



REGULAR MEETING Minutes

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7:00 PM

Municipal Advisory Council
Oak Park, California

Oak Park High School
Room G-9
899 North Kanan Road
Oak Park, CA 91377

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MAC Calendar, Agenda, and Minutes

Welcome to the meeting of the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) an advisory council for the unincorporated area of Oak Park to Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell.

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OPENING

1. Call to Order by Chair Nye at 7:30 p.m..
2. Roll Call

Members Present: Jane Nye, JL Diaz, Michelle Santucci, Brian Trushinski, Seema Chandra

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Brian Trushinski
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, July 27, 2023. Motion by Seema Chandra, Second by JL Diaz. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Agenda Review. Motion to approve by Seema Chandra. Second by JL Diaz. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Consent Items 11-19. Item #14 pulled from the Consent Agenda by Seema Chandra. Motion to Receive and File consent items made by Brain Trushinski. Second by JL Diaz. Motion passed.
7. Public Comments- Citizen Presentations regarding Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).

Shelly Orgel spoke on the new radio communication tower proposed for the Fire Station in Oak Park. She feels that the tower should not be erected and voiced her concerns that the new tower would harm property values in the area as well as pose threats to residents due to the high-power radio frequency. She mentioned that in her conversation with Supervisor Gorell he mentioned that the tower was a non-issue.

Eric Steiner spoke about the CSA#4 Landscaping. He thanked Enhanced Landscaping for the new color beds planted in the area. He voiced concerns that the new plants from last spring planted at Hawthorne and Wiggins had died and needed to be replaced. There may be a problem with the irrigation in that area which should be investigated. Brian Trushinski confirmed that he would investigate.

Erin O'Donnell spoke on her belief that Oak Park should look into providing benches along walking paths and suggested that the Bench Project be considered.

Michael Green spoke about his concern that he is not receiving agendas and minutes regarding MAC minutes as he had in the past. He was assured that his name would be put back on the existing constant contact list.

8. Comments by Supervisor Jeff Gorell

The Supervisor led his comments by directing the MAC's attention to the fact that this was the first meeting that was being live streamed by his office. All the technical equipment necessary for this to be accomplished was purchased by his office and he complimented staff members Mark Perryman and Andrew Fox for their work in making this possible. He referred to the QR code available for live viewing and the QR code for viewing the agenda which will be available going forward. He mentioned that he was in attendance and live streamed the recent Oak Park Fire Safe Council held at the Community Center and complimented the

good work done by this organization. Supervisor Gorell then addressed the legislative work being done by the Board of Directors in recent weeks. This included approval of 3.7 million dollars to be invested in fighting the opiate crisis currently unfolding in the county as well as the continuing fear of fentanyl as it becomes more available. He mentioned that he recently organized \$40K to be donated for the Conejo Community Outreach Diaper Bank to help fill the needs of underserved families in the Conejo Valley. He mentioned the great success of the recent Community Open House held at the OP Fire Station with more than 300 attending and thanked Seema Chandra for her input on the event. Supervisor Gorell mentioned that he and his staff are continuing to work daily for the citizens of Oak Park dealing with issues that are of concern.

9. Written Comments – Chair to read written comments received by the MAC prior to the meeting.

Jane Nye mentioned the communication regarding graffiti appearing in various areas of Oak Park and confirmed that she has handled it.

Brain Poe has been communicating with the office and Brian Trushinski about the clearing of brush between Medea Creek Lane and the High School. The responsibility for this area is under investigation.

Steven Kozel emailed on September 27 requesting that a formal evacuation plan be designed for Oak Park in the event of a fire emergency. He also requested that he would like to see a statistically detailed report of the crime in Oak Park for the past 5 years at the next Sheriff's Department report in October.

10. Council Comments –Comments by Council members on matters they deem appropriate. A Council member may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. A council member may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter. The Council may also direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

Brian Trushinski gave his report for the landscaping committee. He, Dale Thomas and Enhanced Landscaping toured the area on September 14 and found the area to be in good shape. New seasonal floral beds have been planted around the Oak Park signs. While we continue to receive requests from Oak Park residents for landscape improvements we must be sensitive to the budgetary restrictions of CSA#4. There seems to

be a difference in opinion as to the areas of responsibility of Rancho Simi Recreations and Park District and the Fire Department as to clearance for fire abatement. He suggested that at the next MAC meeting we invite RSRPD and VCFD to address this issue. While there needs to be a balance around Medea Creek with concern for nature's inhabitants and concern about clearing for fire abatement. Fish and Wildlife must be called in for evaluations. Eric Steiner's request for evaluation of dead plants will be looked at in the next week. The subject of Pickle Ball in Oak Park will be taken up at a special meeting on the RSRPD at a special meeting on Oct 5.

JL Diaz thanked Supervisor Gorell for his attendance and remarks at the Oak Park Fire Council September 6 and for making the live stream available. Additional information can be found at opfsd.org.

Michelle Santucci thanked Supervisor Gorell for making the live stream of the MAC meeting possible. She also requested an update on the clearance of the area around Medea Creek from Conifer to Kanan. She thanked Athens for attending the meeting and for their work at educating the consumer on the upcoming transition.

Seema Chandra inquired as to why the RSRPD meetings are always held in their HQ in Simi Valley as opposed to Oak Park. She commented on the success of the Community Open House at the Oak Park Fire Station and suggested that it be an annual event. She also mentioned that there is an opportunity to hold an additional event annually at the Community Center.

Florence Wang from Oak Park High School reported on the activities since school started including making the annual Homecoming festivities more inclusive.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are routine and non-controversial. Items are reviewed and approved together by the Council as recommended and without discussion, unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Board on the Regular Agenda. Consent items are heard at the Council's discretion and may be heard at any time during the meeting.

11. California Highway Patrol (CHP)

Update written report provided by Officer Ryan Ayers. See attachment.

- September is California pedestrian safety month. Remind students to be vigilant returning to school.
- CHP is hiring 1,000 officers to make roadways safer.
- Maximum Enforcement Period conducted over Labor Day weekend deploying maximum amount of officers for traffic issues.

RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

12. Ventura County Fire Department

Update written report provided by Scott Thomsen Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Ventura County Fire Department. See attachment.

- Fire prevention is encouraged for residents following summer rains resulting in dried flammable plants proliferating moving into the fall fire season.
- Ventura County Fire Protection District Board is working to purchase a new headquarters in Thousand Oaks. The new building would provide additional space for administrative functions.
- New state rules restricting flammable materials within 5 feet of structures is being delayed until 2025 for new construction and 2026 for existing buildings.

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13. Ventura County Sheriff

Update written report provided by Deputy Chris Jones. See attachment.

- No recent crime trends in Oak Park
- Career Criminal's Unit has identified all suspects and arrests are imminent in the rash of burglaries from this summer. They will be prosecuted in Ventura County.
- CVS on Lindero Canyon is a target for Shoplifters.

RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

15. Please welcome the new MAC representative from Oak Park High School for 2023-2024 is Florence Wang (Class of 2024). Her email is fwang24@opusd.us and her cell phone is 805-837-9190.

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16. The VCFD Fire Station 36 in Oak Park was the location of an Open House for the residents of Oak Park to meet with Supervisor Gorell on September 23rd from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This was a highly successful event engaging the community to be aware of fire protection in Oak Park.

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17. Request received from Elliott Kimmel at 961 Sterling Oaks Ct in Oak Park to replace trees cut down 1.5 months ago along Lindero Canyon north of Golden Eagle. This work was completed in August by Enhanced Landscaping

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18. Jane Nye reported that she observed evidence of graffiti which she has repaired personally. More research into other methods of repair must be researched.

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19. At the MAC's request, personal appearances by Public Safety officials will be scheduled quarterly. Next dates are the meetings of October 26, January 25, April 25 and July 25 if these dates are acceptable for scheduling purposes.

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REGULAR AGENDA

Regular Agenda items are heard at the Council's discretion and may be heard at any time during the meeting.

Consent Item 14. Live Streaming of the Oak Park MAC meetings has begun at this meeting. There is a QR Code scan which is provided to Livestream these meetings. This information will be available on the Supervisors website and marketed to the residents of Oak Park for more visibility of MAC meetings. To watch the meetings visit utube.com/@oakparkmac

Pulled from Consent Items by Seema Chandra. Seema Chandra inquired if it is possible to see how many people actually watch the live stream of the meetings in the future. Perryman confirmed that this data will be available. She also questioned the use of the QR code which was addressed by Mark Perryman.

20. Presentation of VIP (Volunteers in Policing)

Elizabeth Garnier of Thousand Oaks Police Department presented her power point.(see attached)

Additional presentation by Michael Green who is a resident of Oak Park and a volunteer in policing who spoke about the many benefits of the organization to the citizens of Oak Park.

21. Solid Waste Hauler Change for the Oak Park Area

Presentation by Ventura County Public Works- Solid Waste Update

Joe Pope, Director Water and Sanitation, Ventura County

Presentation by Athens Services. Rhodi Gutherie, VP Government Affairs and several of her associates about the upcoming transition to Athens from Waste Management effective Jan 1, 2024. (see attached)

CLOSING

22. Adjournment of the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. to the next meeting, Thursday, October 26, 2023 at Oak Park High School, Room G-9, 899 North Kanan Road, Oak Park, CA 91377