

# PIRU NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

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## COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY September 17, 2025

### VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT: KEN WISEMAN  
TREASURER: JUDY DALEY-LOVETT  
MEMBER AT LARGE: ANDREA ARREDONDO

VICE PRESIDENT: IRENE RUIZ  
SECRETARY: MEGHAN SHEETZ

MEETING LOCATION: **Piru Community Center – 802 Orchard St.**

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### GENERAL MEETING: BEGINS - 7:09pm

- CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – BOARD ROLL CALL
  - Present: Ken, Irene, & Meghan
  - Absent: Judy & Andrea
- MEETING MINUTES August Minutes – Meghan
  - Ken motions to approve, Irene seconds. All Ayes.
- TREASURY REPORT: August Treasury Report – Judy via email
  - **Balance as of August 31<sup>st</sup>: \$66,009.17**
  - Donations
    - Newhall Mansion (student film)
    - Open Vision Entertainment (filming impact)
    - American Water \$4,000
  - Expenses
    - Summer Movie Nights
    - Piru Water Day
    - Creek Clearing
  - Irene motions to approve, Meghan seconds. All Ayes.

### LIGHTS & SIRENS:

- LOCAL FIRE REPORT – Fire Prevention Officer Fred Ponce
  - First rain tonight.
  - Be vigilant, risk of debris flows from Holser Canyon.
  - Canyon Fire Update: Cause of fire was a bullet from the shooting range.
  - Nursery Fire the other day due to an electrical cord.
  - Remodel Plans for Fire Station: Raise Roof, Additional Bay, possible Ambulance.
- CHP REPORT –
  - Filming in Piru
    - Sheriff assisted with road closures.
    - Wrong closed roads, Ken addressed to Public Works.
    - Wished for better engagement from the officer working the street.
    - Residents impacted with the Post Office.
- SHERIFF REPORT – Officer Barrios & Officer Gonzales
  - Shooting investigation ongoing
  - **Resident:** Drag races at night off Main Street, is the Sheriff able to have a presence at night and enforce?
    - Sheriff covers large area of Ventura County.
    - Will stick around in Piru until another call is received. Must respond together with two units for calls received. May pull us off the Piru area.
  - **Resident:** Could Piru request a speed monitor?
    - **CHP will talk with leadership**

- Problem area: Main and Center near intersection.
- Rolling stops: Pattern of Friday night traffic in then Sunday traffic out.
  - **CHP will relay to Friday team.**
- **Resident:** Church Street in the mornings is a problem too with school traffic.
- **Suggestion:** Ask Lake Piru their busiest times and adjust Sheriff/CHP to match?
- **Resident:** Would like the illegal parking to be addressed. Still an issue...
  - CHP Officer Ayers still working on this issue.
  - Vehicles over six months will be tagged. 72 hours later, not moved will then be towed. Unattached trailers too.
  - Rely on community, let us know of trailers parked in weird places.
- **Resident:** Cars blocking the sidewalk too. Will you be enforcing?
  - We can address; we can tag/cite.
- Sheriff suggests the community sees something, call it in for services.
  - **Resident:** Frustrating process because we have called before and CHP & Sheriff are busy.
    - Call for service will usually go to CHP.
- **Resident:** Do we have cameras on the east side of Piru?
  - **Irene will look into this. Looking for partners...**
  - No security cameras on eastside at this time.
- CERT or Firewise - Irene or Michael Lopez
  - Firewise Vegetation Thinning Park Street Project

## GUESTS:

## LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATES:

### Events:

- 9/20, Saturday: Viva Piru! Event, Warring Park
  - Soccer games in morning.
  - Come early, event 12pm – 5 pm
  - Mariachis start at 12 pm.
  - Casuals with Manny will be playing as well as DJ.
  - Info booths, vendors, craft table, lawn games, food.
  - Free admission
- 10/30, Thursday: Haunted Halloween – Canceled
  - Can discuss more as date gets closer
    - Trunk or Treat event?
    - Ken's Inn for the event?
    - Open to community suggestions.
- Lake Picnic open to Piru residents: Possibly November?
- 12/13, Saturday: Christmas Parade and Festival
  - Theme: Santa's Workshop
  - Deck the Halls event: Maybe November 22/23
  - Drop off Marshall Forms with Annie at barbershop or Meghan at library.

## Old BUSINESS:

- Fire Mitigation and Creek access clearing – Ken/Mike Lopez
  - Used \$5,000 grant to include loader spreading mulch at the creek. Should be ready by the Viva Piru event.
- Status on having generators in town at School, Community Center, and Senior

- Center – Edison PSPS location in Piru
- Main Street Improvements – Parking signage – removal of the turning lane to the Citrus Plant. -Piru Area Plan Update
  - Amendment process – David Ward, Planning Director - His team anticipates submitting the amendment to Planning Commission in the September time frame and then on to the Board of Supervisors by the end of the year
- Sidewalk Safety Grant from 2022. From Anitha Balan, Public Works
  - We have started the design of the Piru Pedestrian improvement project. The project will be federally funded.
  - 30% Plans, Specification & Estimate (PS&E) Expected to be completed by Oct. '25
  - 90% PS&E - Feb. '26 (RT will present to the project to the PNC)
  - 100% PS&E – April '26
  - Will need additional ROW needed and utility relocations.
  - Environmental work (for federal funding) is scheduled to be completed by – June 2026.
  - Construction Start – July 2027
  - **Supervisor Long committed to getting answers.**
- **Event Leadership**
  - Be a Coordinator for one or more of our events: Halloween, Viva Piru, Senior Dinner, Mansion Tour, Christmas Parade, Youth Summer Event, Bicycle Rodeo, Lake event, lots of other opportunities to host events!!!!

#### **New BUSINESS:**

- VCTC Trail plan from Oxnard to Piru – Team will be present at Viva Piru – Ken
  - 30-mile trail connecting Oxnard to Piru. Includes trestle bridge!
- YTD PNC Expenses
  - Public Transparency on what the council is spending.
- Support Letter – United Water Dam Improvements
- Support Letter – Infrastructure improvements tied to continued Development
- NCIS Origins Movie Production – Discussion
  - **Any issues with filming bring to the council's attention.**
  - Filming productions are too expensive and the market down causes studios to be less generous with community donations. NCIS not as generous and with more competition, studios may go elsewhere for cheaper.
  - **Michael Durazo:** County to do a study to see how the County may be more film friendly. Hear more at the end of the year.
- What are some of the bigger projects needed for the community? PNC has identified:
  - Need for generators
    - Irene feels generators are the most important for the community.
    - Waiting on parks, they have a process. Fastest solution would be to make the community center a PSPS.
  - Need for Splash pad for our youth
    - Less than \$100, 000 we would need to do the work.

- **Resident:** what would be the cost of maintenance and upkeep?
  - Not sure. Supervisor/Parks/PNC think is a good idea. Would need to figure cost for maintenance.
  - Another option is to buy waterslides for multiple events.
    - This would cost more over time...
  - **Do we want a committee??**
- Continued wildfire preparation
- Open wooded area in front of Piru Creek (grant funds)

**PUBLIC COMMENT - WE WILL ALWAYS HOLD 30 MIN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT  
3 MINUTES PER COMMENT PLEASE**

- Resident: Train fence needs attention. Was told to have volunteers work on this project. Will finish up some Firewise work and then look into consolidating fence to see what can be replaced. Need time for volunteers, gather group to address in future.
- Fillmore Town Hall – October 6, 2025 – 6 pm
  - Home Hardening Workshop
  - Programs and Resources available
  - Fillmore City Hall
- Weekend before November 11 there will be a concert in the park in Fillmore.
- Resident: Public Bathrooms have not been open and available with the Williams Homes soccer field. We want Williams Homes to honor their commitment of providing public amenities such as restrooms and a soccer field net or possibly a volleyball net.
- Resident: What is the update with the long trucks parking on Main St.?
  - Unless the community embraces no parking, Public Works will not move forward with “No Parking” along Main Street.
  - Residents are concerned for children safety risks.
  - Many Piru residents are tradespeople with trucks. No parking will impact their livelihood.
- PNC/SCE/FUSD Piru School meeting canceled
  - SCE will not place school sites as PSPS’s due to safety and security risks.
  - Looking at Community Center
    - Edison is talking with the Parks Dept.
    - Need to discuss instead of fixed generator using multiple trailer generators.
    - Transfer switch could be placed at Gazebo Park. This will provide generator hook ups. Most important circuit.

**NEXT PNC MEETING – October 15, 2025 – Community Center – Orchard St.**

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR VALUABLE TIME WITH THE PNC AND OUR COMMUNITY!**

