



OJAI VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

18 Valley Road, Oak View
Monday, June 17, 2024 - 7:00PM

Chair: Grace Malloy, **Vice Chair:** Barbara Kennedy
Council Members: VACANT, Joseph Westbury, Terry Wright

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1. **Call to Order of the Meeting**
2. **Flag Salute**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Adoption of the Agenda**
5. **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**
6. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2024 – DRAFT MINUTES ATTACHED**
7. **City of Ojai Planning Commission Update**
8. **Ceremonial Item:**
Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Chris Cohen for his nine years of service on the Ojai Valley Municipal Advisory Council
9. **Announcements and Updates**
10. **Councilmember Comments**
11. **Adjournment:**

Next Meeting will be held on **Monday, July 15, 2024** at 7:00PM IN PERSON at the Oak View Community Center



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1. Call to Order of the Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:02.

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call

*Members Cohen, Kenney, and Malloy present.
Members Westbury and Wright absent.*

4. Adoption of the Agenda

*Chair Malloy moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Member Cohen.
Approved 3/0.*

5. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comment No. 1 - Ron Solorzano

Regional librarian for the Ojai Valley. The Summer Reading Program "Read, Renew, Repeat" started a week ago. At our Ojai Library on Thursday, May 30th, will have lives animals at 3:3. We will have the same event at our Oak View Library on June 6th also at 3:30. The Summer Reading Program ends on August 4th. You can find out more at www.vencolibrary.org. There are different prizes available based on different thresholds of minutes read.

There is also an Adult Reading Program – and you can be entered into Starbucks gift card drawings

based on the number of books read. There is also a “lunch at the library” program happening this Summer at the Oak View library – this is similar to the school lunch program and will provide lunches to school aged youth through the Summer – lunches will be provided 11:30 – 1:00PM, Monday through Thursday. Lastly, Sheriff Fryhoff will be coming to the Ojai Library on May 29th at 10:30AM as part of our “Today’s readers, Tomorrow’s leaders” reading program.

6. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2024 – DRAFT MINUTES ATTACHED

Vice Chair Kennedy moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Chair Malloy.
Approved 3/0

7. City of Ojai Planning Commission Update [SEE ATTACHED EMAIL]

8. Information Item – Ojai Valley Trail Update

Receive an informational presentation from the County Executive Office regarding the ARPA funded Ojai Valley Trail maintenance project.

Total funding allocated to the maintenance project is \$3.125 million for the repaving of the trail from Foster Park to Soule Park. We are nearly 90% done with the construction drawings for the entire project. Construction anticipated to commence around September 2025.

County Staff Contact: Justin Bertoline, justin.bertoline@ventura.org 805-654-8759

Public Comment No. 1 – Brian Aikens

The Ojai Ride is scheduled for October 12th and should be accounted for in the future scheduling, as well as work with NHS (Nordhoff) who uses the trail for their track/cross country.

9. Announcements and Updates

Member Kennedy - June 1st we will be hosting a playground-build effort at the Oak View Parks and Resource Center. We are raising funds for this effort – additional funds can be donated by going to our website at www.ovparc.org

10. Councilmember Comments

Oak View Community Survey underway for additional activities and programming that is requested to be held at the Oak View Parks and Resource Center. Survey will conclude at the end of May and can be shared with the public.

Staff still working with CHP for future E-Bike presentation before the OVMAC and potential partnership with the City of Ojai. TBD.

Assemblymember Bennett allocated \$500K to the future Meiners Oaks Park. District 1 office has requested \$1 Million from Congressman Carbajal for additional funding. Awarding still TBD.

Supervisor LaVere is currently interviewing candidates to replace Mr. Cohen on the OVMAC. A selection is anticipated to be confirmed prior to the June 17th OVMAC Meeting.

11. Adjournment: MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:32PM

From: [REDACTED]
To: ovmac
Subject: Public Comment/Question for 5/20/24 OVMAC Meeting (I will be out of town)
Date: Friday, May 17, 2024 11:41:37 AM
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Hi Maruja, I *revised my comments* below...thanks, Jeff

My comment/question concerns the proposed Road Diet (lane reduction) on Hwy 33 thru Oak View. Since the Demonstration Project, I have sat in traffic backed up 15 minutes from Oak View to Mira Monte driving west from Ojai to Ventura *in the morning going to work*, and backed up in traffic 10-15 minutes from Oak View to the 4-lane Hwy 33 driving east from Ventura *in the late afternoon returning home*.

People are now using alternate routes to Ventura, to avoid driving thru Oak View. On *Nextdoor*, I counted 111 responses about the Road Diet, 4 of which supported the lane reduction project. Most all comment they have never seen anyone riding their bike.

My question is: What feedback has OVMAC and Caltrans received from the public regarding the Demonstration Project? Thank you, Jeff

On Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 08:20:45 AM PDT, ovmac <ovmac@ventura.org> wrote:

Hi Jeffrey,

Thank you – I will read your email into the record at the May 20th meeting. FYI – Caltrans will host a Town Hall in the Fall that will relay all the feedback about the demonstration project as well as data analytics that they are working on through the Summer and start of School in Fall (as well as impact on alternative routes).

Thank you,

Maruja Clensay

805-654-2703

District 1 | Supervisor Matt LaVere



From: Jeffrey Weinstein <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 6:00 PM

To: ovmac <ovmac@ventura.org>

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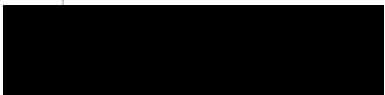
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Jeffrey Weinstein, AIA



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Cc: [REDACTED]
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Date: Monday, May 13, 2024 10:38:39 AM

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Maruja,

As always, I have a conflict for the day and hour of the OVMAC meeting, so I am providing a written report for you from the Ojai Planning Commission:

[Report from the City of Ojai Planning Commission on Activity Since the Last OVMAC Meeting \(April 15, 2024\)](#)

- Late last year the City Council approved a Settlement Agreement with the Becker Group involving four parcels in the City; density for each site set by City Council. Two of those parcels that incorporate affordable housing units have now been approved or recommended for City Council approval by the Planning Commission: 304 South Montgomery (15 units, all affordable) and 510 E. Ojai Ave (5 units affordable of 13 total). One site located at 312 W Aliso received building permits recently; and the fourth (412 Mallory Way) is gearing up for public review and consideration.
- The Planning Commission recommended City Council approval of a project expanding the Lavender Inn hotel in downtown Ojai; the project would absorb an adjacent office building; convert it to hotel rooms; add a pool; and add storage buildings to the expanded parcel.
- The Planning Commission upheld the Planning Director's denial of a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for an outdoor "Artists' Market" at the Ojai Women's Club. The applicant / sponsoring entity ("Conscious Collective") is not a non-profit organization and therefore not eligible to apply for the TUP. There were other issues related such as local businesses' objecting to 'unfair competition;' providing artists with a market; and the lack of imposed sales taxes (which local brick-and-mortar businesses do pay); but they were all moot due to the applicant's for-profit status.
- The Planning Commission recommended City Council approval of a text amendment to the Ojai Municipal Code regarding lot splits in residential zones under CA Senate Bill 9 (SB 9). This new law allows for lot splits and building up to a total of four residential units (primary homes, ADUs, and Junior ADUs). SB 9 allows for ministerial decisions (by City Staff, instead of by Planning Commission hearings) but with more restrictions on what size structures can be built and what size lot can be used.

Steve

Stephen L. Quilici
Ojai Planning Commissioner



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