

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, July 28, 2009
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, July 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 7:00 P.M. MAC members Michael Paule, Mike Green, Derek Ross, and Mike Mc Reynolds were present. Jay Kapitz and Bar Hadari were 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 *Michael Paule* seconded by *Mike Mc Reynolds*.

4. Approval of the Minutes of June 23, 2008

The minutes were approved 3-0, on a motion by *Mike Mc Reynolds* seconded by *Derek Ross*. *Mike Green* abstained due to his absence from that meeting.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks commented on the County budget for fiscal year 2009/10. She noted that federal stimulus funding would pay for repaving Doubletree Rd., classified as a federal roadway. In response to a question by *Mike Mc Reynolds* she said that funding for CSA #4 was not impacted by the State budget situation. *Mike Mc Reynolds* also noted that the State budget situation was delaying the schedule for repaving streets in Oak Park. *Derek Ross* congratulated Supervisor Parks for her work to create the new Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council. Supervisor Parks congratulated *Derek Ross* on organizing the recent forum on community volunteer work in Oak Park.

6. Public comments

Janna Orkney noted that the upcoming Triunfo Sanitation District meeting would feature the budget for the next fiscal year. She also introduced a news blog that she created.

7. Council Comments

Mike Mc Reynolds said that the Measure R projects were moving forward, including work to renew the high school parking lot. He commended the landscape committee on the medians on Kanan Rd. He requested that the CHP patrol Ellesmere Way for speeding.

Mike Green thanked the Sheriff's Department and Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks Department for their recent quick action to deal with graffiti in Oak Park. He said that the splash pad would be completed by mid-August, and that work on the dog park had begun. The bike trail by the high school and library had been fixed by RSRPD, as well as the stairway by Hawthorne. The board of RSRPD would be voting on the use of their land for the new Kilburn water tank. He noted that 1700 people had attended the June 27 concert at Oak Canyon Community Park.

Derek Ross commented that Oak Park's CERT program was up and running, and more residents could participate through getting the training in classes being offered. Regarding the forum on community volunteering, Speak Up, he said it was important now to keep the momentum going. He confirmed with *Captain Kerr* of the Sheriff's Department that the budget crisis this year would preclude having a National Night Out event in Oak Park this summer. He reminded residents to conserve water and to pick up after their dogs.

Michael Paule commented that the Agoura/Oak Park Chamber of Commerce would be meeting next at the new Cisco's restaurant to hear State Senator Tony Strickland speak. He said that the Oak Park Plaza had a new Subway business, and he encouraged residents to eat locally and to support local business. Regarding water supplies, he said that Oak Park would need to cut back water usage in the current year by 15%, and that a public outreach program about it was being tried in place of the imposition of fines. He directed

residents to the Triunfo Sanitation District website for more information on steps taken by the Triunfo Sanitation District board.

8. Information items

There were none.

9. Action items

a. MAC recommendation, location of speed feedback signs for Sunnycrest Dr.

On a motion by **Mike McReynolds** seconded by **Mike Green** and approved 4-0, the MAC voted to recommend the upper location already selected by the MAC subcommittee, and to accept the lower location that the committee would decide on in consultation with Traffic Engineer **Richard Herrera** at the site. Transportation Director **Butch Britt** noted that the solar powered signs required adequate sunlight to be operational. **Mike Mc Reynolds** said that he would work on an informational sheet for residents regarding frequently asked questions. **Butch Britt** noted that the County provided brochures that would also be useful in answering questions.

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

The Transportation Department, represented by **Butch Britt** and **Richard Herrera**, responded to the OPUSD requests. Request #1: they agreed to extend the time allowed on the crosswalk signal on Kanan Rd. by the high school, and to study in the fall at an estimated expense of \$4,000 the option of creating an all-cross crossing arrangement there.

With regard to Request #2, the painting of the curb at Medea Creek Middle School, OPUSD School Board Member **Barbara Laifman** said that she would ask the Board for its preference as to who would be responsible for the painting.

Request #3, putting a four-way stop at the intersection of Hollytree and Doubletree, would not meet warrants according to the Transportation Department, but would require the Board of Supervisors to vote to over ride that conclusion and direct the installation. A request for the Board of Supervisors to over ride that conclusion and to order the four-way stop at that intersection was approved 4-0 by the MAC, on a motion by **Mike Green** seconded by **Mike Mc Reynolds**.

Request #4 involved converting the bus turnout by the middle school into a place for parents to drop off and pick up students. It was approved 4-0 by the MAC, on a motion by **Mike Green** seconded by **Mike Mc Reynolds**.

Request #5, making a right turn only from the Oak Hills Elementary School parking lot, was deemed by the Transportation Department a decision for the school district to make.

Request #6: The MAC dismissed the request for a new crosswalk in the middle of the block on Churchwood as something carrying too much risk.

Request #7: The Transportation Department said that in the fall it would do an analysis of speed humps for Churchwood.

Request #8: The MAC voted 4-0, on a motion by **Mike Mc Reynolds** that was seconded by **Derek Ross**, to put a white painted zone between the driveways at Brookside Elementary School to allow pick up and drop off only.

Request #9: The MAC voted 4-0, on a motion by **Mike Mc Reynolds** that was seconded by **Derek Ross**, to add a no parking zone 20' to the north of the exit driveway at Red Oak Elementary School.

c. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule said that remediation work in front of the high school had been delayed, but that the committee had decided in favor of planting native plants in place of turf there, and that Enhanced Landscape was putting together a proposal for the MAC to consider in the fall. Also, a hydro seeding proposal for Golden Eagle would go on the MAC agenda in the near future. He expressed appreciation to **Greg Epstein** for his efficient graffiti clean up efforts. He noted that the soccer fields at Deerhill Park had been vandalized by a vehicle riding over them. **Captain Kerr** said that the vandalism was under investigation, and that a person was already in custody for the burgleries in Oak Park from the previous weekend. He emphasized the need to lock park cars.

d. MAC recommendation, the removal of 7 to 14 poplar trees on Golden Eagle and Bowfield

The item was recommended for approval 4-0 by the MAC, on a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Derek Ross**, with the proviso that 7 trees be removed at once, and the remaining trees be removed subject to future approval by the MAC.

e. Cancellation of the August 25, 2009 MAC meeting (continued from the June meeting)
On a motion by **Michael Paule** that was seconded by **Mike Green** and passed 4-0 the MAC voted to cancel the August MAC meeting.

10. Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., September 22, 2009
Chair Paule adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM until September 22, 2009.