



OJAI VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING FINAL MEETING MINUTES

18 Valley Road, Oak View Monday,
April 17, 2023 - 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** - *Meeting commenced – 7:00PM*
2. **Flag Salute**
3. **Roll Call** - *Members Cohen, Kennedy, Malloy and Wright Present. Member Westbury Absent.*
4. **Adoption of the Agenda** – *Moved by Wright, seconded by Cohen to adopt as presented. Unanimously approved.*
5. **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

Public Comment No. 1.- Ron Solorzano - *We got a new youth librarian covering Ojai Valley region – Blanca Ramirez starting this week. Will cover Ojai, Meiners Oaks, and Oak View. Brings staff up to full capacity.*

Other vacancies – little stuff, but still important- looking for student workers; need to go to the Government website for job opportunities and we are doing outreach with schools and counselors, and will be looking for a student worker position in Meiners Oaks and Ojai Meiners Oaks library (will be on former elementary school site). Construction began over the break. We are anticipating about 5 months, but could have some delay... excited about it. Continuing to beef up our libraries – Ojai Valley is renting out sewing machines (5 or 6) and can be rented out to anyone in the valley.

Student worker – summer job? Or? They are classified as extra help and there is flexibility, but typically its year round after school and sometimes on weekends. These jobs last for two years. Will the Meiners Oaks library be open on weekends? Plans are still in flux. Will be starting M-TR, but we are hoping to expand hours with the new location.

6. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2023 – DRAFT MINUTES ATTACHED

Motion by Wright to approve as presented; seconded by Kennedy. Approved 3-0 as presented. Malloy abstained.

7. Approval of Revised Meeting Calendar acknowledgement the Federal Juneteenth Holiday

Reflection of Juneteenth – Motion to approve made by Cohen, and seconded by Malloy. Approved unanimously.

8. City of Ojai Planning Commission Update - No one present from Ojai Planning Commission.

9. Announcements and Updates – Future Bed and Breakfast vs. Temporary Rental Units – Planning Presentation and Discussion – Summer 2023.

*Announced Fire Safe Council TAG Meeting
PC and CC Joint Ojai Meeting occurring.*

10. Councilmember Comments

***Malloy** – sidewalk on El Roblar (southside) between the 5 way stop at the 33 and the turn off for St. Thomas Aquinas Church is in very rough shape- big cracks that have significant distances. Use the sidewalk with stroller and rains have exacerbated it. And the transition between to the driveway and sidewalk is pretty bad. This is where the Artesian residents get the trolley and many are in wheelchairs. Is the trolley stop going to be moved? Now there are significant weeds growing out of those cracks. Will send photos. Pavement in crosswalk is also really bad. Going across Maricopa highway.*

***Kennedy** – Hwy 33 project meeting was very well attended. It was closed to public comment and didn't start off very well. Only allowed paper comments. They didn't introduce Chief Newman... CHP didn't show up and they were going to talk about traffic. AB Bennett showed up. It was nice to see such a large turnout. But people had to write their comments down. Caltrans reached out to D1 office for emergency service contacts for their review in the context of the evacuation.*

Maruja to check in to see if another meeting will be scheduled and when the actual commencement is scheduled. Find out about Oak View Ave. sidewalk too. Should have had more Caltrans people.

11. Adjournment: Next Meeting will be held on **Monday, May 15th at 7:00PM IN PERSON at the Oak View Community Center**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 PM