

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, February 23, 2010
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, February 23, 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 Mike Green* at 7:00 P.M. MAC members Michael Paule, Mike Green, Jay Kapitz, Mike Mc Reynolds, and Derek Ross were present.

2. Flag Salute

Supervisor Linda Parks led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda passed 5-0 on a motion by *Michael Paule* seconded by *Mike McReynolds*.

4. Approval of the Minutes of January 26, 2010

The MAC approved the minutes 5-0, on a motion by *Jay Kapitz*, seconded by *Derek Ross* which included the corrections that it was Jay Kapitz in item 5.who nominated Mike McReynolds for Vice Chair. In addition, in item 8., an earlier month's report from Anisha Rajavel was deleted, and Derek Ross was identified as the MAC member who commented on Snow Day and on business changes in the shopping centers, and in item 9.a. the committee organization name was changed to OPUSD from OPHS.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks noted that seats on the Oak Park MAC would be open this year and voted on in the November, 2010 election. She said that the County Supervisors were reopening contracts with a dozen of its County unions in the effort to reduce government expenditures. The recent Supreme Court decision on the financing of political campaigns nationwide was also leading to changes in County policies, she explained. She commented on the retirement in the coming month of Transportation Department Director *Butch Britt*.

7. Public comments

Janna Orkney spoke about the challenges of having elections this fall for three seats on the Triunfo Sanitation District Board of Directors, on which she serves, and she relayed her reservations about approving the extension of two pipelines.

8. Council Comments

Derek Ross shared news about an upcoming Chamber of Commerce event, and the golf tournament later that week to benefit OPHS. He said that oakparkupdate.com was in the process of being redesigned.

Michael Paule commented on OPUSD's projected increased enrollment by 500 out of District students for the coming school year, expressing his concerns about space and about mitigation for increased traffic in Oak Park. He requested an agenda item that would consider the MAC communicating concerns about increased traffic to the School District. Regarding the Triunfo Sanitation District Board business, he commented that the year's rain storms did not mean the drought is over, and that long term solutions to assuring the water supply from the Delta were needed, in addition to successful efforts such as Oak Park's use being limited by residents to 1 % of Oak Park's allotment.

Mike Mc Reynolds reported on the recent OPUSD School Board meetings, and said that five schools had achieved being named to the Honor Roll of the organization California Business for Education Excellence. He spoke about progress made with Measure R program items, and mentioned that some had qualified for matching funds from the State. Despite the new student enrollment projections, however, the District was looking at a \$2.5 million deficit. *Mike Green* asked about the possibility of introducing bus pick up points for out of district students.

Jay Kapitz reported on a meeting of Oak Park residents with a group that works with issues from the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory located five miles from Oak Park. He recommended contacting federal

representatives for residents concerned about the implementation of Senate Bill 990 for the clean up of the site. He also announced that the Community Foundation for Oak Park had openings for new trustees.

Mike Green asked to add to the agenda a regular item for Written Communications. He summarized the responses from the Transportation Department regarding the MAC's requested bike lane study, the four-way stop at Doubletree and Hollytree, and putting speed humps on Oak Hills Dr. He said that an AED unit had been donated to Red Oak Elementary school by a charitable organization called "Music for the Heart". He said donations of gloves and recyclable trash bags would be welcomed for the April 24 clean up event.

9. Information items

a. Saturday, April 24 Earth Fest and Community Recycling Day at OPHS

Mike Green described events connected with the April 24 Earth Day at OPHS. **Captain Brent Kerr** said that the Sheriff's Department would be on hand to help out with the traffic flow.

10. Action items

a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule said that the new Kanan median's grass planting was looking good and that bare spots would be filling in with new growth. He noted that the estimated cost was \$3300 to stencil the existing bike lanes along Kanan Rd. discussed in the previous MAC meeting, and that the MAC could decide later whether to consider doing this. Regarding the discarded tree cuttings on Hawthorne also discussed earlier, he said that Public Works would be sending a letter to the property owner from whose yard the tree came.

b. MAC recommendation, application for renewal of exemption from Oversized Vehicle Ordinance, 6652 Maplegrove St.

The MAC voted 5-0 to approve the permit, on a motion by **Jay Kapitz** seconded by **Derek Ross**.

c. MAC recommendation, appointment of a MAC subcommittee on volunteers in policing

The MAC agreed that **Mike Green** and **Mike Mc Reynolds** could study the prospects for this program in Oak Park.

d. MAC recommendation, consideration of a dumpster diving ordinance for Oak Park

Benjamin Hyles said that the problems with strangers appearing at the Shadow Ridge complex and going through bins remained an issue, and he recommended adding the word "inspect" to wording about what would be prohibited in a new ordinance. The MAC approved the item with this addition, requesting that the County Counsel draft an ordinance for further consideration. The motion was made by **Jay Kapitz** and seconded by **Mike Mc Reynolds**, and passed 5-0.

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

Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 8:53 PM until March 23, 2010.