

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, May 26, 2009
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, April 28, 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 Michael Paule* at 7:01 P.M. MAC members Michael Paule, Jay Kapitz, Michael Green, Derek Ross, and Mike Mc Reynolds were present, along with student representative Bar Hadari.

2. Flag Salute

Harvey Kern led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda passed 5-0.

4. Approval of the Minutes of March 24, 2008

The minutes were approved 5-0, on a motion by *Derek Ross*, seconded by *Mike Green*, to include the change requested by Derek Ross to add the titles "Assembly member" before the name Julia Brownley and "State Senator" before the name Tony Strickland where it appeared in the Council Comments.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks commented that the defeat of ballot measures in the recent State election could mean a decrease of about \$20 million to the County budget for fiscal year 2009/10. She previewed a proposal to be considered in June by the Triunfo Sanitation District Board to hold an awards program for drought resistant yards that replace traditional sod yards. She said that the Board of Supervisors had approved a temporary moratorium on large assembly uses in the County open space. In response to Harvey Kern's question about the Grand Jury's recent recommendation to consolidate some school districts in the County, Supervisor Parks explained that the Board of Supervisors would not play a role in the matter.

Supervisor Parks presented OPHS student representative to the MAC *Bar Hadari* with a commendation of appreciation for her year of service to the MAC.

6. Public comments

There were none.

7. Council Comments

Derek Ross commented that the OPUSD school board had submitted a response to the Grand Jury regarding its school district consolidation recommendation. He reported that the "We The People" mock trials for 5th graders held at the Ronald Reagan Library had been excellent. He also announced that the new teen CERT program had been approved by the OPUSD school board and that it would be introduced in the summer school program.

Mike Mc Reynolds, the MAC's schools' liaison, expressed his appreciation to OPUSD for the school year that was drawing to a close, and he noted that the year had seen no school dropouts. He reported that enrollment was expected to rise by 228 students in the coming year. He said that the Measure R projects were progressing. He expressed his appreciation to *Harvey Kern* for his service to Oak Park. He noted that the recent Clean Up Day looked great.

Michael Green said that he had also been at the "We The People" mock trials and that he was also very impressed by the event. He reported that the stairs along Hawthorne and Kanan he had mentioned before are the responsibility of RSRPD and that they will repair them. He said that *Jo Lassak*, long time recreation leader at RSRPD in Oak Park, would be retiring and that an Open House was planned for June 20 in her honor at the Oak Park Community Center from 4-6 in the afternoon. He congratulated the new Oak Park Farmers' Market on its success. He also reported that one arrest had already been made by the Ventura County Sheriff's Department in connection with the recent rash of graffiti vandalisms in Oak Park. He urged residents to report graffiti when they see it, and he thanked *Greg Epstein* of Enhanced Landscape for his company's rapid clean up work on graffiti.

Jay Kapitz noted that the Community Foundation for Oak Park had changed its bylaws so that serving as the MAC Chair was no longer the sole criterion for appointment as the MAC trustee/liaison to the Foundation. He requested that the MAC agenda in June have an action item to appoint him as the MAC trustee. He congratulated **Harvey Kern** and **Bar Hadari** for their accomplishments. He said that there was a possibility that funding to support National Night Out events may not be available this year. He commented that the Oak Park Farmers' Market was going well.

Bar Hadari said that the OPHS prom would take place the coming weekend, and that there was a special effort to expand publicity regarding the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Graduation would be on June 16. She noted that there would be school benefits featuring the bands and the choir. She also requested that the County examine and fix malfunctioning traffic lights at Kanan Rd. and Golden Eagle.

Michael Paule commented that the "We The People" event was wonderful, and that the region was fortunate to the Reagan Library nearby. He added his congratulations to **Bar Hadari**. He said that the Oak Park Farmers' Market was more of a success than some had anticipated, and that residents were thrilled to have it. He observed that there did exist problems with customers parking at the shopping center to the south and then jaywalking across Kanan Rd., and problems with some who walked their dogs at the market. He especially thanked CHP **Officer Randy Hosking** for watching over the Farmers' Market on the Memorial Day weekend. With regards to the upcoming Triunfo Sanitation District Board meeting on June 22, he noted that there would be a hearing on Prop. 218, and that a landscape workshop was planned.

8. Information items

a. Oak Park MAC and County of Ventura Recognition of Harvey Kern

On the occasion of his imminent departure to West Los Angeles to live, **Harvey Kern** was feted and thanked with a commendation from the MAC, presented to him by Chair Michael Paule, a Ventura County Board of Supervisors' resolution which Supervisor Parks read to him, and a commemorative engraved crystal award from the MAC that Derek Ross presented him in appreciation for his decades of extraordinary volunteer service to the community.

b. Reception in Honor of Harvey Kern to Benefit Community Foundation for Oak Park

Jay Kapitz announced that he would host a reception for Harvey Kern at his home on May 31, with donations collected to benefit the Community Foundation.

c. Self-storage use at Oak Park Shopping Center (Ed Choi)

Martin Agnew, representing owner Ed Choi, presented some ideas for converting part of the former Ralph's store into upscale self-storage units. The MAC members discussed the matter in response, and Mr. Agnew said that he would report back to Mr. Choi on the meeting.

9. Action items

a. MAC recommendation, location of speed feedback sign(s) for Sunnycrest Dr. (continued from April meeting)

On a motion by **Jay Kapitz** seconded by **Mike Mc Reynolds** and approved 5-0, the MAC voted to request that the Supervisor's office draft a letter to neighborhood residents regarding the two locations selected by the MAC subcommittee and have the subcommittee of two MAC members review the letter. Supervisor Parks offered to copy them all on the letter before sending it out.

b. MAC recommendation, application for exemption from oversized vehicle ordinance, and for parking sticker, 6801 E. Pala Mesa Dr.

On a motion by **Michael Paule**, seconded by **Jay Kapitz**, the MAC voted 5-0 to approve the application.

c. MAC OPHS student representative selection process

The MAC members agreed to revisit the matter at the September MAC meeting. On a motion by **Michael Paule**, seconded by **Mike Green**, the MAC voted 5-0 to continue having one year terms for student representatives.

d. MAC recommendation, additional expense to CSA #4 FY 2009/10 budget for crossing guards; revision to the agreement with OPUSD for crossing guards

The additional expense was recommended for approval 5-0 by the MAC, on a motion by **Jay Kapitz** seconded by **Derek Ross**. The revision to the agreement with OPUSD was recommended for approval 5-0 by the MAC, on a motion by **Jay Kapitz** seconded by **Derek Ross**.

e. CSA #4 budget for fiscal year 2009/10

Pam Landrio, Margaret Lopez, and Michelle Yamaguchi from the County Public Works Agency presented a draft of the budget for the next year and also long range projections and addressed questions. The budget would be approved in June by the Board of Supervisors and any more questions about it needed to be communicated to staff soon. **Derek Ross** thanked them for their assistance keeping the Oak Park CERT supplies up to date. He said that the CERT bin at the fire station had been opened and checked the previous weekend. **Mike Mc Reynolds** thanked them for providing long range estimates for the CSA #4 budget. The MAC agreed to keep the item on the agenda for the May meeting.

f. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule reported that the committee would be making recommendations to plant perennials at the monuments to save money, and that for the barren looking slope on Golden Eagle hydro-seeding was being considered.

10. Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., June 23, 2009

Chair Paule adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM until June 23, 2009 on a motion by **Jay Kapitz** that was seconded by **Mike Green** and passed 5-0.