

**OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, October 26, 2010**  
**The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, October 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 Green* at 7:00 P.M. MAC members Michael Paule, Mike Green, Jay Kapitz, Mike Mc Reynolds, and Derek Ross were present, as well as Student Liaison Anisha Rajavel.

**2. Flag Salute**

*CHP Officer Steve Hunsaker* 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. Approval of the minutes of September 28**

*Mike Mc Reynolds* made a motion seconded by *Michael Paule* and passed by the MAC 5-0 to approve the minutes of September 28, with the inclusion of a correction, suggested by Michael Paule to change the word "cord" to "conduit/timer" in agenda item #10.

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

Supervisor Parks described a Santa Rosa Valley nonprofit group's sponsorship of a bridge over a trail. At the day's Board of Supervisors' meeting the installation of this bridge had been okayed, and she described the uniqueness of the recycled plastic that makes up the bridge. She said that the Board was appointing three Oak Park MAC members in lieu of election because the number of seats to be filled had matched the number of candidates. She also highlighted two events in her District held on the preceding Saturday, a "Walk the Channel Day" in Casa Conejo she had organized, and a large emergency preparedness fair hosted by a church in Newbury Park. Regarding the MAC's consideration of adding bike lanes on both sides of Kanan Road in Oak Park west of the high school, she said that she had consulted with *David Fleisch* of the Transportation Department and he suggested creating "sharrows" instead of traditional bike lanes, because this would allow for parking on the side of Kanan Road. She said that she had also requested clarification from the County Counsel's office about campaign signs in unincorporated areas, and that individuals should not remove signs unless they are on their own private property, signs are not to be placed in the public right-of-way and also that the signs do not require encroachment permits. She said that the Planning Commission was tentatively scheduled to have a December 16 hearing regarding the Oak Park Chabad's permit application's newly introduced reference to federal RLIUPA legislation. She said that the County's current CEO *Marty Robinson* had announced plans to retire in March. She commented that the County was installing a new absentee ballot drop off box at the fire station opposite the Thousand Oaks Post Office on Duesenberg Drive. She also mentioned that MAC members were required to complete a State ethics training session. *Mike Green* asked whether the County could help fix sidewalks adjoining an elementary school, and Supervisor Parks said that she would look into it.

**6. Public comments**

*Keylee Searway* spoke about early morning noise created by the Stevenson Fitness Center nearby the apartment complex that she manages. She said that noise that bothers her tenants was beginning as early as 6:00 AM. She was advised to call the Sheriff's Department and *Derek Ross* said that he would contact the owner of the shopping center.

**7. Council comments**

*Mike Green* welcomed back *Anisha Rajavel* as the 2010-2011 school year's student liaison to the MAC and he congratulated her on being selected by the high school. She reported that signs-ups had begun for the "Santa Comes to Agoura and Beyond" volunteer effort, and that on November 17 there would be an orientation meeting about out-of-district registration for OPUSD school attendance. She said that a parents-only meeting with school administrators at Medea Creek Middle School about bullying was scheduled for November 4.

*Jay Kapitz* said that the November 9 meeting of the Santa Susanna Field Group would be attended by *Michael Paule*.

**Derek Ross** reported that the Oak Park Community Garden's "Pumpkin Patch" event had a great turn out. He also said the CERT classes were now in their fourth week and had a large attendance with great feedback. He conveyed concerns from residents about the long period of time it was taking for the Public Works storm water bio-filter project at Conifer and Smoketree locations to complete construction. Finally, he reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

**Mike Mc Reynolds** reminded everyone to drive carefully with Halloween approaching. He reported on the last OPUSD school board meeting, giving an update on Measure R projects, and noting that **David Ross** had been honored for his many contributions on behalf of the schools. He also said that there had been a show of support for the jobs of the district's para-educators by other teachers.

**Michael Paule** reported on Triunfo Sanitation District news, noting that many candidates had been in attendance at the last TSD Board meeting. He said that the District continued working towards finding financing for the new water tank, and had approved a rate increase that would average \$2.10 per residence and followed the wholesale rate increase for water. He congratulated **Mike Green** on his organization of a recent emergency preparedness workshop in Oak Park. Regarding community concerns about cell tower work in Oak Park, he said that there was still a Verizon application in progress, and that a letter had been sent to the Planning Department as planned by the MAC in its previous meeting. He congratulated **Anisha Rajavel** on her selection by the high school as the 2010-2011 school year student liaison to the MAC. He also described a recent car accident in Oak Park caused by reckless driving of a teen, and this began a discussion on how to improve safe student driving. **CHP Officer Steve Hunsaker** described the "Every 15 Minutes" program he said he had worked on many times in his service with the CHP, and interest in pursuing this program was expressed by the MAC members. **Mike Green** also noted that the Sheriff's Department's STOPP program for reporting unsafe driving was a resource residents could use to address problems with unsafe driving.

**Mike Green** observed that three firefighters from Station #36 were in attendance at the MAC meeting. He reported on the October meeting of the Parks and Recreation Planning Committee, and said that all the programs were doing very well under **Renee Peace**. He reported that the Halloween party at the Community Center was going to be held October 31, and asked law enforcement to be aware of all the children and parents that would be walking in the area. He reminded everyone of the importance of voting in the coming election. Finally, he said there had been a rash of graffiti incidents in Oak Park, and he emphasized the need to call the Sheriff's Department first whenever graffiti is found so that the graffiti can be documented and the culprits can be caught.

## **8. Information items**

### **a. Pipeline safety briefing, Southern California Gas Company: Michele Pettes, Public Affairs Manager**

**Michele Pettes** provided an overview of the work So Cal Gas performs to ensure the safety of natural gas pipelines in Oak Park. She said that a large transmission pipe line is located along Kanan Road and also Satinwood. A major pipeline integrity program had been completed in Ventura County by the company in the year 2007-08, in addition to other regular inspections such as the thorough internal inspection every seven years and the continual computer monitoring of the installations. All pipelines are buried a minimum of three feet, and are marked every twenty feet by signs. She stressed the importance of contacting the company before digging. **Captain Romero** of Fire Station #36 on Deerhill Road also addressed concerns about safety by outlining his department's role in responding to emergencies that involve gas lines.

### **b. Pavement rehabilitation for streets in western Oak Park, Kanan Rd., Lindero Canyon Rd.**

Supervisor Parks noted that the pavement rehabilitation work was scheduled by the Transportation Department to be completed in July and August of 2011.

## **9. Written Communications**

**Michael Paule** noted an email exchange about an apparent sinkhole that was developing on Sunnycrest Drive between Sprucewood and Trefoil, and he said that the transportation Department was working on trying to identify the causes and the agency that would be responsible for addressing the problem.

## **10. Action items**

### ***a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations***

**Michael Paule** introduced a recommendation from the Committee for new plantings in five areas maintained by CSA #4. Greg Epstein of Enhanced Landscape was in attendance at the meeting to answer questions about the proposal submitted by his company. The proposal passed 5-0 on a motion by **Jay Kapitz** seconded by **Derek Ross**. Also discussed was the recent destruction near 204 Kanan Road of a landscape watering meter box hit by a vehicle during an accident. The box was valued at \$4700 and the County was trying to recover the cost of replacing it from the driver responsible for the accident.

### ***b. MAC recommendation, MAC meeting dates in November and December***

The MAC voted unanimously to change the date of the November meeting to November 30, with December 2 as an alternate date if not all MAC members could be present at the November 30 date, and also to change the December meeting date to December 21.

### ***c. MAC recommendation, Kanan Road bicycle lane striping***

**Jay Kapitz** made a motion, seconded by **Mike Mc Reynolds** to approve the sharrows concept for Kanan Road and to ask Supervisor Parks to proceed with helping to implement it.

### ***d. MAC recommendation, application for renewed exemption from oversized vehicle ordinance and parking permit renewal, 4904 Lazio Way (Ford 550 utility truck)***

**Mike Green** made a motion, seconded by **Mike Mc Reynolds** and passed 5-0 by the MAC to approve the application.

### ***e. MAC recommendation, application for new exemption from oversized vehicle ordinance and new parking permit, 4904 Lazio Way (379 Peterbilt equipment hauler)***

This application was withdrawn by the applicant.

## **11. Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., November 30 or December 2, 2010**

**Chair Green** adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm until the November meeting.