This Summer we relocated 64 individuals
 - In September: 9 arrests, 5 relocations
- 19% drop in homelessness in Vta county
- Oxnard and Ventura are building housing
- Goal is functional zero for veteran homelessness
- We do a point in time count every January
- Mental health & Wellness

- We don't have the beds in the county for serious mental illness, we've been sending them out. We just got 2 grants for locked facilities.
- Floodwall & Levee Project
- 1,860 yards
- Modern unified levee system
- Q: What are the plans for SCR-1 levee? A: Funding, dealing with the Army Core making sure we have evacuation procedures in place. 101 to Freeman Diversion (by 118). Transferred to watershed protection district. We were required by the federal gov't to examine our levees after Katrina. For a number of reasons, not that it was unsafe, but it was uncertifiable. We were able to secure State funding, 30% design submittal. The core has transferred it but we can do anything until the core agrees. Added complexities in time and cost. We went to the board to ask it be put back in the federal system, under the new design standards. Then it is designed and we seek federal funding. \$100M, our whole district is \$78M, we need plus up of retained earnings or grants.
- We are required as our responsibilities to you and the federal gov't for safety. Advanced warning system, materials to deal with potential flooding. Net week we do our practice for failure.
- Every situation is a trade-off
- Until we get to a point that design is completed, the core will approve, and we have funding. We have to work hard to provide protection.
- Q: Is there money to go after? A: The future is uncertain. We have to be sufficiently self-reliant. As bad as it is, I have not seen cuts to emergency operations.
- Took up 10 years to cobble together funding. We plan wholistically, however we often can only move in small pieces. We have to position ourselves to be ready.
- Q: Where is this on the priority of the district? A: The core process is 3 years to get to 30% design. It is a high priority. It is not an issue of competition of priority it is a matter of resources.
- When the core changed the design basis.
- Q: How can the county help with our fence issues? We pay \$30k to repair the fence. Is there anything the county can do to assist. A: I can reach out to watershed staff to see what Public Works can do. I'll get you an answer
- Who do we report trucks/dirt bucks to? A: Call the Sherriff
- Councilman Teran – the fence is a bit of a chicken and the egg. Hopefully the funding for homelessness will continue to reduce the issue.
- Question: Will the levee project connect to the bike path on this side of the river? A: That should be open later this month. It is a two-year project. There is bike path in the design plan for SRC3.
- Q: Did the Grant's Pass decision affect us? A: It allowed us to enhance enforcement, but we want to give support rather than need enforcement. We safe that for criminals and those that refuse help.
- Councilman Teran: Our unhoused are part of our community and could benefit from front facing services. We've learned the lesson that it is not helpful to just move them along.

- Q: What kind of help can the liaison officers offers? What is the County doing to increase affordable housing? A: They know the individuals and what services are available. Affordable crisis is real in our County. We provided gap funding for 460 units this year. 5 projects in the past year.
- 2400 homeless, those at risk is so much higher. We need to keep them from becoming unhoused.
- Q: How did we end up with maintenance of that fence? It is to guard us from the river or the river from us? A: The Ventura river does not have any fences. It can be a recreational area when it is safe to be.

VI. Council Member Updates

- Gene – we have a website rp411.com, riverparkneighborhoodcouncil.com
 - I can post content but not develop it
- Paul
 - Thank you for participating in bulky item clean up, we had good participation
 - Nov 1 Del Norte Transfer Station Drop-Off
 - It is almost Halloween, Oct 21st Jack & Sally Visit
- Charlynn – Gift Card Raffle

VII. Dec 10th

- City Manager – Alex Nuygen
- Location Rio Vista Library