

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, June 23, 2009
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, June 23, 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 7:05 P.M. MAC members Michael Paule, Jay Kapitz, Derek Ross, and Mike Mc Reynolds were present, along with OPHS student representative Bar Hadari. Mike Green was absent.

2. Flag Salute

Derek Ross led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda passed 4-0 on a motion by *Derek Ross* seconded by *Jay Kapitz*, which included *Michael Paule's* request to scratch item 9.e. due to the cancellation of the June landscape walk through.

4. Approval of the Minutes of May 26, 2008

The minutes were approved 4-0, on a motion by *Jay Kapitz* seconded by *Derek Ross* to include the change requested by *Mike Mc Reynolds* to add the word "upscale" to describe the self storage facility proposal introduced in agenda item 8.c.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks commented that the County budget for fiscal year 2009/10 had been passed by the Board of Supervisors with a modification of \$5 million of funding added to the budget for the Ventura County Sheriff's Department to prevent the layoff of deputies. This step constituted an exemption to the County policy of cutting programs when the funding source goes away. She said that she was in the process of forming a third municipal advisory council in her supervisorial district, for the unincorporated area of Casa Conejo. She commented on the issues of funding for the City of Thousand Oaks library system, noting that charges for Oak Park residents' use of the City's libraries had been lifted. She previewed an awards program she introduced at Triunfo Sanitation District to encourage residents to change lawns to drought tolerant landscaping. She said that the Board of Supervisors had approved her proposal to hold the October 13, 2009 Board meeting in Oak Park in the evening. Supervisor Parks reported that she had sent out a letter to neighborhoods in the vicinity of Sunnycrest Dr. about the proposed sites for speed feed back signs on Sunnycrest Dr. Supervisor Parks congratulated *Derek Ross* and his wife on the recent birth of their daughter *Molli Brenna Ross*.

6. Public comments

There were none.

7. Council Comments

Derek Ross announced the birth of his and his wife's first child *Molli Brenna Ross*. He commented that the new teen CERT program had not received sufficient enrollment to be introduced in the summer school program, but that the adult summer CERT program would be conducted. He invited participation in the July 17 "Speak Up" event at the Community Center designed to help develop local leadership. He mentioned that *Harvey Kern* continued to offer support to OakParkUpdate.com.

Jay Kapitz congratulated *Derek Ross* and his wife on the arrival of *Molli Brenna Ross*. He said that a free concert would be held in the park by the Community Center the coming weekend. He commented that with school out there were more young drivers on the streets and everyone needed to exercise caution. He commented that OakParkUpdate.com was looking great.

Mike Mc Reynolds, the MAC's schools' liaison, expressed congratulations to the new OPHS graduates. He commended the OPUSD school board on successfully dealing with the budget crisis, in a way that led to no lay-offs. He said that the Measure R projects were moving forward.

Bar Hadari said that a new principal was being selected for OPHS, along with a new PFC board. She said that summer school had begun the previous day. She expressed her satisfaction that improvements to the OPHS parking lot were underway.

Michael Paule commented that the end was in sight for the Calleguas repiping project, with repaving of the roads underway. He expressed his appreciation to the community for doing a great job of dealing with the project related disruptions. With regards to the Triunfo Sanitation District Board meeting on June 22, he noted that its hearing on Prop. 218 concluded water rates would need to be raised, but that a 27% increase could be delayed until January, 2010. Meanwhile, waste water rates would decrease by 5%. He reminded everyone that the matter was still open for public comments until July 6. **Supervisor Parks** added that the fees charged by VRSD for managing TSD projects needed to be studied. He also said that Oak Park would need to cut back water usage by 15% or face fines. **Derek Ross** asked how water usage was tracked.

8. Information items

Captain Brent Kerr of the VCSD commented that Oak Park remained a very safe community. As an example of how arrests occur within a matter of days he pointed to the recent case of the arrest of a graffiti vandal. He also said that in the past week **Detective Hill** had solved nine car burglaries that occurred in the North Ranch and Oak Park area. These pointed to the need for everyone to remember to lock their car doors. Captain Kerr also emphasized the importance of calling VCSD when crimes occur. He said that calls for service were counted. He expressed his appreciation for a good meeting with OPUSD Superintendent Tony Knight, and school officials, county representatives, and other law enforcement. He said that he was impressed by Oak Park's collaborative approach to working on issues of concern. Finally, he was hopeful that a somewhat scaled-down National Night Out event for Oak Park could still be considered despite the budget crisis.

Michael Paule inquired about sobriety check points he had recently noticed on Kanan Rd., and while it was determined that these were outside Ventura County and conducted by another jurisdiction **Officer Randy Hosking** noted that the most recent local check point the CHP had conducted resulted in nine arrests within Oak Park.

9. Action items

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

On a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Derek Ross** and approved 3-1, with **Jay Kapitz** dissenting, the MAC voted to recommend the two locations selected by the MAC subcommittee. Leading up to the vote, **Mike Mc Reynolds** said that he felt the two locations were the best for this purpose, and **Derek Ross** noted that he had seen the feed back signs on Lynn Road in Thousand Oaks recently on trips to the hospital occasioned by the birth of **Molli Brenna Ross**. Resident **Dave Hopkins** said that as a property owner living on Park Springs Court he saw constant speeding on Sunnycrest. He was not convinced that feed back signs would work, and he preferred having a stop sign at Summit Knoll. He asked whether a speed study of Sunnycrest had been conducted, and **Mike Mc Reynolds** answered that it had, and that a traffic study could lead to actually having the speed limit increased on Sunnycrest. **Jay Kapitz** commented that the letter to residents about the sites chosen had arrived late, and that he preferred to wait a month before voting to give residents more time to respond. He also questioned having the lower feed back sign located on a flat area. **Mike Mc Reynolds** replied that that was where an accident had occurred, at the curve nearby. **Officer Randy Hosking** said that the CHP works Oak Park twice or three times weekly, patrolling Sunnycrest as well. In conclusion, **Mike Mc Reynolds** commented that the speed feed back signs will be effective if people understand that they are there to slow drivers down.

b. MAC recommendation, traffic safety requests from OPUSD for streets at schools.

OPUSD Superintendent **Tony Knight** outlined the requests for traffic improvements on streets by schools that had been developed by school officials and then discussed at a meeting of school principals and Mr. Knight with Transportation Department experts, County Supervisor Linda Parks, Officer Randy Hosking, and Captain Brent Kerr the previous month at the OPUSD district office. On a motion by **Derek Ross** seconded by **Jay Kapitz** the MAC voted 4-0 to request guidance in writing from the Transportation

Department on the requests, including their costs, and to ask the Transportation Department to participate in the July MAC meeting.

c. MAC recommendation, MAC liaison to Community Foundation for Oak Park

On a motion by **Jay Kapitz** seconded by **Michael Paule** the MAC voted 4-0 to approve changing the Liaison appointment for 2009 to **Jay Kapitz**, reflecting the Foundation's recent change in its bylaws which allows a member of the MAC other than the Chair to serve on the Foundation Board.

d. MAC recommendation, application for CUP LU-08-0128 T-Mobile wireless communications facilities at the Kilburn Water Tank site

The item was recommended for approval 4-0 by the MAC, on a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Jay Kapitz**, on the condition that the height of the facilities are within 10% of a difference in height from other facilities already sited at the water tank.

e. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

The item was deleted from the agenda by the MAC.

f. MAC recommendation, application for exemption from oversized vehicle ordinance, and for parking sticker, 11 Pinewood Ave.

On a motion by **Jay Kapitz** seconded by **Mike Mc Reynolds** the MAC voted 4-0 to approve the application.

g. Cancellation of the August 25, 2009 MAC meeting

On a motion by **Mike Mc Reynolds** seconded by **Derek Ross** and approved 3-1, with **Michael Paule** dissenting, the MAC voted to continue the item to the July MAC meeting.

10. Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., July 28, 2009

Chair Paule adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM until July 28, 2009 on a motion by **Derek Ross** that was seconded by **Jay Kapitz** and passed 4-0.