

## Draft January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Ojai Valley MAC Meeting Summary

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

Under public comment, Jim Pawloski said that the flashing yellow light at the northern end of Casitas Springs is out. Steve Offerman said he would report it to Caltrans.

On a motion by Joe Westbury, seconded by Terry Wright the December 20th Meeting Summary was approved unanimously.

Steve Offerman introduced the third discussion of restricting the parking of oversized vehicles in Oak View. He noted that long term storage of vehicles is not intended under State and County law that require that vehicles be moved every 72 hours. He said that because of the strong public support for restriction and the safety issues that had been raised, that Supervisor Bennett was leaning toward bringing an Oak Park type ordinance forward, and the input of the MAC was sought regarding tailoring the ordinance to Oak View. Steve noted that some other communities allow wider or taller vehicles than the Oak Park ordinance.

Regarding the MAC's two questions from the previous meeting, it would be possible to require that oversized vehicles be parked a specified distance away from intersection, but would not be possible to regulate parking that narrows the travel lanes of streets, other than to prohibit parking on one side of the street.

Grace Malloy asked about the tally of phone calls and emails that Supervisor Bennett's office had received. Steve said that there had been approximately 30 emails or phone calls supporting restricting oversized vehicle parking and 5 opposed.

A public speaker asked if her neighbor could be prevented from parking in front of her house- no, not on a public street.

Eric Sayer said that he and some other residents of Oak View drive "dually" pick-ups that are up to 8' in width. Steve Offerman said that the Oak Park ordinance allows people to obtain a permit to park on the street if they have a work truck or their regular vehicle is oversize and they can't park in their driveway.

Brian Aikins noted that there is not a resident of Oak View on the MAC, that at a previous meeting a majority of speakers opposed restrictions, that Oak View is not similar to Oak Park, and that at the previous meeting the MAC had focused on addressing their two questions.

MAC Chair Joe Westbury said he is opposed to rules or regulation other than as needed for safety, and that if Supervisor Bennett is intent on moving forward than Joe would be in favor of the least restrictive regulations.

A gentleman asked why Oak View was singled out and said it was discriminatory. Steve Offerman said that Oak View is where most complaints come from and where there is the highest concentration of stored oversized vehicles. Additionally, Oak View is manageable for enforcement as an initial phase and the area could be expanded later. Grace Malloy said she would prefer a valley-wide ordinance.

Barbara Kennedy said that some neighborhood have CCRs that restrict parking. Steve Offerman noted that the County cannot enforce CCRs, it would have to be done by those affected by the CCRs.

Mark Golden said he lives in Oak View and that oversized vehicle parking is a hazard to bike riders, and that it's not just a safety issue at intersections, but at driveways as well.

Ron Calkins said that it is a public safety issue, that the Oak Park Ordinance makes sense and is working, and allows people who only drive an oversized vehicle to get a permit. He said that it is time for the MAC to support an ordinance and pass it up to the Board of Supervisors. He said that the problem is growing, and apparently people move to Oak View to store RVs on the street. Safety at driveways is as important as safety at intersections.

Cher said that it is a safety issue, that oversized vehicle block visibility, and also ruin the character of neighborhoods. Dana Moore said that parked cars can obstruct visibility and safety too.

Jim Pawloski said that he prefers aggressive enforcement of the 72-hour parking rule to new regulations. Steve Offerman noted that the 72-hour rule allows people to drive oversized vehicles around the neighborhood then park them in the same place, and that County rules allow oversized vehicles to be parked in driveways, in side and back yards, and on a paved area next to a driveway.

Barbara Kennedy said that on streets with narrow lots, that oversized vehicles take up an inordinate amount of parking and block visibility from driveways. Brian Aiken said that by his count 75% of RVs are below 25' in length. He has discussed where to park his trailer with his neighbor. Chris Annaker said he is not vested either way on the issue but that safety is most important.

Terry Wright said that safety is the biggest issue, and that Oak View has more narrow streets than other areas in the valley, but that he would prefer that any ordinance apply valley-wide. He believes that it's time to move the issue to the Board of Supervisors. Grace Malloy said that safety is heavy on her heart, that she supports a valley-wide approach, that trying to enforce a setback from intersections or driveways would be hard to enforce. She supports the least restrictive regulations including exempting duallys and work trucks.

Joe Westbury made a motion, that if the County is going to move forward with an ordinance, that it should be valley-wide, and that it allow vehicles 27' long, 7'6" wide, and 9' tall, and exclude work trucks, duallys and low car trailers and require a 20' setback from intersection. The motion was seconded by Terry Wright and approved 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.