

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, November 24, 2009
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, November 24, 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, Mike Mc Reynolds, and Derek Ross were present, along with OPHS student representative Anisha Rajavel.

2. Flag Salute

Jay Kapitz 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 *Jay Kapitz*.

4. Approval of the Minutes of October 27, 2008

The minutes were amended at *Jay Kapitz's* request to read under item 7. Council Comments that he had "appreciated the Board's consideration of the four way stop at Hollytree and Doubletree". The MAC approved the minutes 4-0, on a motion by *Mike Mc Reynolds*, seconded by *Mike Green*.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks stated that the Triunfo Sanitation District Board had agreed to not allow the cleaning of water from Rockeddyne in its waste water facility. She described the Board of Supervisors discussion about property tax at its meeting earlier that day, saying that the Board tried to help out the purchasers of homes whose value had decreased by requesting that County staff look into whether State law allows partial payments of tax in these cases. Also at the meeting that day her Senior Summit Action Plan was presented, and she gave examples of results from the Summit and said that the Plan could be accessed on her County web site. She said that Public Works Agency staff had studied and recommended against converting the bus turn out across the street from Medea Creek Middle School into a student drop off area for cars. She talked about the recent electrical system outage in Oak Park, and mentioned that she was currently working with Southern California Edison to improve the process through which the locating of power transmission lines is decided. She explained that now is an excellent time to address this issue as the transition to new power sources could mean more power lines needing to be installed generally. Regarding the Board of Supervisors' continuing work on the County budget, she said that closed sessions were being held to examine reforms of the pension plans for County employees. She spoke about the need to strengthen the County's greenbelt protections to preserve open space between cities, citing the example of threats to the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt between Thousand Oaks, Moorpark and Simi Valley. She described the process of Simi Valley annexing the Reagan Library into the City, and a proposal for a very large church and campus in the Tierra Rejada despite the Board of Supervisors' moratorium on new assembly uses in open space.

6. Public comments

There were no cards submitted from the public.

7. Council Comments

Anisha Rajavel reported on school news. She spoke about Acceptance Week sponsored by the Peer Counseling group, a new newsletter at OPHS, the blog started by the principal of Medea Creek Middle School, as well as about the success of a food drive held at OPHS for troops abroad.

Mike Green said that the RSRPD Halloween event at the Community Center had been a huge success, hosting 600 local kids. He reported that the new RSRPD brochure was out. He said he had attended a Measure R school bond oversight meeting, and that the school board had voted to combine all the school bond oversight committees into one committee. He expressed appreciation to *Captain Brent Kerr* of the Sheriff's Department for answering his inquiry within two days regarding whether Oak Park could participate in a Sheriff's Department program for contacting the parents of teen drivers who speed. *Captain Brent Kerr* had answered in the affirmative, and shared information about the program.

Jay Kapitz expressed thanks to **Derek Ross** for his hard work on the community website, oakparkupdate.com. He also thanked the CHP and the VCSd for handling the problem with an RV parked too long on Kanan Road which had been the subject of complaints from residents for a long time. Regarding the four way stop installed at Hollytree and Doubletree, he noted that it was still a learning curve for drivers, and would need some time before the effectiveness of the installation could be evaluated. **Mike Mc Reynolds** suggested putting the four-way stop on the MAC agenda for reconsideration, and **Michael Paule** said that the four way stop needed a 90 day review before the MAC discussed it again.

Derek Ross commended Oak Park's public safety services, and he said that he noticed **CHP Officer Randy Hosking** and VCSd deputies frequently in Oak Park. He noted the coming of new businesses to Oak Park's shopping centers, and he said that he had added an emergency information page to the community website.

Mike Mc Reynolds reported on the OPUSD Measure R meeting. He reminded everyone of the need to be reflective and thankful for what we have.

Michael Paule commented on the new four-way stop signs at Hollytree and Doubletree, and he noted that there was information about flu shot clinics on the County website. He mentioned that he had heard about a recent party involving teens and alcohol consumption in Oak Park, and he reminded everyone how, especially at the holiday time, parents needed to be aware of how parties can get out of hand. He congratulated Oak Park on attaining water use reduction goals. Regarding the recent electrical outage that affected a large portion of Oak Park, he said that the MAC had received a report on it from Southern California Edison.

8. Information items

a. Water Services available to residents: Bob Pettit, Oak Park Water Service

Bob Pettit gave a presentation about different programs and support services the company offered to encourage water conservation in the community. He also offered to set up a tour of the facilities for MAC members to show them the Oak Park water system.

9. Action items

a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule said that on December 21 the work on the Kanan medians' grass planting would commence. The item was voted on by the MAC in October. He noted the budget update for CSA #4 recently provided by Public Works to the MAC.

b. MAC recommendation, CERT request for AED unit for Red Oak Elementary

Diane Starzak presented information on this item, describing the process by which the MAC had helped fund six units for Oak Park in previous years. She said that **Principal Jon Duim** at Red Oak Elementary School already had five staff members trained to use the AED device, and that a new pupil to arrive in the fall had certain health conditions and could potentially benefit from an AED unit being sited at the school. The cost would be \$2333. **Michael Paule** agreed with **Jay Kapitz** and **Mike Green** to table the item until other funding sources could be investigated. Mike Green also emphasized the importance of trying to fund AED units for all three elementary schools in Oak Park.

c. MAC recommendation, moving December MAC meeting to December 15

The item was approved 5-0, on a motion by **Jay Kapitz** that was seconded by **Derek Ross**.

10. Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., December 15, 2009

Chair Paule adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM until December 15, 2009.