



**OJAI VALLEY
MUNICIPAL
ADVISORY
COUNCIL**

**FINAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Meeting via ZOOM
Ojai Valley, CA**

Chair: Chris Cohen, Vice Chair: Joseph Westbury
Council Members: Barbara Kennedy, Grace Malloy, Terry Wright

1. Call to Order of the Meeting

Executive Officer Clensay called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call

PRESENT: Members Cohen, Kennedy, and Malloy

ABSENT: Westbury and Wright

**STAFF: Maruja Clensay, Executive Officer
Brian Brennan, District 1 Representative**

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Cohen made a motion to approve adoption of the Agenda. Member Kennedy seconded.

Upon call of the roll the vote was as follows:

AYES: Members Cohen, Kennedy, Malloy

NOES: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: Members Westbury and Wright

Motion carries 3-0 with Members Westbury and Wright absent.

5. Public Comments by Citizens on matters Not Appearing on the Agenda (Time limit per item – three minutes).

No public present.

6. City of Ojai Planning Commission Update

Dr. Quilici provided an updated related to recent actions of the City of Ojai Planning Commission:

- Baptist church in Ojai desires a monument sign out front. They came looking for feedback. They will be back on the Planning Commission agenda.
- Single family residence in Yerba Lata underwent remodel resulting in a change of usable square footage thereby requiring a public hearing at the Planning Commission.
- Discussion regarding a mid-week farmers market that the school district wants to hold on the back side of its landmark property in downtown Ojai. One issue is that the existing Sunday farmers market was first started in the 1990s and then in 2004, permission to have a farmers market in any part of the city was deleted from the code. Planning Commission now has to address these code inconsistencies to allow the farmers market in this location. The existing farmers market is legal non-conforming.
- On May 3rd the Planning Commission will have a special meeting regarding the General Plan Housing Element. Regular scheduled meeting on May 5th will discuss our General Plan.

7. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2021

- a. Draft Minutes attached

Member Kennedy made a motion to approve meeting minutes. Member Malloy seconded.

Upon call of the roll the vote was as follows:

AYES: Members Cohen, Kennedy, Malloy

NOES: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: Members Westbury and Wright

Motion carries 3-0 with Members Westbury and Wright absent.

8. Approval of OVMAC Memorandum to County RMA Planning Staff regarding OVMAC Application Review Procedures

Updated to reflect current operating procedures and updating contact information. Executive Officer Clensay indicated this will be posted on the County website and given to RMA staff.

Chair Cohen made a motion to approve the memorandum as presented. Member Malloy seconded.

Let the record show that Member Westbury signed on to the meeting after Item 7 and was present for Item 8.

Upon call of the roll the vote was as follows:

AYES: Members Cohen, Kennedy, Malloy, Westbury

NOES: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: Member Wright

Motion carries 4-0 with Member Wright absent.

9. Informational Items.

- a. Receive a Presentation regarding the RV @ 33 Parking Permit Program – Board of Supervisors Hearing on 4/13/21

Mr. Brennan proceeded to give an identical presentation from Supervisor LaVere which was presented at the Board of Supervisor's Hearing of March 23, 2021. This meeting and video can be found via this hyperlink: https://ventura.granicus.com/player/clip/5543?meta_id=794979

Member Kennedy commends Mr. Brennan for the work and appreciates that District 1 is taking care of this issue. Member Kennedy comments on some RV's coming to Casitas Springs. Mr. Brennan assured that those are not a part of the program and they will be ticketed by the sheriff.

Chair Cohen asked if these homeless issues will be approached and dealt with differently in the future. Mr. Brennan stated that District 1 is working closely with county staff to improve existing issues and daily management, and perhaps with some collaboration of nearby church groups.

Member Malloy asks how the OVMAC can support and help any future processes. Mr. Brennan stated any future processes related to the Ojai Valley and homeless would come back to the OVMAC for input.

10. Councilmember Comments

Executive Officer Clensay addressed the Veterans Village Project and neighborhood concerns regarding the potential development. Ms. Clensay stated it has not been formally submitted to the Resource Management Agency (RMA) and is a conceptual project. Should it be submitted to the County for formal review, the OVMAC would be required to provide comments on the project after it is deemed complete by the planning division.

Mr. Quilici asks to solicit the OVMACs help in addressing the issue of fire, fuel management and water and if anything can be done related to his with the OVMAC and the fire department. Executive Officer Clensay says that she will check in with the fire protection district to see what they can do and perhaps invite for informational session to the OVMAC.

Member Malloy states that the fire safe council has begun a community grazing project with the two largest brush goat and sheep herd in Ojai, one located on Creek Road. Member Kennedy poses the concern that if fish and wildlife will allow the animals near the creek. Malloy mentions that the Director of PWA, Mark Pastrella for LA County has dealt with the use of goats/livestock for vegetation management and would be a great person to talk to about the changes LA County made. Member Westbury asks if they run cattle in the creek. Member Kennedy mentions that they are not supposed to.

11. Adjournment

The next meeting will be May 17th. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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