



OJAI VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING FINAL MEETING MINUTES

**18 Valley Road, Oak View
Monday, March 21, 2022 - 7:00PM**

Chair: Chris Cohen, **Vice Chair:** Joseph Westbury

Council Members: Barbara Kennedy, Grace Malloy, Terry Wright

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1. Call to Order of the Meeting

Chair Cohen called the meeting at 7:03

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call

3 present. Westbury and Wright absent.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Chair moved to adopt it as written; Malloy seconds.

5. Public Comments by Citizens on Matters Not Appearing on the Agenda

Bill Weirick - says he misses the Community Table on Lomita. Wanted to remind everyone for Minor CUP time extension about the Storage Facility and the extension for their existing CUP. Third item, at the last VCTC meeting had a big report from SCAG discussing switch from LOS to VMT. Sent the correspondence to Supervisor LaVere and who was receptive.

Jeffrey Starkweather – Gave handouts to MAC members regarding recent correspondence sent to the District 1 office. Same materials had been transmitted to the MAC members via email today. Talked about lack of affordable housing and has done major research and has sent a variety of questions to County Planning Staff and has expanded it to the Air Quality Standards and Ojai Area Plan (which is essentially 30 years old). It needs to be relooked at given the changes in the Valley. Most important thing to me is a that I'm a fanatic environmentalist but also a social justice advocate and feel that they do not need to be a trade-off. Findings need to be looked at in Article 12 of the limitations of building permits. References to air quality in the County but it appears

that these are only targeted at Ojai. Would like the County and the MAC to look at this through the lens of affordable housing. All for keeping out any time of sprawl; but that's not the same as infill housing or mixed-use income or mixed use housing, or affordable housing. 86% of people who work in Ojai commute from out of the valley because they can't afford to live here. Mentioned that there was a presentation from realtor indicating that home values will not go down due to lack of housing. He will meet with the City of Ojai Mayor regarding concerns related to gentrification. We can balance it all. If we don't, we will become a more and more segregated income wise and gated community. There is a large population out there that would like us to look at affordable housing again. And review the sections of the applicable zoning ordinance. He is the current president of the Democratic Club and will have Erik Nasarenko this Sunday; Salud Carbajal will also come, and in May 26th - Steve Bennett will be there as well.

6. City of Ojai Planning Commission Update

No one present for this item from the City of Ojai.

7. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2022 - Draft Minutes attached

Malloy made the motion to approve as presented;

8. Announcements and Updates

- a. Correspondence Received – Caltrans Letter attached re: Speed limit
- b. Ojai Valley Traffic Policy – OVMAC update (future presentation TBD)
- c. Beautification Event at Nordhoff High School on March 26, 2022
- d. Caltrans Highway 33 Multi-Modal Presentation to OVMAC – May 16, 2022
- e. Congressman Carbajal Meet-n-Greet - Tentatively June 2022 (TBD)

Executive Officer-

9. Councilmember Comments

Grace Malloy - Brought up Informational meetings and they were cancelled if there weren't any discretionary projects to review, should we push to those subsequent meetings.

Barbara likes it as it opens the forum to the more people and discussion.

Chair Cohen - likes it as well for Barbara's reasons stated.

Grace commented and agreed with her colleagues and that we just sent out the mailer to people to garner more participation.

Comment from Jeffrey - People bringing stuff that is not the agenda is important and appreciates the informal setting. This is our only voice and there are more people in the Valley than in the City limits. It's important what you do.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

10. Adjournment: Next Meeting will be held on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7:00PM at the Oak View Community Center