

**Oak View Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes**  
Meeting occurred Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6:30 – 7:30 PM  
at the Oak View Community Center – Kunkle Room

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance:

- Brian Aikens
- Christopher Anacker
- Randy Burg
- Barbara Kennedy
- Velma Lomax
- Kristeen McKeen

Commissioner(s) not in attendance:

- Elizabeth Robles

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval Minutes of the meeting held May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- – **Motion to approve:** McKeen; seconded: Aikens

4. Public Comments (*comments for items not on the agenda*)

- Lauren Nichols, land consultant, commented on wanting Oak View to be more 'walkable'
- Sharon Dyska offered information on kids summer camp

5. Girl Scout Projects update – Garman/McKeen

6. OVPARC Tot Lot

- \$3k has been raised. Goal is \$10k - \$20k, with possible County matching funds.
- **Action Item:** Supervisor La Vere is to help raise the remaining \$7k to reach the goal of \$10k

7. Baseball lease RFP status

- **Action Item:** Commissioners Aiken and Kennedy will forward three previous emails with Parks Director Coulter to District 1 Representative Clint Garman and District 1 Supervisor LaVere for review.
- RFP requested to be delivered from Parks & Rec/Colter asap – A Board does need to be formed asap as well.

8. Pickle Ball Update/Shade Structure

- RMA will need a CUP on the Pickleball courts

9. Waiving Fees for Oak View Residents

- District 1 Supervisor LaVere advised District 1 Representative in open dialogue that the fees were set for all parks in the County and would not be able to waive fees for one specific park without Board of Supervisors' approval.

10. Dog Park in Oak View

- There is a possibility, but would need an exact space and plan to present the concepts
- Potential to have the dog park in the vacant lot across from the far end baseball field, closest to Devil's Gulch.

11. Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Kennedy: Re: Camping Laws on Hwy 33 / Camping at Devil's Gulch 'S' curve -- **Action Item**: Supervisor LaVere will ask Chief Newman about the laws. Other need mentioned for the Devil's Gulch / S Curve is for having 'guard rails,' as people have driven off the highway and into the gulch.
- Commissioner Aikens: coffee shop in town – The Local Cup – featured Fire Chief and Police Chief; public turnout was great
- Commissioner Burg: The bike trail will be repaved and costs reimbursed by the State of California. \$10mm from AARPA funds. Supervisor LaVere commented on repaving the entire bike trail and making it 10' to 12' where possible
- Commissioner Anacker: Update on the SR-33 Pavement Preservation Project: the demonstration project will be implemented in the Fall of 2023; he is concerned about CalTrans successfully dealing with the issues in the half-mile Oak View business district, about customizing the Road Diet to suit the area and not impose a template that would have an adverse effect; that many residents are concerned, primarily about increasing congestion during peak times; and that he's starting a Facebook page, focused on the subject where people can get up to speed on the emerging issues and solutions.
- Commission McKeen shared that the Ojai Valley Girl Scouts Troop 65031 bench/poster projects were approved for installation at the Sulphur Mt Trailhead. McKeen also asked 3 questions about devils gulch: who does weed abatement (fire hazard), what are the camping laws on the hwy, and is there a designated homeless campground; and asked if we can discuss the possibility of adding guardrails at our next meeting (safety of drivers, huge cliff, shared that her friend's grandson recently went off).

#### 12. Future Agenda Items

- Supervisor La Vere will invite someone from Public Works to speak about the Live Oaks Levy project, slated for completion by 2026. followed by removal of the Matilija Dam.
- Update on Highway 33 off road camping laws and any situation occurring at the S curve near Devil's Gulch. Supervisor LaVere to report on what Chief Newman says about the law on this.
- Safe Routes to School Grants
  - Sunset improvements
- Gates opened at schools that are surrounded by Residential – update from Sabrina Rodriquez
- Shade Structure Grant – would cost \$13k
- Casitas Springs 35 mph – Cal Trans will have meeting after it has been designed for community input
- Park Host – “managing” outside drinking

#### 13. Adjournment – Next Meeting: **Monday, September 11, 2023, at 6:30 PM**

Also in attendance:

- Supervisor LaVere
- Lauren Nichols, Land Use Consultant, and daughter Ella Nichols
- Karen Wilson – Ojai Parks & Rec Commissioner and avid pickleball player
- Sharon Dysktra, Oak View Librarian

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