

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, May 25, 2010
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, May 25, 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

Pam Landrio of Ventura County Public Works Agency 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 *Derek Ross*.

4. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

The Board of Supervisors was holding an evening special meeting in Oxnard so Supervisor Parks was unable to attend the MAC meeting.

a. Recognition of 2009/10 OPHS Student Liaison to the MAC Anisha Rajavel

Chair Mike Green presented Ms. Rajavel with a certificate of appreciation from the County and on behalf of the MAC thanked her for her contributions to the MAC during the 2009/2010 academic year.

b. Introduction of the new Public Works Transportation Department Director David Fleisch

Chair Mike Green welcomed *David Fleisch* to Oak Park and thanked him for coming to the MAC meeting. David Fleisch talked about his background in public works, and he announced that as a result of his department receiving Prop. 1B funding due from the State the County would be able to proceed with planning to repave many streets in the western half of Oak Park within the coming year.

5. Approval of the Minutes of April 27, 2010

Michael Paule made a motion seconded by *Jay Kapitz* and passed by the MAC 5-0 to approve the minutes of April 27 with two corrections, and subject to reviewing and adding at the June MAC meeting an amendment that would contain a summary of the failed motions on item 2. (A) (1) (a) (b) which was reviewed by the MAC under action item number 9.b. of the MAC agenda.

The two corrections in this evening's motion were: first, to write that the MAC members received 58 written comment cards, under Action item number 9.b.; and secondly, that the motion for eliminating Condition of Approval No. 22 was seconded by *Michael Paule*.

6. Public comments

Captain Cliff Williams, the CHP Regional Commander, talked about his agency's work in Oak Park and introduced *Officer Steve Hunsaker* as a new Community Alliance Officer for Oak Park to join Officer Hosking.

Brent Garrett requested that MAC members send comments about their work to the web site he edits.

Paulette Walker and *Drew Gilliam* commented on problems experienced by residents of Rockedge Drive and Tranquility Lane due to high school student parking. *David Fleisch* said that the Transportation Department would research the options for improving the situation for residents. The MAC requested that the topic be on the June MAC agenda. *Captain Williams* said that the CHP would enforce regulations legislated by the County. *Drew Gilliam* suggested that signs could be put up restricting parking to residents only until 10:30 AM on school days. *Captain Brent Kerr* of the Sheriff's Department advised residents to call the Sheriff's Department if they observed illegal activities. *Mike Green* said that he would check with the Recreation and Parks staff to see if they could help out, since the students park their cars on these streets and then use public trails to walk over to the school.

7. Council Comments

Anisha Rajavel spoke about the May 25 Medea Creek Middle School Open House, the graduation at OPHS on June 17, the Oak Park Farmers' Market relocation to OPHS on Saturdays, and she said that a new Principal had been selected for OPHS, Kevin Buchanan.

Mike Mc Reynolds reported on the work done on Measure R and C6 program items. He commented that oakparkupdate.com looks great after the web site's updating. He said that he would be participating in the recognitions awards ceremony at the retirement celebration for OPUSD teachers and staff who would retire at the end of the school year.

Derek Ross spoke about events coming up at the Agoura/Oak Park Chamber of Commerce, Comedy Sports, and about the opening of the new dog park and splash pad at Oak Canyon Park on the coming Saturday. He urged everyone to vote on June 8.

Jay Kapitz urged residents to not hesitate to contact law enforcement when there were problems with illegal activity in their neighborhood. He commented that he regretted his vote at the April MAC meeting on the last item the MAC reviewed regarding the Conifer St. Chabad, supporting a maximum occupancy of 10 people during weekdays. He also commented on how agencies involved with clean-up work at Rockedyme were improving their outreach to Oak Park residents.

Michael Paule said that he would be attending a Chamber event the following evening honoring law enforcement, and that a plaque was prepared for the event expressing appreciation to **CHP Officer Randy Hosking**. He commented on how Officer Hosking had done so much to benefit Oak Park residents. He said that the new Oak Canyon reservoir was on track to be built, and that he had reminded RSRPD that cell tower issues needed to come to the MAC regarding the Conifer tank site. He noted that Triunfo Sanitation District's web site was posting information about the Board's upcoming elections.

Mike Green said that May 29 was planned for the ribbon cutting event at the new dog park, and the reopening of the splash pad. He expressed appreciation to OPHS for providing the Pavilion for the April MAC meeting, and to **Steve Iceland** and to the Sheriff's Deputies under **Captain Brent Kerr** for helping out when the meeting ran to midnight. He welcomed Officer Hunsaker to Oak Park.

8. Information items

- a. *35th anniversary of the founding of the Oak Park MAC coming in June, 2010*
- b. *Elections for 3 MAC seats November 2, 2010; nomination period July 12-August 6*

The MAC noted the two announcements.

9. Written Communications

Mike Green presented information Transportation Director **David Fleisch** had provided about his Department's reasons for not supporting the idea of adding a second bike lane on Kanan Road in addition to the already existent "Class A" bike lane separated from the road there on the stretch from Lindero Canyon Road to Oak Hills Drive. It was requested that the matter go on the agenda as an action item.

Derek Ross read an e-mail received from **Janet Lester** with complaints about ambulance service, and he asked that the MAC agenda have an action item about AMR service.

10. Action items

- a. *MAC recommendation, Community Service Area (CSA) #4: projected budget for Fiscal Year 2010/2011*

Public Works Staff members **Pam Landrio** and **Margaret Lopez** presented the draft Fiscal Year 2010/2011 budget for Community Service area #4 (CSA #4). They answered questions and were requested by the MAC to not delete the VIP program as a budget item for the coming year. The MAC voted 5-0 to recommend the adoption of the budget with the addition of the VIP program, on a motion by **Jay Kapitz** seconded by **Derek Ross**.

- b. *MAC recommendation, inquiry with MTA regarding extending bus line #161 up Kanan Rd. to help school traffic issues (continued from April 27 agenda)*

Operations Planning Manager for the MTA **Scott Page** was in attendance and listened to comments from the MAC members, the public, the PFA President for Medea Creek Middle School, and **Martin Klauss** of OPUSD regarding the need for expanding public bus service. He answered questions and said that the MTA would analyse the idea and prepare a response.

c. MAC recommendation, Oak Hills Dr/ Vista Calle Rio safety improvements

David Fleisch said that creating 374 feet of no parking here in two sections would require action from the Board of Supervisors. He also commented that a more comprehensive analysis of student parking issues overall in Oak Park would be useful. The MAC voted 5-0 on a motion by **Jay Kapitz** seconded by **Mike Mc Reynolds** to recommend new no parking anytime zones as shown on the diagram provided by the Transportation Department, and which include 240 feet on the south side of Calle Rio Vista and 134 feet on the southeast side of Oak Hills Drive. The existing restrictions marked no parking 7 AM to 5 PM were recommended to stay unchanged.

d. MAC recommendation, explore strengthening the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance

The idea of raising fines for repeated violations was introduced by **Mike Mc Reynolds**. **David Fleisch** noted that the Board of Supervisors could decide to raise the fines, and CHP Commander **Cliff Williams** also encouraged residents to contact the CHP about violations, and he repeated the contact information for the CHP. It was noted that the CHP can have violators towed and that the cost of recovering towed vehicles was higher than the existing fine. No action was taken on this item.

e. MAC recommendation, letter to Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding Tapia Water Reclamation Facility NPDES Permit

Jeff Reinhardt of the Las Virgenes Water District made a presentation supporting the need for the MAC to send the letter. On a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Jay Kapitz** the MAC voted 5-0 to provide the letter that the MAC had reviewed in draft form.

f. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule noted that the landscaping was still operating under its budget, and that work was progressing according to plans.

g. MAC recommendation, the consolidation of Oak Park's election of three MAC members on Nov. 2, 2010 with other elections held then

Michael Paule made a motion seconded by **Derek Ross** and approved 5-0 by the MAC to recommend approval of this item.

h. MAC recommendation, notice to the Ventura County Clerk of the elective offices to be filled on the Oak Park MAC in the Nov. 2, 2010 election

Michael Paule made a motion seconded by **Derek Ross** and approved 5-0 by the MAC to recommend approval of this item.

i. MAC recommendation, the funding source for candidates' ballot statements in the Nov. 2, 2010 election

Derek Ross made a motion seconded by **Michael Paule** and approved 5-0 by the MAC to recommend that the candidates pay for their own statements.

j. MAC recommendation, other election services for the Nov. 2, 2010 election

This item was continued to the June MAC meeting so that more information could be obtained about it from Elections.

11. Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., June 22, 2010

Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 9:50 PM until June 22, 2010.