

**OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, September 28, 2010**  
**The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, September 28, 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 Green* at 7:00 P.M. MAC members Michael Paule, Mike Green, Jay Kapitz, Mike Mc Reynolds, and Derek Ross were present. Student Liaison Anisha Rajavel was absent.

**2. Flag Salute**

*Alon Glickstein* 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 *Jay Kapitz*.

**4. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks**

Supervisor Parks congratulated *Alon Glickstein* on his upcoming appointment to the MAC, and she welcomed *Frank Schillo* to the evening's meeting. She said that MAC members were invited to attend the retirement event at the Reagan Library to be held in the coming month in honor of *Sheriff Bob Brooks*, who began his service in law enforcement by patrolling in Oak Park and would be retiring this year. She exhibited the new iPad that the County was now using as a more cost effective way for County Supervisors to access the weekly Board meeting documents. She said that the Board was occupied with finding ways of cutting the County budget, and that pension reductions being introduced by the Board were effective long term reductions. She said that the appeal of the July Planning Commission decision regarding the Oak Park Chabad was scheduled to be heard by the Board on October 12. Regarding recent Board activities she highlighted the tribute to *CHP Officer Randy Hosking* in which the MACs of Oak Park and the Santa Rosa Valley participated, and she commented that a major legal challenge to the County's open space protections in the Tierra Rejada Valley had expired. She also described the circumstances surrounding a recent vote by LAFCo which resulted in her vote proving pivotal to denying annexation into the City of Thousand Oaks of 326 acres of open space in Newbury Park. She said she anticipates an attempt to overturn the item will be sought at the next LAFCo meeting.

**a. Recognition of Don Kendall, "Oak Park Community Spirit"**

Supervisor Parks presented Oak Park resident Mr. Kendall with a commendation to recognize his service with the Calleguas Municipal Water District. He expressed his appreciation and his love for the community of Oak Park, adding that it was very fortunate to have the MAC.

**5. Approval of the minutes of July 27**

*Michael Paule* made a motion seconded by *Derek Ross* and passed by the MAC 3-0 to approve the minutes of July 27, with the inclusion of two corrections, suggested by Ventura County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Tom Bennett, to comments by the Sheriff's Department under item #6, changing "causing more trouble" to "could be counterproductive", and "department's standards" to "State Criminal Codes".

**6. Public comments**

*Mike Mc Reynolds* spoke about the reasons he was running for a seat on the Triunfo Sanitation District Board of Directors. He noted that he offered seventeen years experience with issues involving water, and had served for eight years as an engineering manager. He also said that he had a love of community and a passion for water. Resident and fellow Board candidate *Steve Iceland* expressed his disagreement with the candidate's use of this agenda item for making the statements, but *Chair Green* said there was precedence for the topic to be allowed under public comments.

**7. Council comments**

*Jay Kapitz* said that he would not be serving another term on the MAC as he felt it would be good for other community members to have the opportunity to contribute to the MAC.

*Mike Mc Reynolds* offered congratulations to all the students on their return to school, and to OPUSD generally on district students achieving the highest STAR testing scores in the county, and he stressed the need for everyone to drive safely.

**Derek Ross** congratulated **Alon Glickstein** on achieving a future seat on the MAC. He spoke about the ceremony he witnessed on September 11 at Station #36 from 6:45 to 7:00 am, in which the Deerhill Rd. Station firefighters honored the victims of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York. He encouraged other residents to be at the coming year's anniversary ceremony at the station. He added that Station #36 welcomed visits to the station throughout the year, and that the firefighters would like to attend MAC meetings when their work allows it. He also spoke about the CERT classes set to begin in October, the upcoming Candidates' Forum sponsored by the Community Foundation for Oak Park, and he congratulated OPUSD Board member **Barbara Laifman's** family on its winning submission to a picture caption naming contest in "Dressage" magazine.

**Michael Paule** congratulated **Alon Glickstein** on his upcoming MAC appointment, and also **Derek Ross** on his new baby girl. He reported on Triunfo Sanitation District news, including the difficulty the District was facing in obtaining financing for the new water tank. He congratulated the community on finishing the last year with water consumption below Oak Park's allotment, and commented that there were eleven candidates for the four open seats on the TSD Board. He concluded by saying that the high school was in the process of selecting the 2010-2011 school year's student liaison to the MAC.

**Mike Green** reported that he had spoken at the September 2 Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting, and also at the September 14 Board of Supervisors' meeting in Ventura where **Officer Randy Hosking** was honored. He said that he also participated in the dedication ceremony at the high school for the beautiful new memorial for the OPHS graduate who perished in Afghanistan in 2009, **Brian Wolverton**. He said that space on the memorial had been left for the names of any other future war dead from the school, and that he hoped there would never be a need for more names to be entered there.

#### 8. Information items

*a. Presentation about planning for a regional art museum, (Frank Schillo)*

A power point presentation about the plans for a new museum facility in Thousand Oaks at the site of the city's Civic Arts Plaza was presented by Mr. Schillo.

*b. October 5 Community Foundation for Oak Park sponsored Candidates' Forum, Oak Park Community Center, 6:30 pm*

*c. October 15 Disaster Preparedness Night with the American Red Cross 7:00 pm, Oak Park Community Center (Mike Green)*

*d. Report on the August meeting on student parking and traffic safety with OPUSD, County Public Works, the CHP, VCSD, and the Park District (Mike Green)*

There were three solutions that resulted from what **Mike Green** described as a very productive meeting. New parking spaces totaling 20 to 30 spaces for student parking during school hours were made available by RSRPD near the Community Center at 1000 N. Kanan Road. OPHS would also be suggesting the use of Sunnycrest Dr. to students for parking. And thirdly, increased law enforcement was to be made available in the coming year.

#### 9. Written Communications

Chair Green cited a letter from the Joint Board of the Triunfo Sanitation District and the Las Virgenes Water and Sanitation District thanking the MAC for a letter of support it sent in May to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding a Tapia Water Reclamation Facility NPDES Permit.

#### 10. Action items

*a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations*

**Michael Paule** noted that in the walk through and meeting by the Committee that month new plantings for areas of Kanan Road were discussed, and that poplars on Bowfield had been removed. He said the committee dealt with the issue of a Monte Carlo HOA monument sign being powered with an illegal conduit/timer run to a County power source. The group also reviewed a Montego homeowner's complaints regarding eucalyptus trees in the public easement damaging his property, but found no actual damage from the trees.

*b. MAC recommendation, purchase of traffic cones for school crossing guard use*

**Lisa Seamann** reported that the school district had offered to obtain the desired cones for use at Medea Creek Middle School.

**c. Appointment of a liaison MAC member to the Santa Susana Field Laboratory Public Participation Group (State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control)**

**Jay Kapitz** was chosen to serve as the MAC's liaison, and **Michael Paule** was chosen as the alternate, on a motion by **Mike Green** seconded by **Derek Ross** and passed 5-0 by the MAC.

**e. South side of Kanan Rd. between Oak Hills Dr., Lindero Canyon Rd., bike lane**

It was reported that the County had placed a new sign at the corner of Oak Hills Drive by Kanan Road to indicate the existence of the already existent separated lane on the south side of Kanan Road. Resident **Steve Iceland** provided information about the creation of this separated lane for leisurely bike riding from the days when Oak Park was being planned. The fact was also noted that this stretch of Kanan Road was currently the only place without bicycle lane striping from six miles to the west. The item was tabled until the October MAC meeting, with **Michael Paule** requesting that the Transportation Department provide information for that meeting about the cost of striping both sides of Kanan Road between Oak Hills Drive and Lindero Canyon Road.

**f. MAC recommendation, establishing guidelines for signs in Oak Park**

**Mike Green** said he preferred to have Enhanced Landscape remove from the medians any candidates' election signs placed there prior to two weeks before an election. The MAC took no action on this item.

**f. MAC recommendation, procedures for MAC review of new or proposed modifications to cell phone antenna towers, including the requirement for cell carriers to submit photographs of varying site/neighborhood views showing the proposed antenna tower(s)**

**Michael Paule** said that the TSD Board had voted to begin reviewing all plans for cell phone antenna towers from now on. The MAC voted 5-0, on a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Jay Kapitz** to send a letter to the County Planning Department asking that the MAC be provided with the full application packets for cell phone antenna towers permits in a timely manner, with simulation photos of the proposed installations taken from different angles, and containing the disclosure of the impacts from construction. Resident **John Wallace** spoke about his neighborhood's experiences with construction work related to cell phone companies' installations on the Kilburn water tank that he said was 300 feet away from his home on Kilburn Court. He said he received no information about the projects, that there was constant retrenching of his street with work beginning at 5:30 a.m., and driveways blocked and power outages. Resident **Steve Iceland** suggested that Oak Park's 1975 Stipulated Agreement for the community's development had allowed a maximum height of 35 feet for structures in Oak Park and could be a useful reference in the discussion about cell tower permitting. Resident **Yvette Macaluso** expressed concerns about fire risks and the storage of fuels at the Kilburn water tank for use by the cell phone companies to power generators. She suggested that solar power would be a good replacement for the flammable fuel. **Jay Kapitz** discussed setting up a subcommittee for fixing complaints related to the cell phone tower facilities in Oak Park, and **Mike Mc Reynolds** questioned whether a moratorium on trenching streets could be introduced.

**11. Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., October 26, 2010**

**Chair Green** adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm until October 26, 2010.