



OJAI VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING FINAL MEETING MINUTES

**18 Valley Road, Oak View
Monday, April 18, 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
Called at 7:03 PM**

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call:

Members present:

Terry Wright
Barbara Kennedy
Grace Malloy
Joe Westbury

Absent:

Chris Cohen

4. Adoption of the Agenda - Addition to the Agenda and Proclamation Chief Rivera and Brian Brennan

Presentations to Chief Rivera and Brian Brennan in acknowledgement of their efforts with the RV@33 Parking Program.

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

Speaker 1: Steven Weed:

Is volunteering for Primary Elections; Over 100 positions volunteering still available/open – trying to get the word out. Mentioned receiving a proclamation being received from DMV re: Donate Life Program and doing more to publicize the opportunity to assist people who have terminal disease from people who do not need them anymore. If the County would consider doing a Proclamation next year for the Month of April 2023 next

year? Knows many individuals that have benefited from organ and/or tissue donations. Gave pens to OVMAC Members re: Donate Life pens/brochures.

Speaker 2: Ron Solorzano:

Getting into the part of the year where we are gearing up for Summer Reading; in addition we will be doing some take home STEAM kits that are already available at our libraries for science and art related activities. Meiners Oaks Library is still closed but Mobile Unit is still active. Still looking for student workers, so please spread the word for any high schoolers for a great after school job.

- 6. City of Ojai Planning Commission Update** – Kathy Laudis from PC presented; El Roblar was approved at last weeks' meeting (50 room hotel, with restaurant and bar that will be open to the public). Will have a smaller event space (max 150 people). Will be some opportunity for local community group to meet there – about 12 a year including non profits). Parking was a big issue, they are coming back to PC this week for review of the landscaping plan and bike racks and some elevational changes. There was discussion of historic preservation, two outside changes in the front hat faces Ojai Ave. – one option was recommended unanimously by the Historic Preservation Commission. The Applicants said that about 18 months before they actually open.

Working on our General Plan, but haven't seen any draft elements yet; will be outreach and community participation that should be upcoming this Summer.

- 7. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2022** - Draft Minutes attached

Motion to approve as drafted by Member Kennedy; seconded by Member Malloy.

Approved unanimously 4-0 with Chair Cohen absent.

- 8. Formal Item:**

Consider a fully virtual meeting via ZOOM for the OVMAC May 16, 2022 in order to accommodate CalTrans attendees and Applicant teams.

In Person Meetings would resume effective June 20, 2022.

Member Kennedy made a motion to proceed with Hybrid to encourage more in person participation, Member Malloy seconded.

Approved unanimously 4-0 with Chair Cohen absent.

[UPDATE- HYBRID WAS NOT FEASIBLE SO OVMAC DECIDED IN PERSON INSTEAD OF FULL VIRTUAL FOR MAY MEETING AFTER APRIL 18th]

- 9. Announcements and Updates**

- a. Hwy 33 Intermodal Study – Cal Trans Update – May 16, 2022
- b. CHP Public Information Officer Presentation – June 20, 2022
- c. Congressman Carbajal Meet-n-Greet - Tentatively July 2022 (TBD)

Executive Officer Clensay mentioned that we will more than likely have Carbajal attend virtually at a future meeting, if feasible – although in person is desired.

10. Councilmember Comments

Kennedy mentioned that the Boys and Girls Club teen center is here and that is why we have a fridge here.

Supervisor mentioned the recent discussions regarding a separate Oak View Advisory Committee Stakeholders group; Hopefully will start that in June and July as a separate meeting. Showed great private and public partnership. Also starting discussions regarding the Meiners Oaks Car Wash site and recent demolition and ultimate goal to have a park at the site. I hope parking won't be too much of a concern and utilization of public transit.

Malloy concerned about bike safety and potential issues with soil? Supervisor walked them through the remediation case and is has been cleared.

Westbury mentioned Creek Road and the acceleration lane improvements; really appreciated it.

Supervisor also mentioned the sex offender that was previously housed along Creek Road is no longer there and is housed elsewhere and not in the Ojai Valley.

11. Adjournment: Next Meeting will be held on **Monday, May 16th at 7:00PM** **MAY 16th MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON.**

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