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REGULAR MEETING Agenda (Revised)

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**January 25, 2024
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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OPENING

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Nomination and election of 2024 MAC officers and committee chairs.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, Nov 30, 2023
6. Agenda Review

7. Consent Items 12-17
8. Public Comments- Citizen Presentations regarding Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
9. Comments by Representative of Supervisor Jeff Gorell's office.
10. Written Comments – Chair to read written comments received by the MAC prior to the meeting.
11. 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.

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12. California Highway Patrol (CHP)

Update written report by Officer Ryan Ayers forthcoming.

RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

13. Ventura County Fire Department

Update written report provided by Scott Thomsen, Director of Communications and Public Affairs.

- The Spark of Love toy drive delivered Christmas cheer to about 30,000 children in Ventura County
- Heavy rains in late December and high surf in January highlight the conditions that VCFD is preparing for throughout a forecasted El Nino winter weather pattern.
- VCFD has completed the purchase of a building at 2400 Conejo Spectrum to be it's next HQ.
- Applications for firefighters will be accepted up to Jan 29.

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14. Ventura County Sheriff

Written update provided by Sgt Laura Natoli who has been named to replace Chris Jones as the MAC Liaison.

- The main and most repeated issue in our area is Organized Retail Theft (ORT). The Thousand Oaks Investigative Bureau has a detective solely assigned to ORT Crimes and by March the Sheriff's office will have a task force to combat the growing issue.
- Toyota Tacoma trucks and Prius are still the #1 target for thieves.

RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

15. CSA4's landscaping vendor's contract is up for renewal with the Enhanced Landscaping contract expiring in September. Brian Trushinski has agreed to serve on the panel that will review all proposals received for the landscaping vendor and has submitted his comments to Public Works.

RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

16. The Public Works website activities report, which provides information regarding services provided to residents each month, reports that in the month of December 9 tickets were opened for Oak Park. 5 were related to Road maintenance. 4 to Waste Management. 4 have been completed and 5 remain open. Updates will be provided monthly with January completions not reported yet. This continues to be the most

effective method to see that issues raised by residents are handled in a timely manner. All residents are encouraged to continue to use this method to report their concerns. Janna Orkney recently requested the removal of political signs and property which we anticipate will be resolved shortly.

RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

17. The Supervisor's office has received complaints about the quality of the live feeds on Youtube of the MAC meeting. These problems are the result of issues with the Wi-Fi in the room and the supervisor's office is working to resolve this.

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18. Presentation by Rhondi Guthrie, Government Relations Director of Athens Services to update residents on the transition progress of Athens in Oak Park.

19. Report from Dave Fleisch from Public Works to update residents on the state of the Cement Culvert Clearing South of Kanan Road and an update on the Watershed Protection District on Medea Creek Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

CLOSING

21. Adjournment of the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting on February 29, 2024 at Oak Park High School, Room G-9, 899 North Kanan Road, Oak Park, CA 91377.



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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.

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Written Update provided by Officer Ayers

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12. Ventura County Fire Department

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

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13. Ventura County Sheriff

No Update provided.

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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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VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

M E M O R A N D U M



DATE: January 23, 2024
TO: Supervisor Gorell's Office and the Oak Park MAC
FROM: Sgt. Laura Natoli #3421
RE: December 2023/ January 2024 MAC Law Enforcement Report

There have been limited property crimes occurring in the Oak Park area.

DECEMBER:

The main and repeated issue is Organized Retail Theft (ORT). The CVS on Lindero Canyon was victimized twice in December of 2023. The first crime occurred on 12/8/23, and three female suspects were arrested. The second ORT occurred on 12/16/23, and two females stole over \$1800 in cosmetics.

The Thousand Oaks Investigative Bureau has a detective solely assigned to ORT crimes and by March, the Sheriff's Office will have an ORT Task Force to combat the ongoing issue.

There were two cars damaged when suspect(s) attempted to steal them. Each vehicle had driver door lock damage and one had ignition damage.

A Toyota Tacoma truck had its catalytic converter stolen. Toyota Tacoma trucks and Prius' are still the number one targets for thieves. Best practice is to keep your vehicle in the garage.

JANUARY 2024:

A residential apartment community mailbox was tampered with, and the rear door was removed. The Postal Worker reported the crime and advised there was still mail in the slots. At this time, no one has reported being a victim of mail theft or identity theft.



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Jan. 3, 2024

Attn: Supervisor Jeff Gorell and Municipal Advisory Committees

- Heavy rains in late December and high surf conditions to start January, highlight the conditions The Ventura County Fire Department is preparing for throughout a forecasted El Nino winter weather pattern. On Dec. 21 alone, VCFD responded to 231 weather-related calls for service. The 981-call total for the day was nearly double the daily average for the month. Plan ahead and stay safe from flooding. Keep rain gutters and drains clear, prepare an emergency go kit and sign up for VC Alert at www.readyventuracounty.org.
- The Spark of Love holiday toy drive delivered cheer to about 30,000 needy children in Ventura County. The fire departments of Ventura County and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office collected toys. VCFD organized the toys and coordinated with dozens of nonprofit organizations to provide an average of three toys to each child served.
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- Applications for firefighter jobs will be accepted from Jan. 22 to Jan. 29.

Sincerely,

Scott Thomsen
Director of Communications and Public Affairs
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