

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, September 22, 2009
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, September 22, 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, Jay Kapitz, Derek Ross, and Mike Mc Reynolds were present, along with OPHS student representative Bar Hadari.

2. Flag Salute

Stephen Esmay led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda passed 5-0 on a motion by *Derek Ross* seconded by *Mike Green*.

4. Approval of the Minutes of July 28, 2008

With a correction introduced by Mike Green, to change on item #4 to reflect a 3-0 vote with his abstention due to his absence in June, and a change introduced by Michael Paule to change #7 to read the Triunfo Sanitation District website in place of Calleguas, the minutes were approved 5-0, on a motion by *Derek Ross*, seconded by *Mike Green*.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks commented that the Board of Supervisors was discussing reopening contracts with unions representing County workers, due to reduction in revenue. The County had eliminated 100 positions, and was now in the process of considering lay offs and furloughs. She said that County spending needed to be reduced. She expressed sympathy for the Medea Creek Middle School student injured during morning drop off time at the school. She reported on the progress being made by fire fighters battling a wildfire in the Moorpark area. She said that the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Doubletree Road and Hollytree Drive would be an agenda item considered by the Board of Supervisors when it held its meeting on October 13 in Oak Park. She congratulated OPUSD for receiving a State award recognizing the District's wellness policies. She noted that *Pfc. Brian Wolverton*, the OPHS graduate who was killed in Afghanistan over the summer, would be honored by the Board of Supervisors on October 13.

6. Public comments

Stephen Esmay, a Boy Scout from Oak Park, introduced the results of his investigation into the use by pedestrians of bike lanes in Oak Park. He noted that State law supports the rights of bicycle riders to use the lanes, and prohibits pedestrians if sidewalks exist that adjoining the bike lanes. *Sergeant Bennett of VCSD* confirmed the accuracy of these comments. Mr. Esmay requested that the MAC install signs at the entrances to bike lanes warning people about the law. He also asked for suggestions on other ways to publicize the matter, and *Michael Paule* suggested that he ask HOA's to put the information in their newsletters to HOA members, while *Mike Green* noted that he could write a letter to the "Acorn" on the topic.

Jerry Fox spoke about the need for a resolution in the matter of the RV parked for a long time on Kanan Rd. near the intersection with Conifer. She also noted that there was parking in the no parking zone on Oak Hills Dr. before Kanan Dr., and she requested that the signage be flagged.

7. Council Comments

Bar Hadari reported that the dubious behavior of a man parked in a white van at the OPHS parking lot served as a reminder to students of the need to take precautions. She said that the first varsity football game would be played at home in the coming week. She thanked the community for making possible the new parking lot at OPHS, and she noted the District of the Year Award won by OPUSD for its wellness policies.

Derek Ross commended Oak Park on being a safe and beautiful place to live. He said that in October new CERT classes were beginning in Oak Park.

Jay Kapitz expressed sympathy to the family of **Brian Wolverton** on their great loss.

Mike Green reported that the Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks Department Board had okayed the use of their land for the new Oak Canyon water tank. He said that the bike trail repair work behind the Library was now completed, that the splash pad had opened in August, and that work on the dog park would be finished in March or April. He commented that despite the large no stopping area on Conifer paralleling the Brookside Elementary playing field, motorists were still parking there, especially on Saturdays and after 6 PM weekdays, and he appealed for enforcement action.

Mike Mc Reynolds expressed sympathy for the student injured going to school at Medea Creek Middle School. He commended OPUSD for providing a great education, and for its follow through with Measure R projects. He also commended the water district on its use of the recycled water line and receipt of stimulus money.

Michael Paule commented on the new speed feed back signs, saying that they were placed in appropriate locations. He thanked Supervisor Parks for helping obtain the signs. He said that the Triunfo Sanitation District Board would hold a special meeting on a new water ordinance, to provide water use targets and permanent conservation measures. He said that water measurement showed that residents in Oak Park were voluntarily reducing usage. **Supervisor Parks** mentioned incentive programs, and the formation of a Green Ribbon Committee, and she added that the new water tank for Oak Park would probably be completed in the coming year. **Michael Paule** noted that the repaving of Doubletree Rd. made it safer, but that many more Oak Park streets needed repair and could not be finished due to the economy. He pointed out that OPUSD scores on the API tests were the highest in the County, and he noted the planned opening of a new restaurant, Cigale, in Oak Park Plaza; he encouraged residents to support local business.

8. Information items

There were none.

9. Action items

a. MAC recommendation, application for exemption from oversized vehicle parking ordinance, and parking permit, 4904 Lazio Way

On a motion by **Jay Kapitz** seconded by **Mike Green** and approved 5-0, the MAC voted to allow the exemption.

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

No MAC action was taken on the item.

c. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule said that 7 trees had been removed on Bowfield, and that work on the Kanan medians was deferred until the Committee had approved a proposal from Enhanced Landscape in October.

d. MAC recommendation, adoption of Conflict of Interest Code

The item was recommended for approval 5-0 by the MAC, on a motion by **Jay Kapitz** seconded by **Mike Mc Reynolds**.

e. MAC recommendation, selection of student liaison to the MAC

No MAC action was taken on the item.

f. MAC recommendation, policy of temporary permits for parking in non-parking zones

No MAC action was taken on the item.

g. MAC recommendation, LU06-0067: Request for side setback and driveway sight triangle variance, 5897 Briarwood Lane

On a motion by **Jay Kapitz** seconded by **Mike Green** and approved 5-0, the MAC voted to recommend the variances.

h. MAC recommendation, "Frequently Asked Questions Related to Sunnycrest Dr."
information sheet

No MAC action was taken on the item.

10. *Closing in Honor of Brian Wolverton*

Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., October 27, 2009

Chair Paule adjourned the meeting in honor of Brian Wolverton at 8:37 PM until October 27, 2009.