

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, November 30, 2010
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, November 30, 2010, 7:00 P.M.
Oak Park Library, 899 N. Kanan Rd., Oak Park

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by *Chair Green* at 7:05 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 Randy Hosking 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

Supervisor Parks observed that this MAC meeting would see a changing of the guard in Oak Park. Earlier in the day Board of Supervisors' members had interviewed candidates for the position of the County Executive that would be open with Marty Robinson's retirement. Regarding the MAC's approval of adding bike lanes on both sides of Kanan Road in Oak Park west of the high school, she said that the Transportation Department had issued a work order for adding sharrows lane markings to both sides of Kanan Road. She said that she had also requested clarification from the County Counsel's office about conditions that could be included in permits for cell company installations in Oak Park. She said that the Planning Commission was still tentatively scheduled to have a December 16 hearing regarding the Oak Park Chabad's permit application and federal RLIUPA legislation. She said that the December 21 MAC meeting was planned for a hearing on a cell tower permit application by Verizon. She reminded MAC members to complete their State ethics training.

5. Approval of the minutes of October 26

Jay Kapitz made a motion seconded by *Mike Mc Reynolds* and passed by the MAC 5-0 to approve the minutes of October 26, with the inclusion of two changes, requested by *Derek Ross* to substitute the word "owner" for the word "manager" in agenda item #6, and to delete the word "enjoyed" in his council comment about the Pumpkin Patch event.

6. Honoring retiring MAC member Jay Kapitz for outstanding service to Oak Park

Supervisor Parks presented *Jay Kapitz* with a resolution from the Board of Supervisors praising and thanking him for his five and a half years of service as a MAC member. *Chair Green* presented him with an engraved free-standing acrylic award from the Oak Park MAC to recognize and thank him for his many contributions to the community during his time in office.

In comments about *Jay Kapitz's* years in office, *Chair Green* highlighted his successful leadership efforts related to the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance, chairing school bond election campaigns, and initiating National Night Out events in Oak Park. He also acknowledged the generosity of the Kapitz family in hosting events to benefit the community at their home. *Michael Paule* noted how he had had the privilege of serving together with *Jay Kapitz* on the MAC and on committees for four years. He said that he respects Jay's leadership abilities and strong work ethic. He thanked him for everything and wished him the best in the future that would assuredly include more involvement in community work. *Derek Ross* recalled that he first met *Jay Kapitz* through the National Night Out event. He said that he had considered Jay as his mentor, and he thanked him for his help. *Mike Mc Reynolds* said that he had especially appreciated the insight Jay had brought to discussions of the MAC. All the MAC members stressed how *Jay Kapitz* would continue to take part in activities to benefit the people of Oak Park.

Jay Kapitz expressed his appreciation for the comments, and said that serving on the MAC had been a great experience for him. He reminisced about the silent encouragement provided to him at his first MAC meetings by *Harvey Kern* from Harvey's seat in the audience. He said that the MAC had accomplished great things, and that he was confident that this work would continue. He thanked *Supervisor Parks* for appointing him when there was a mid-term vacancy to fill on the MAC. He also thanked past MAC members *Bonnie Biddison*, *Ron Stark*, and *Todd Haines*, and all the current MAC members for their support. He expressed appreciation for *Alon Glickstein's* willingness to step in and fill a seat on the MAC,

and for all the help with public safety issues provided by VCSD Captain **Brent Kerr** and CHP Officer **Randy Hosking**. He thanked OPUSD Board member **Barbara Laifman** for her participation in the MAC meetings every month. He concluded by emphasizing how it all comes down to action by committed individuals to ensure the success of things like the OPUSD bond measures that bring into existence many benefits for students in the community.

7. Supervisor Parks administers the oath of office to Michael Green, Michael Paule, Alon Glickstein

The three MAC members took the oath of office and were seated on the dais.

8. Public comments

Jay Kapitz spoke about the meeting of the newly formed Santa Susana Field Lab Participation Group. He attended it as the MAC's Liaison, and would continue to be the MAC's liaison with the MAC's agreement. He reported that about thirty people had attended the meeting and discussed how the group would be structured. An agreement on cleaning up the Santa Susana Field Lab area was imminent, and he commented that the recently concluded public comment period on the agreement had seen an overwhelming public approval of the proposed plans.

9. Council comments

Derek Ross welcomed **Alon Glickstein** to the MAC, and welcomed back the other members.

Michael Paule congratulated **Alon Glickstein** and expressed his wishes for happy holidays and a happy Hannukah. He noted that he would be the back up to Jay on the Santa Susana Group, had attended a meeting already, and that strong public approval of the draft agreement boded well. He said he thought a goal of 2017 for completing the clean-up was good. He also noted that there would now be two MAC members also serving on the Triunfo Sanitation District Board, and he congratulated **Mike Mc Reynolds** for winning a seat in the past election. He said that bids for building the new water tank were expected to come back for review in January.

Mike Green thanked **Jay Kapitz** for his contributions, and welcomed **Alon Glickstein** onto the MAC. He congratulated Mike Mc Reynolds on his election to the TSD Board. He announced that the January 2011 MAC meeting would be the occasion for the election for citizens of Oak Park to serve on the Parks and Recreation Planning Committee. He noted that the school district's Citizens' Oversight Committee had a need for members. Regarding the presentation to the MAC by the Gas Company in October, he said that in Oak Park he could not find the markings every twenty feet by pipelines that the spokesperson had said were always provided. He said that he would like to consider how best to contact the Company about this omission.

Alon Glickstein thanked everyone, including **Jay Kapitz** and the Board of Supervisors, for welcoming him to the MAC, and said that he was happy to be a part of the group working for community betterment.

Mike Mc Reynolds thanked **Jay Kapitz** for his service and for his friendship. He reported on the last OPUSD school board meeting, giving an update on Measure R projects.

Anisha Rajavel reported on OPUSD events, including Acceptance Week at OPHS the week of December 6, an upcoming blood drive, and a holiday shopping event at Red Oak Elementary.

10. Information items

a. "Every 15 Minutes" program for Oak Park (Anisha Rajavel)

Regarding the "Every 15 Minutes" program Anisha Rajavel said that her research was showing that it would take more than a year to organize the event for OPHS. The new principal of OPHS **Kevin Buchanan** described what would be involved in staging the program, based on his experiences at a school that successfully did it in the past. He said that in the current school year there would be publicity events about the dangers of driving while intoxicated held before the prom, such as "Red Ribbon Week" activities. **CHP Officer Randy Hosking** described an "Every 15 Minutes" event that was held last year at Simi Valley High School, and expressed his conviction that Oak Park could benefit from the experience. He said that the CHP participates in the program, and that State grant funding is available to help with implementing the program. **Captain Brent Kerr** said that Thousand Oaks High School presents the program with the participation of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department, and he promised the MAC that he would gather information on how it could be done in Oak Park as well. He added that his department was also beginning to organize a campaign to raise awareness about illegal drug use, especially because the Conejo Valley was facing an epidemic in heroin use. **Michael Paule** asked who organizes the event at a school, and **Principal**

Buchanan replied that schools do so with the help of a law enforcement agency. **Mike Green** asked about the possibility of getting corporate sponsorship for the program. **Mike Mc Reynolds** asked about applying for State funding, and **Principal Buchanan** explained that this funding comes as a reimbursement for some parts of creating the event, and that the institution putting it on needs to pay upfront for it first. **Supervisor Parks** added that some companies such as State Farm Insurance made community grant funding available. Alon Glickstein expressed interest in learning more about nearby towns that have organized the program, and Captain Kerr said that he would report back to the MAC about this. **Supervisor Parks** said her office would make copies for the MAC of a DVD **Principal Buchanan** provided about an "Every 15 Minutes" event that was held at his previous school in Southern California. **Barbara Laifman** said that she would report back to the school board about the discussion at the MAC meeting, as she always does in her role as school board liaison to the MAC.

11. Written Communications

Michael Paule noted that MAC members had received communications from residents of Kilburn Court regarding their concerns with cell phone company work on their street, and their opposition to new cell towers on the Kilburn water tank.

12. Action items

a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule said that the November meeting of the Committee had focused on selecting the new plantings in five areas maintained by CSA #4 that the MAC had approved at the previous MAC meeting. He said that the work of planting was expected to be completed by Enhanced Landscape within a week.

b. MAC recommendation, notification for Kilburn water tank related street construction

(Mike Mc Reynolds)

Residents who spoke about their concerns regarding the impacts of cell phone facilities on their neighborhood included **Robert A. Scrofano**, **Miriam Wolverton**, **John Wallace**, and **Jamie King**. There was a discussion about whether it was feasible to limit the number of times in a year the companies could work in the street, and Supervisor Parks said she had asked the County Counsel's office to investigate this question. Questions were also raised about camouflaging cell company facilities, and about notification procedures for neighborhoods when new facilities were proposed. It was noted that the next MAC meeting would have an agenda item on a Verizon application for a permit on the Kilburn water tank, and that a company representative and County Planning Department staff were expected to attend the meeting.

13. Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., December 21, 2010

Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm until December 21.