

## Draft June 19th, 2017 MAC Meeting Summary

Steve Offerman of Supervisor Steve Bennett's Office called the roll. MAC members Terry Wright, Chris Cohen, Grace Malloy, and Chair Joseph Westbury were present. Jill Borgeson's absence was excused.

Ojai City Planning Commissioner Steve Quilicci provided an update on Commission activities include the Complete Streets Committee and the \$2.8-million Caltrans grant for pedestrian and bicycle transportation and traffic calming on Highway 33 through the city.

Approval of the Meeting Summary of the February meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

Under public comment, Richard Sedd, Jim Stallings, Curt Wilson, and Mona Woolwine discussed impairment of visibility at the intersection of Santa Ana and Monte Via. Steve Offerman said he would request that the County Transportation Department take action. Cindy Tomlinson, Ruth Conroy, and Mona Woolwine addressed Caltrans Highway 33 issues and Steve Offerman said he would bring the issues to the attention of Caltrans. Carol Wenzel said the bicyclists should ride single file on the bike trail.

The first item of business was a discussion of bee keeping regulations. Steve Offerman said that the County Zoning Ordinance does not allow bee keeping in residential zones but that many cities have adopted ordinances to allow residential beekeeping including Ojai. Alicia Tharp and Glen Perry of the Ojai Bee Club discussed the City of Ojai's Ordinance and its state-of-the-art provisions for residential beekeeping. On a motion by Joe Westbury, seconded by Terry Wright, the MAC unanimously recommended that the County allow residential beekeeping in a manner similar to the City of Ojai.

The next item of business was discussion of restricting the parking of oversize vehicles in Oak View. Steve Offerman said that Supervisor Bennett's office receives regular complaints regarding oversized vehicle parking and Supervisor Bennett wanted the MAC to hold a meeting to address the topic, and postcards had been mailed to all Oak View property owners. Steve said that many cities and the community of Oak Park have adopted ordinances that ban the parking of oversized vehicles.

Dwyer Brown said he lives in Oak View, parks his trailer on the street, but supports a new ordinance to ban oversized vehicle parking to improve the community of Oak View; he would gladly remove his trailer from the street. Callum McSween said that it is important to regulate the appropriate size vehicles. Ken Nishia of Oak View said that he cannot afford the \$85/month or more to store his trailer and opposes a new ordinance. Leah Hunter of Oak View said there are too many RVs on the streets of Oak View, they obstruct visibility and are a hazard. Kimberley Woolford said the large number of RVs and trailers on her street makes it feel like she lives in a parking lot and they create a safety hazard. Marge Emerson said that the number of oversized vehicles stored on the streets has grown over the years and changed the community into a parking lot. Robert of Oak View said the oversized vehicles degrade the aesthetics of the community and a new prohibition ordinance should not be delayed.

Jean, resident of Oak View, said that oversize vehicles cause traffic safety problems, particularly near intersections. Carol Winthrop supports banning oversize vehicle parking. Mike Ogden said that Almond Street is a battle zone and oversize vehicles block the view of drivers and that neighborhood aesthetics are important. Jim Mathew said oversize vehicle parking (OVP) is unsafe and makes neighborhoods look like junkyards. Judy Holman said OVP impacts neighborhoods and reduces property values. Jeff Hall supports banning OVP and recommends it be done Valley-wide, otherwise RVs will be pushed into other neighborhoods. Velma Lomax inquired whether OVP could occur on the road right-of-way, and Steve Offerman said that under the Oak Park ordinance OVP could not

occur on the County right-of-way but could occur on private property. Jim Stallings said he stores his RV in a commercial zone, and there will be an impact on RV owners for storage costs. Paul MacClare said he parks his RV in his yard because they are a hazard on the street. Timothy Buck supports banning OVP. A Monte Via resident says she parks her RV where it does not create a problem. An Oak View trailer owner said there is a shortage of storage in the area and while storage is available in Oxnard it is expensive. An Oak View resident said OVP is unsafe and untidy. An Oak View resident said she was in a car accident because an RV blocked her vision, even though she had been very careful. An Oak View resident who rides a bike said he was nearly hit by a car attempting to exit a driveway where an RV blocked the view. It was suggested that the "72-hour parking rule" be better enforced; Steve Offerman said this rule only requires that a vehicle be driven once every three days and then it can be reparked in the same place. Mark Dornbush said that is always good to talk to your neighbors to try to resolve problems. A resident expressed concern for the owners of work trucks; Steve Offerman said that the Oak Park OVP ordinance has provisions to allow for permits for work trucks. Someone noted that Lake Casitas might expand their RV storage if demand increases. Others suggested that vacant County land be used; Steve Offerman said there is no vacant County land.

Joe Westbury asked for a show of hands of those who support a new OVP ban ordinance and those who oppose one, and the audience was overwhelmingly in favor of a new ordinance. Terry Wright encouraged the County to look at vacant County property for potential storage. Grace Malloy said that she would like to hold another MAC hearing on the issue. The MAC agreed to hear the item on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.