



**Oak View Advisory Commission (OVAC)
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, March 11th, 2024, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Oak View Community Center – Kunkle Room
18 Valley View Rd., Oak View, CA 93022

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** 6:33 pm

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Commissioner Aikens

3. **Roll Call**

- **Present:** Aikens, Anacker, Burg, Kennedy, Robles
- **Absent:** Lomax, McKeen
 - Alternatives Present: Christina Pacheco
 - Alternatives Absent: Suzanne Farmer
- Also in attendance:
 - Supervisor District 1 Representative: Clint Garman

4. **Adoption of Agenda** – Anacker motioned for approval; Aikens seconded

5. **Public Comments (*comments for items not on the agenda*)**
- None.

6. **Approval Past Minutes**

- September 2023 – Approved. - Kennedy motioned for approval; Robles seconded
- November 2023 - Tabled for approval, May 13, 2024, meeting.
- January 2024 - Tabled for approval, May 13, 2024, meeting.

7. **Informational Items**

8. **Update: Oak Dell Park** –

- Aikens asked about legitimacy of the league

9. **Update: Oak View Community Park** – Kennedy requested Calendar of Activities / Events be shared by Parks Dept with OVAC and for same Calendar be made available to the public, including online access to enable better coordination among groups.

- **Motion:** Anacker motioned to make a formal request to the Parks Dept on this; Burg seconded.

10. **Update: Oak View Park and Resource Center** – Kennedy share info about upcoming events at OVPARC.: Easter Egg Hunt; Ojai Valley Chamber Mixer; Spaghetti Dinner. *See Calendar at OVPARC Website for more details.*

11. **Update: Ojai Valley Trail** – Repairs are finished; progress stopped temporarily due to heavy rain.

12. **Update: Casitas Springs** –

a. Robles asked to look into the needs of Casitas Springs residents

13. **Update: Park Host / Signage** – District 1 Representative Garman: Still working on ideas of that signage might look like.

a. **Action Item:** Garman will email update BCC: to Commission members with No Discussion among Commissioner members allowed except in public meeting.

14. **Update: Pickleball OVCC** – Kennedy: it appears to be approved but has no specific date.

15. **2024 OVAC Goal Setting:**

Anacker suggested a more comprehensive way to reach more community members, as it could be OVAC is not fully representing the community. The US Post Office EDDM – Everyday Direct Mail low-cost program could be used to mail up to 8.5 x 11 mailers with a lot of room for messaging on the mailer; he offered to get some quotes. Kennedy suggested the Lion's Club could help defray some costs by printing a Calendar with information on the OVAC.

– Burg: OVAC should focus on only three or four topics.

– Kennedy: OVAC should do a survey of Casitas Springs residents to learn of their needs. Also, work on low-income grants to help with 'after-school' programs that have helped children feel they belong to something and keep them "off the streets."

– Robles: Casitas Springs needs something more for their children, something cultural.

16. **Commissioner Closing Comments**

- **Aikens** – OVAC has not taken any opposition to the current Caltrans Hwy 33 Road Improvement project in downtown Oak View. Reiterated how he found the presenter of the project incorrectly used maps of Ojai when speaking about the Oak View project.
- **Anacker** – None.
- **Burg** – None.
- **Kennedy** – October Ad Hoc minutes to be reviewed with recommendations for May OVAC meeting.
- **Lomax** – Absent.
- **McKeen** – Absent.
- **Robles** – Robles suggested a local study to determine how the Caltrans Road project is impacting drivers: e.g., increases in cars in Creek Road, Burnham, and other 'side' roads. Perhaps hold a meeting of Oak View residents to get input on the situation. Install Stop signs or lights to help control traffic flow along Creek Road.

17. **Executive Officer Closing Comments**

- **New Park Host roles and responsibilities; operational changes** – None.

- **Signage** – Garman will BCC email update to Commissioners.
- **Hwy 33 project: Garman provided information on how prior community meetings and workshops took place.**

18. **Future Agenda Items**

- Skate Park in Oak View
- Dog Park
- Highway 33 Bike Lane
- Caltrans Update

19. **Adjournment** – Next Meeting: **Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:30 PM**

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