



**JEFF GORELL**  
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# **REGULAR MEETING Minutes**

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- JL DIAZ
- BRIAN TRUSHINSKI

**November 30, 2023  
7:00 PM**

**Municipal Advisory Council  
Oak Park, California**

**Oak Park High School  
Room G-9  
899 North Kanan Road**

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### **OPENING**

1. Call to Order by Chair Nye at 7:00 p.m..
2. Roll Call

Members Present: Jane Nye, JL Diaz, Brian Trushinski, Seema Chandra,  
Michelle Santucci. Florence Wang: Absent

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Jane Nye
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, November 30. Motion by JL Diaz. Second by Brian Trushinski, Motion passed unanimously.
5. Agenda Review. Motion to approve by Brian Trushinski. Second by JL Diaz. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consent Item 11- 13. Motion to Receive and File consent items made by Brian 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).

Deena Parry spoke about her concerns about the effect that contrails from air traffic are having on the health of residents. She requested that the Board of Supervisors ask the FAA for what is going on that affects allergies, and skin rashes. Several MAC members mentioned that they were not aware of this phenomenon. Supervisor Gorell mentioned that his office would seek a report from the airport commission.

8. Comments from Supervisor Jeff Gorell  
The Supervisor brought the MAC members up to speed on his activities for the last month, He discussed his Gold Team project which is working to bring new jobs and businesses to Ventura county. His goal is to bring community leaders together to research how to expand economic development in our area. He recently held a pilot meeting at Amgen which attracted a cross section of business and political leaders from real estate to utilities, labor unions, and state legislators with the goal of improving economic development for Ventura County. Seema Chandra asked about the need for a new airport in Oxnard to improve transportation to the area. The Supervisor responded that there have been failed attempts for a grant to accomplish this in the past. Brian Trushinski asked the Supervisor to address what his goals are for 2024 for Oak Park. The Supervisor asked that a list of his achievements be brought to the MAC at the next meeting.

9. Written Comments – none

#### 10. Council Comments

- a. JL Diaz brought up that there will be elections for the Firesafe Council, and he will be stepping down as Chair.
- b. Michelle Santucci mentioned that she would be pleased to see more resident involvement.
- c. Brian Trushinski gave his landscaping report mentioning his request for a up to date street sweeping schedule. A resident of Oak Park has complained about the refuse left behind by the landscaping company resulting from their 4 week rotating schedule. This will be reevaluated, and the schedule will be redone. Brian also requested that the design for the Deerhill pickleball courts be able to be reviewed by the MAC with the

option to investigate traffic concerns. Jane Nye mentioned that residents want to be part of the discussion as to the changes planned for the area. Seema Chandra mentioned that it affects the quality of life in Oak Park. Rancho Simi Rec and Parks District will be asked for the option for Oak Park MAC to review the plans. As a member of the planning committee for RSRPD, Brian Trushinski brought up the issue of redistricting the electoral map. As Oak Park does not have the population required to have our own district there is a possibility that we will be joined in a district with Wood Ranch.

- d. Seema Chandra asked that a community event be planned for the spring or early summer for Oak Park residents at the community center or the high school.
- e. Jane Nye mentioned that Superintendent Jeff Davis has announced his retirement effective June 30 and a search will be initiated for his replacement. She also reminded the Board that this is her and Seema's last term as a member of the MAC and 2024 will bring about an election.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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#### **11. California Highway Patrol (CHP)**

Written Update provided by Officer Ayers

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE**

#### **12. Ventura County Fire Department**

Written Update provided by Scott Thomson, Director of Communications and Public Affairs

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE**

#### **13. Ventura County Sheriff**

No Update provided.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

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

- 14. Presentation by Maya Holcomb, Management Analyst, Calleguas Municipal Water District.** (Power point presentation attached)

- 15. Presentation by Glenn Shephard, Director of Watershed Protection Vegetation Management in Medea Creek.**

Glenn Shephard was asked to present to the MAC addressing Vegetation Management in the Medea Creek Corridor. Public Works coordinated with RSRPD for the cleaning of the covert located South of Kanan and South of Oak Hills to the county line in preparation for the upcoming rainy season. The expectation is that it will be cleared before Christmas. Brian Trushinski noted for the sake of transparency that he and Glenn have known each other since Brian previously worked for Public Works. He raised the issue that he has heard numerous complaints about the clearance of the vegetation on Medea Creek. Residents feel that the area was decimated and is now an eyesore. He remarked that the clearance was above and beyond what was needed for flood control with no consideration for the vegetation in the area. Brian Trushinski requested that a 25-foot margin on both sides of the creek be left in perpetuity. Michelle Santucci requested that consideration be given to the balance of environmental wildlife. Glenn Shephard reported that permits were issued by both Roads and Transportation and Fish and Wildlife for the covert and the Medea Creek clearance. JL Doaz mentioned that fire protection plays a critical role in brush clearance and requested that, as a member of the Firesafe Council Board he receive copies of reports from Public Works. Glenn agreed to meet with Brian separately to review his concerns about the Medea Creek clearance. (Post script: It should be noted that Glenn Shephard is no longer with Public Works.)

- 16. Approval of Oak Park MAC Calendar for 2024.** Motion to approve by Jane Nye, Seconded by Seema Chandra. Brian Trushinski recommended that the date of the last Thursday if the month be moved as it conflicts with planning for the RSRPD planning meeting. Jane Nye suggested that all members have conflicts and that it should remain the last Thursday of the month. Approved by unanimous vote.

## **CLOSING**

**16. Adjournment** of the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. to the next meeting, Thursday, January 25, 2024 at Oak Park High School, Room G-9, 899 North Kanan Road, Oak Park, CA 91377

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