

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, March 23, 2010
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, March 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, along with Student Liaison Anisha Rajavel.

2. Flag Salute

Superintendent Tony Knight of OPUSD led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda passed 5-0.

4. Approval of the Minutes of February 23, 2010

The item was continued to the following MAC meeting.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks spoke about the importance of the 2010 Census for ensuring residents receive public services. She invited MAC members and residents to participate in an upcoming Citizens' Planning Academy to learn about the planning process. She noted that three seats on the Oak Park MAC would be open this year and voted on in the November, 2010 election, along with four seats on the Triunfo Sanitation District Board of Directors. She said that a hearing was scheduled for the April MAC meeting regarding permit applications for the Conifer Street Chabad, as well as a Ventura County Planning Commission hearing later in May. She expressed her appreciation to the Sheriff's Department on its success in apprehending a person suspected of robbing two area banks recently. She also said that earlier in the day the Board of Supervisors had received good news in a report from the CHP, and she congratulated the CHP for helping prevent any East County 101 fatalities so far in the new year. *Jay Kapitz* said that family members had recently addressed the BOS regarding preserving open space, and he asked how the public can become better informed about upcoming hearings on that topic. Supervisor Parks noted that her County website contains information about hearings on the County's tentative schedule.

7. Public comments

Leslie Leavens-Crowe, a County grower who serves as the Chair of the Farm Bureau's ACP-HLB Task Force, gave a presentation about the threat posed by the Asian citrus psyllid insect (ACP) and the citrus-killing disease that it carries, called Huanglongbing (HLB). She showed how to detect and recognize the insect on backyard fruit trees, and impressed upon everyone the necessity of calling the Agricultural Commissioner to destroy the insect if residents find it on their citrus trees.

9. Council Comments

Anisha Rajavel spoke about the Great Race of Agoura, College Knowledge Night event at OPHS, sign-up's at Brookside Elementary for enrollment in the fall, and about how all elementary school pupils had been encouraged to cut down on sugar consumption that week.

Mike Mc Reynolds reported on the recent OPUSD School Board meeting, where there was news about finalizing bids for Measure R program items. He encouraged everyone to get involved in the April 24 events at OPHS.

Derek Ross spoke about increased cooperation between the CERT team and the Red Cross. He said that it was now the eighth year of oakparkupdate.com, and it would be redesigned at the beginning of April. He said that the new dog park would be opening in May. He said that he had reduced his own water bill by two-thirds that month. He also encouraged people to participate April 24.

Jay Kapitz congratulated the website. He commented on the June 8 election noting that because many races had only two candidates, it was going to be similar to a general election in terms of the finality of its results.

Michael Paule said that construction on the new Oak Canyon reservoir would begin in September and take about a year. He said that some cell tower issues would be coming to the MAC for hearings with the removal of the old Conifer tank. He commented that he had requested that the MAC review Verizon's plan to add 10' of cell tower to its existing facility at the Kilburn water tank. The facility would also have a diesel fueled generator. He congratulated Derek Ross on his water conservation success. He said that Oak Park's consumption was presently 1% below the target set by the Triunfo Sanitation District, and that Oak Park's water source Lake Oroville was only 50% full. Regarding the Triunfo Sanitation District Board business, he also commented that the TSD website now carried monthly drought reports, and that TSD would have a booth at the April 24 OPHS event, informing attendees how to read their water meters and sprinklers.

Mike Green congratulated oakparkupdate.com. Regarding the cell towers at the Conifer tank site, he reported that RSRPD would be retaining them. Reporting on Parks and Recreation Committee matters, he said that May 29 was planned for the ribbon cutting event at the new dog park, and the reopening of the splash pad. He said that excess dirt piled behind the high school from the OPHS parking lot work last year had been removed to the dog park site and used there. Finally, he said that the Mae Boyar Park Egg Hunt would be held April 3, and he had discussed this with **Capt. Brent Kerr** and **Officer Randy Hosking**.

9. Information items

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

Mike Green described the three events connected with the April 24 Earth Day at OPHS.

10. Action items

a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule said that the Committee was in need of new members. He had been on the monthly drive through in the previous week with Enhanced Landscape's **Greg Epstein**, and noted that cottonwoods on Bowfield would be needing replacement. He reported that about \$20K remained in the budget for the fiscal year time period ending in June. He said that a proposal had been presented by Enhanced Landscape for shrubs and ground cover to fill in gaps between Lindero Canyon Dr. and Hawthorne along Kanan Rd. He asked for the MAC's consideration to approve this work. The MAC approved it 5-0 on a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Jay Kapitz**.

b. MAC recommendation, traffic mitigation and OPUSD enrollment projections

Michael Paule asked whether inter-district transfers of OPUSD new students would increase traffic problems around Oak Park schools, and if the School District should be considering measures to mitigate the impacts. **Superintendent Tony Knight** said that the coming year was projected to add 150 students to the number of enrolled students. This total would bring enrollment to 4000, still below the capacity of 4200 students. He said that within the group of 150 new enrollees the percentage of transfers would be higher than the overall enrollment average, and also the middle school and the high school would be gaining more transfers than the elementary schools. He said that chartering busses for the transfers from Simi Valley and from the San Fernando Valley was being looked into by the District. The idea would be for the District to charter these busses while the families of the transfers would bear the cost. He explained that there were 147 students coming to OPUSD from Simi Valley. He said that currently the District was also collecting responses to a survey about changing the school day start and finish times for the middle school. **Mike Mc Reynolds** asked whether there were plans to change the traffic patterns for the middle school parking lot, and the Superintendent replied that in April a draft plan would be considered. **Michael Paule** said that the MAC would like to encourage the District to include traffic impacts in discussions about school enrollment planning. **Anisha Rajavel** asked if more restrictions could be placed on parking permits for OPHS. The Superintendent replied that more restrictions may be needed. **Derek Ross** asked whether inter-district transfers lower school test scores, and the Superintendent replied that the transfers were actually raising scores for the District.

c. MAC recommendation, traffic and parking concerns, Oak Hills Dr. and Calle Rio Vista

Resident ***Linda Cohn*** supported restricting the parking of vehicles that currently occurs on both sides of Oak Hills Dr. near Calle Rio Vista, and deputies from the Sheriff's Department and ***Officer Randy Hosking*** of the CHP agreed that driving visibility would be improved by restricting the parking to just one side of Oak Hills Dr. there. Officer Hosking also recommended extending the red curb on Oak Hills Dr.

On a motion by ***Mike Mc Reynolds***, seconded by ***Jay Kapitz***, the MAC voted 5-0 to:

- a.) ask the Traffic Department to determine the length and side of a no parking zone on Calle Rio Vista to eliminate the dangerous condition of two vehicles being unable to pass one another.
- b.) ask the Traffic Department to review need for no parking zone on Oak Hills Drive immediately adjacent to Calle Rio Vista.
- c.) Recommend the Traffic Department go at a heavy traffic time. Contact OPHS principal for appropriate time of visit.

11. Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., April 27, 2010

Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 8:53 PM until April 27, 2010.