

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, January 26, 2010
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 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 7:02 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

Alon Glickstein led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

With the suggestion by *Mike McReynolds* to switch the order of action items e. and f., the adoption of the revised agenda passed 5-0 on a motion by *Mike Green* seconded by *Mike McReynolds*.

4. Approval of the Minutes of November 24, 2009

The MAC approved the minutes 5-0, on a motion by *Mike Mc Reynolds*, seconded by *Mike Green*.

5. MAC reorganization, selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2010

Jay Kapitz made a motion, seconded by *Mike McReynolds*, to nominate *Mike Green* for Chair, and by acclamation the motion passed. *Mike Green* thanked *Michael Paule* for his service as Chair, and he took his seat. *Jay Kapitz* nominated *Mike McReynolds* for Vice Chair, and after *Derek Ross* seconded the motion it too passed by acclamation.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks noted regarding the most recent Triunfo Sanitation District Board meeting that Oak Park was succeeding with water conservation, with residents only 1% over the limit set for water consumption. She said that the Board of Supervisors was dealing with the impacts to the County of the State financial problems. She said that the Board of Supervisors would be presenting Climate Action Awards, and she invited the MAC to nominate businesses and individuals making significant contributions to implementing environmentally responsible practices. She described newly added features on the County's Agriculture Commissioner web pages, which highlight the Farmers' Markets in the County and guidelines for determining what produce is organically grown. The April 24 Community Beautification Event at OPHS run by the Public Works Agency was announced by Supervisor Parks. She said that this year it would be coordinated with Earth Day at the high school and with the annual open space clean up event. She thanked *VCSD Captain Brent Kerr* for arranging to provide Explorers from the Sheriff's Department to help out with traffic flow at the event. She noted the upcoming retirement of Transportation Department Director *Butch Britt*, saying that he played a central role and that his knowledge of the County would be hard to duplicate. She described the presentation on reducing trash bills that was recently given to the Casa Conejo MAC by Public Works. Finally, she mentioned that several important public meetings on land use issues involving open space and scenic ridgelines would be held at the Board of Supervisors regular meetings in the coming months.

7. Public comments

Harry Medved made a presentation about a January 31 event at Oak Canyon Park organized by the Oak Park Chabad for the community.

8. Council Comments

Jay Kapitz expressed thanks to *Michael Paule* for serving as Chair, and he congratulated *Mike Green* on his election. He wished everyone a happy new year.

Derek Ross reported on the success of the Snow Day held recently at Oak Hills Elementary. He described some business changes in the shopping centers, and wished everyone a happy new year.

Michael Paule commented on the annual reorganization meeting at the Triunfo Sanitation Board meeting, which made him Chair for 2010. He said that in November the first elections for the newly all-elected Board would be held. The February Board meeting would be held in Thousand Oaks. The new water tank construction for the Oak Canyon Reservoir was planned to begin in midyear, and Oak Park was close to its water conservation target.

Anisha Rajavel reported on school news. She spoke about the flu shot clinics held at the schools, the new student registration for K-5, and she noted that US News and World Report had recently ranked OPHS in the top 3% nationally.

Mike Mc Reynolds reported on the recent OPUSD School Board meetings, highlighting the summer projects discussed. He commended **Michael Paule** on his research and analysis of water rates, as presented at the TSD Board meeting. In closing, Mr. McReynolds also said that AYBA was providing a program for children with special needs.

Mike Green said that RSRPD had an opening on its Board of Directors. There would be a 7 month temporary appointment, and residents were invited to apply. He said that mailings for the 2010 Census would be coming soon. He spoke about his involvement with the Red Cross, and described the need to create with the Red Cross a continuity plan with groups such as CERT in Oak Park. A meeting with leadership groups in Oak Park was being planned for the Red Cross.

9. Information items

a. Report from OPUSD Environmental Education Awareness Committee, Chair Kelya Treitman

Ms. Treitman gave a presentation about the many different programs and activities created by the committee at OPUSD. She also highlighted plans for its April 24 Earth Day event at OPHS.

10. Action items

a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule said that the work on the Kanan medians' grass planting was completed. He also noted that solar powered lighting would be installed for the Kanan Rd. monument sign.

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

The item was tabled, with the understanding that the unit had been donated by another entity. School Board member **Barbara Laifman** said that she would confirm this news.

c. MAC recommendation, MAC liaison assignments

Continuing the 2009 liaison assignments list, with the exception of expanding the CERT assignment to include the Red Cross, and changing the chair and vice-chair, was approved 5-0, on a motion by **Michael Paule** that was seconded by **Jay Kapitz**.

d. MAC recommendation, 4-way stop at Doubletree Rd./Hollytree Dr.

The item was postponed for a vote until the April MAC meeting, as the MAC agreed that more time was needed to evaluate how well the signs were working and to allow for more public input.

Linda Furgula said that she lives at Shadow Ridge and works at MCMS, and that she felt the signs were making a positive safety difference. **Benjamin Hyles** noted that a majority of residents in Shadow Ridge who spoke to him had said to him they wanted the signs removed. The principal of MCMS had noted in a memo referenced by speakers that the signs had slowed traffic, and that the positive aspects of the signs was slightly outweighing the negatives, and that a future plan to alter traffic patterns at the school could be dependent on the signs, so that OPUSD needed to know whether they would remain installed.

e. MAC recommendation, Kanan Rd. bike lanes signage

This item was moved behind item f., and voted on in the motion made for item f.

f. MAC recommendation, bike lanes for Kanan Rd. between Oak Hills Dr., Lindero Canyon Rd.

On a motion by ***Mike McReynolds***, seconded by ***Jay Kapitz***, the MAC voted unanimously to request two studies: one by Public Works to study putting bike lanes on both sides on the roadway, and another study by Enhanced Landscape on the cost of putting markings on the already existing inside lanes located south of the east bound lane and apart from it.

11. Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., February 23, 2010

Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM until February 23, 2010, after a 5-0 vote on a motion by ***Michael Paule***, seconded by ***Jay Kapitz***.