

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting – July 26, 2005

The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at Oak Park High School, 899 N. Kanan Rd., Oak Park

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Deena Parry at 7:30 p.m. MAC members Deena Parry, Bonnie Biddison, Jay Kapitz, and Ron Stark were present. Todd Haines was absent.

2. Flag Salute

The salute to the flag was led by Captain Jeff Matson of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Ron Stark moved the adoption, and the MAC approved it 4-0.

4. Approval of the Minutes of June 26, 2005

Ron Stark moved the adoption of the June 26, 2005 minutes, Bonnie Biddison seconded the motion, and the MAC approved it with a 4-0 vote.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks said that TSD has decided to delay preparing an EIR on the replacement of the Conifer water tank until after alternative sites are identified. She also noted that for the September TSD meeting TSD staff will prepare a report on recycled water rates.

The Second Annual Oak Park Beautification Day at OPHS on July 9 was a success, and resulted in the highest rate of return on collected electronic recyclables ever recorded by the County for a similar event. Copies of statistics from the event results were distributed at the MAC meeting.

Supervisor Parks distributed to MAC members and the public a letter she prepared that summarizes the role of County MAC boards in reviewing Planning Department development applications.

She expressed satisfaction over the Board of Supervisors' ability to pass a County budget for fiscal year 2005-06 without any layoffs, and with the opportunity to further build up the County's reserves from the 8% currently held.

Supervisor Parks expressed interest in helping to form a volunteer group in Oak Park to support residents who may be in need and would welcome assistance with basic chores such as yard maintenance.

6. Public Comments

Tom Reyes commented that he has concerns about the defibrillator program for Oak Park, in light of recent news reports about defective defibrillators. Ron Stark replied that the makes are entirely different.

Paul Pastor expressed his concerns about the violations of the no-left-hand turn sign outside Shadow Ridge during Medea Creek Middle School drop-off and pick-up hours. He asked the MAC to support more enforcement of the sign when school resumes.

7. Council Comments

Jay Kapitz thanked everyone on behalf of Todd Haines for supporting the Southern California WAGS (Westlake-Agoura Girls' Softball) Champions. He also thanked Supervisor Parks for offering to list local events on her County website, and for looking into the Neighborhood Watch program for Oak Park. He said that he will see to it that MAC meetings are listed in the "Acorn" calendar of events. He invited residents to submit ideas for greater community involvement to him.

Bonnie Biddison congratulated OPUSD for its recognition by Standard & Poor's as an "Overperformer" in student achievements in math and reading. She also expressed appreciation to the landscape committee for its work.

8. Information items

a. *Volunteers in Policing program*

Ventura County East County Patrol Captain Jeff Matson and Barbara D'Anjou, the Manager of Thousand Oaks' Volunteers in Policing, spoke about the VIP program, and presented options by which Oak Park could contract with the City of Thousand Oaks to extend the service to Oak Park on a part-time basis. Supervisor Parks commented on the high quality of the Thousand Oaks VIP program. The MAC members requested research into funding options for contracting with the City, and that the item remain on the MAC agenda for further consideration.

b. Neighborhood Watch program

Captain Matson commented that Oak Park residents had formed Neighborhood Watches in the past, and that he would look into trying to contact the members to learn about their interest.

c. Review of MAC assignments list

The MAC agreed to continue this item to the next meeting.

9. Action Items

a. Oversized vehicle ordinance exemption permit renewal, Southridge Dr.

Ron Stark made a motion to renew the permit and Bonnie Biddison seconded it. The MAC voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

b. Committee, Kanan Rd. landscaping; report; requests regarding duties

Ron Stark moved, and Jay Kapitz seconded, that items # 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the committee's recommendations be adopted, and that at the next meeting the MAC consider the membership of a standing committee charged with overseeing landscape maintenance funded by CSA #4 and making recommendations about that maintenance work to the MAC. The motion also included an additional condition for the items, that the MAC know ahead of time from Ventura County Public Works Agency the estimated costs for rehabilitating dead or damaged landscaping or irrigation projects. The MAC voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

c. Conifer water tank replacement project, notice of preparation for draft EIR

TSD has decided to not proceed with the EIR process until it has identified alternative sites. The MAC took no action, and will continue to monitor the project.

d. Letter to TSD from MAC requesting review of recycled water rates (Biddison)

TSD will present a review of recycle water rates at its September meeting. The MAC continued the item to the next meeting.

e. The MAC and community awareness and involvement (Kapitz)

Jay Kapitz will see to it that the "Acorn" includes MAC meetings in its listings of upcoming events.

f. Cancellation of August 23 meeting

Ron Stark made the motion, seconded by Bonnie Biddison, to cancel the August meeting, which the MAC passed unanimously.

10. Following Ron Stark's motion, and Jay Kapitz's seconding of the motion, passed 4-0 by the MAC, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m. until September 27.