

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, January 27, 2009
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, January 27, 2009, 7:00 P.M.
Oak Park High School G-9, 899 N. Kanan Rd., Oak Park

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by *Chair Jay Kapitz* at 7:00 P.M. MAC members Michael Paule, Michael Green, Derek Ross, and Mike Mc Reynolds were present, along with OPHS student representative Bar Hadari.

2. Flag Salute

Renee Peace of the Oak Park Community Center led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda passed 5-0, on a motion by *Michael Paule*, seconded by *Michael Green*.

4. Approval of the Minutes of December 16, 2008

Review of the December 16 minutes was continued to the February meeting.

5. MAC reorganization, selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2009

Jay Kapitz nominated *Michael Paule* for the position of Chair, *Mike Mc Reynolds* seconded the motion, and the MAC voted 5-0 in favor of it. *Michael Paule* nominated *Derek Ross* for Vice Chair, *Mike Green* seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

6. Adjournment of the MAC meeting

*{ Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District staff members conduct election for the
Oak Park Recreation and Park Planning Advisory Committee }*

7. Call back to order of the regularly scheduled 1/27/09 MAC meeting

Chair Paule called the MAC meeting back to order.

8. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks commented on issues being raised by the State budget crisis, saying that currently a \$70 million shortfall in State funding to the County was being projected. She noted that the County is "an arm of the State", and that Ventura County adhered to the policy of not allowing new programs without funding for them. She said that Ventura County was in a better position than some other counties because it is not as dependent on sales tax, thanks to a consequence of SOAR encouraging commercial development with urban areas, not unincorporated county open space. She said that the County emphasis during the economic crisis would be to support people keeping their jobs, as a way to support economic vitality. In response to a question about SOAR, she said that a January 31 public meeting in Oak Park on SOAR would report on county open space land and the future.

9. Public comments

Dina Juels, Stacey Lindenau, Ray Meyer, Marcie Pollock, and Jami Simons expressed concerns about speeding in Regency Hills, and asked for consideration of a stop sign at the intersection of Ellesmere and Deerbrook. *Supervisor Parks* said she was supportive of having the matter studied by county traffic engineers, and *Mike Mc Reynolds* asked that the options be studied for improving traffic safety there, and that the accident history be investigated.

Zoya Bokhoor described her volunteer program for collecting blankets for the homeless, asking for volunteer help and donations of blankets, which can be delivered to 25 Meadowlark Lane. She explained that her nonprofit was established to honor the memory of her son.

John McComb outlined his code enforcement problems with a wall he constructed on his property at Medea Creek Lane and Briarwood. The MAC encouraged him to continue to work with the County to resolve the matter and to return to the MAC when there was a need for MAC action.

Captain Brent Kerr said that in the coming week the Ventura County Sheriff's Department would meet with OPUSD officials and staff to give a presentation on threat assessment and response in the schools, covering topics such as bullying, alcohol, drug, and sex abuse, and terrorism.

10. Council Comments

Mike Mc Reynolds expressed his sympathy to Oak Park families on their recent loss of a family member. He also noted the recent accident near Medea Creek Middle School in which a student riding a bike was struck by a car. He expressed his appreciation to OPHS for fixing damage to The Cage.

Michael Green reported on the last Park Committee meeting, saying that the splash pond was put out to bid and may be opened in the summer along with the dog park. He described efforts to create a site for permanent memorials to Oak Park residents, mentioning the idea of a flag pole at the Community Center with an area around it for memorials.

Jay Kapitz noted that the new crosshatching on Sunnycrest Dr. appeared to be effective in improving traffic safety, and that the MAC approved stop signs for the intersection of Sunnycrest and Aspen Ridge were still to be completed. He said he had spent time with the crossing guard at Medea Creek Middle School while she worked, and that the portable signs were unstable. Perhaps an LED paddle designed for crosswalk guards could be effective. He noted that the issue of an RV parking on Kanan Rd. that residents had been complaining about was still not resolved, but that **Officer Hosking** and **Jim Fox** and others had helped a great deal to improve the situation.

Derek Ross wished everyone a healthy, happy new year. He emphasized that local businesses needed everyone's support, and that local volunteer programs and C.E.R.T. were very important to the community. He reminded the MAC that the past week marked the 15th anniversary of the Northridge earthquake, and that public safety depended on people getting involved. He pointed to **Zoya Bokhoor's** nonprofit as an example of a worthy volunteer program that merit everyone's support.

Bar Hadari contributed an update about school district news. She announced that the OPHS Peer Counseling group was working on a memorial to a student who passed away, perhaps in the form of a garden. She noted that in her experience Oak Park RV owners were trying hard to comply with the law. She pointed to streets with blind corners in her neighborhood, Golden Eagle, Trousdale, and Benedict; she asked how they could be improved.

Michael Paule said that the first election for all of the Triunfo Sanitation District board would occur in 2010, now that the Board had voted to make itself an all-elected board. He said that policies for dealing with the drought were being worked on, and that in the coming weeks there would be a public meeting and also a workshop on the topic with a vendor fair and rebates for introducing water saving efficiencies.

11. Information items

a. Calleguas Municipal Water District: update on recycled water pipeline rehabilitation/relining project on Kanan Rd.

Susan Mulligan summarized stages of the upcoming work and what residents could expect from it.

b. American Medical Response (AMR) report: ambulance response times to Oak Park calls

Butch Kedrowski provided a report on the past six months' compliance with AMR contract conditions.

12. Action items

a. MAC recommendation, letter expressing MAC support of water district applications for federal funding to expand the recycled water system

Jay Kapitz made a motion, seconded by **Mike Mc Reynolds**, and approved 5-0, to send the MAC letter to federal elected representatives, after hearing a description of the need from **Jeff Reinhardt** and **Carlos Reyes** of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

b. MAC recommendation, request for a public memorial to a young man from Oak Park

The MAC members observed that the school and park districts were working on plans for providing sites that could be used by the community to honor the memory of residents who have passed away.

c. MAC recommendation, permit application LU09-0010, certified farmers' market

Mike Green made a motion, seconded by **Derek Ross**, and approved 5-0, to recommend approval of the application, after hearing from shopping center owner **Jeff McGuire** about work on the project.

d. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule reported that trees needed to be removed around the Country Oaks apartment complex. He said that the signboard tops could be replaced to match the new median monument sign. He remarked that care was being taken with the landscaping budget to spend conservatively.

e. MAC liaison and committee assignments for 2009

Attached are the new assignments, which were approved 5-0 on a motion by **Mike Mc Reynolds**, seconded by **Mike Green**.

13. Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., February 24, 2009

Chair Paule adjourned the meeting at 9:19 PM until February 24, 2009 on a motion by **Jay Kapitz** that was seconded by **Michael Green** and passed 5-0.

Oak Park MAC Assignments for 2009

CHAIR: Michael Paule

VICE CHAIR: Derek Ross

SCHOOL DISTRICT: Mike McReynolds

PARKS & RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE: Mike Green

STREET SWEEPING COORDINATOR & LANDSCAPE CSA #4; LANDSCAPE REVIEW; LIAISON TO STANDING LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE: Michael Paule

MEETING ROOM: VC Supervisor

POSTING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT (SIGNS): VC Supervisor

LIAISON TO TRIUNFO SANITATION DISTRICT: Michael Paule

CROSSWALK & TRAFFIC SAFETY; TRANSPORTATION LIAISON: Mike Green, Mike Mc Reynolds

PARAMEDIC ISSUES: Derek Ross

PUBLIC RELATIONS, COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Jay Kapitz

LIAISON TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/BUSINESS COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Michael Paule, Derek Ross

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MEETINGS: Michael Paule

OVERSIZED VEHICLE ORDINANCE: Jay Kapitz

LIAISON TO LAW ENFORCEMENT: Mike Green

LIAISON TO C.E.R.T: Derek Ross

LIAISON TO COALITION FOR OAK PARK YOUTH AND COMMUNITY: Derek Ross

LIAISON TO VC PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY: Mike Mc Reynolds

GRAFFITI: Mike Green