

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, January 25, 2011
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 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 7:05 P.M. MAC members Michael Paule, Mike Green, Alon Glickstein, Mike Mc Reynolds, and Derek Ross were present along with Student Liaison Anisha Rajavel.

2. Flag Salute

Ventura County Sheriff Geoff Dean 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* which included the continuation of item 13. c. to the February meeting.

4. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks said that the County greeted new officials in this month, including Sheriff *Geoff Dean* and Assistant Sheriff *John Crombach*. She congratulated *Michael Paule* on his re-election to the position of Triunfo Sanitation District Board President. She announced that there was good news for the County Library, with its formal acceptance into a new library system which includes all of the public libraries of southern California. She said that this change would mean that Ventura County residents can use the resources of public libraries in Los Angeles and Orange Counties as well as Ventura County at no cost. She said that the new State government may however introduce budgets cuts to library funding that mean bad news for service generally. She also noted that Oak Park Librarian *Susan Mikula* had been transferred to the Port Hueneme Library and that *Laurie Dunning* replaced her in Oak Park. She said that the County will have a new CEO *Mike Powers*, and a new Health Care Agency Director *Dr. Robert Gonzales*. She reported that the Ventura County Transportation Commission was working on consolidating routes for public transportation to make travel through the county more efficient, and she said that she hoped there could be bus service on Kanan Road. She said that pavement rehabilitation for the west side of Oak Park was still planned for the summer of 2011. She said that County health and social services would be more easily accessible for East County residents this year when the former Borders bookstore site in Thousand Oaks was converted to provide health care, behavioral health, and senior citizens' health services, and when the County's Human Services Agency joined other public agencies in the "Under One Roof" facility on Hillcrest Drive in Thousand Oaks.

5. Approval of the minutes of December 21, 2010

Alon Glickstein made a motion seconded by *Derek Ross* and passed by the MAC 5-0 to approve the minutes of December 21.

6. Welcome to Ventura County Sheriff Geoff Dean and Assistant Sheriff John Crombach

Sheriff Geoff Dean said that he was honored to serve as the newly elected Sheriff of Ventura County. He introduced *Assistant Sheriff John Crombach* and explained that he oversees patrol services in the County. He emphasized his commitment to providing excellent service to Oak Park. He said that his department was facing potential State budget cut backs, and that in response he had reduced his command staff by half. He expressed concerns about the possibility of the State's early release of State prisoners. He said that under his command there was a renewed effort to use resources efficiently, and to share resources, and he cited the example of how deputies for the unincorporated area of Oak Park received back up service when necessary from Thousand Oaks law enforcement. He said that he appreciated the Board of Supervisors' demonstrated support of his department, and he said that unincorporated areas tended to be a bit underserved compared to cities, and Oak Park's level of service would not be reduced. A resident asked what facility the State prisoners would be released to, and he replied that they were categorized as low level offenders and would be released into the community. He said that community support of law enforcement and "team policing" were important. *Michael Paule* mentioned the VCSD's "e-watch" electronic service, and the Sheriff said that residents who sign up for it receive e-mailed alerts, a monthly newsletter with information about their community, and can also assist in fighting crime by sending the department tips about neighborhood incidents or unusual activity. Residents can subscribe to the service at

ecsheriff.watch@ventura.org. Another useful means of assisting law enforcement and improving community safety is the VCSD's "Reverse 911" emergency notification program. Information and brochures for signing up for it were provided. **Alon Glickstein** asked whether the patrol car devoted to Oak Park was present in the night time as well as during the day, and the Sheriff answered that the community was also patrolled then. Budget cuts several years ago had reduced the number of patrol cars continuously dedicated to Oak Park but service would not be cut. **Mike Green** thanked the Sheriff and VCSD for giving the community tremendous support, adding that **Captain Brent Kerr** was just a phone call away and always participated in the meetings in Oak Park. The Sheriff closed by saying that Oak Park is a safe and beautiful community.

7. MAC reorganization, selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2011

Mike Mc Reynolds made a motion seconded by **Michael Paule** and voted 5-0 by the MAC, to select **Derek Ross** to serve as the Chair. **Alon Glickstein** made a motion seconded by **Mike Green** and voted 5-0 by the MAC to select **Mike Mc Reynolds** to serve as the Vice Chair. MAC members expressed appreciation for outgoing Chair **Mike Green** for always being organized, prompt, and ready with new ideas.

8. Adjournment of the MAC meeting

{ Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District staff members conduct election for the Oak Park Recreation and Park Planning Committee }

9. Call back to order of the regularly scheduled January 25 MAC meeting

Chair Ross called the meeting back to order at 7:40 pm.

10. Public comments

Harry Medved announced two coming events sponsored by the "Chevre" group. On March 6 there would be a walk honoring Women's History, and on April 3 a volunteer project to help clean up a stretch of Medea Creek.

Jeri Fox said that the stop signal at the intersection of Oak Hills Drive and Kanan Road was not working correctly. She said that she had spoken with a County traffic engineer about it. She also pointed out that the condition of the streets in the area of Hawthorne and Red Oak Elementary School was poor. **Michael Paule** responded that he had reported potholes to the County, and that the County would also repave the streets in the coming summer.

11. Council comments

Mike Green reported on events he attended during the past month as Chair of the MAC. He said that at the January 11 Board of Supervisors meeting he had presented a plaque and shared comments expressing appreciation to retiring CHP **Captain Cliff Williams**. At the January meeting of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District Board which he attended it was announced that Oak Canyon Park would be the site of a 50th anniversary party celebration to honor RSRPD. He also described a conference on terrorism prevention that he had attended in Oxnard. He said the conference emphasized teaching attendees to recognize what suspicious activities to look for, and how to report them. He said that the conference gave the Sheriff's Department phone number (805) 494-8200 for reporting suspicious activities.

Michael Paule congratulated **Derek Ross** and **Mike Mc Reynolds** on their election, and thanked **Mike Green** for his service as Chair in 2010. He gave an update on the Triunfo Sanitation District Board meeting developments, including the news that bids for building the new water tank were coming in at as much as \$2 million below earlier estimations of the cost. Regarding traffic on Kanan Road he said that residents need to report drivers they see violating the speed limit. He described a recent accident on Kanan Road near Los Arcos Drive that destroyed landscaping, and he said there had been other accidents over the winter vacation period.

Alon Glickstein thanked **Mike Green** for his work as Chair, and congratulated **Derek Ross** and **Mike Mc Reynolds** on their election.

Mike Mc Reynolds reported on the recent OPUSD school board meeting, highlighting how residents Tom Wolf and Peter Christianson had been honored for their volunteer efforts to benefit the schools. He said

that bond projects were being completed and that two schools were found to be eligible for matching State grants due to their age. It was announced that OPUSD would receive a grant that would pay the interest on \$4.4 million of Measure R funds. He congratulated **Derek Ross** on his election, and thanked **Mike Green** for his service.

Derek Ross said that he looked forward to working with everyone as Chair in the coming year. He spoke about attending the RSRPD Board meeting that was held in Oak Park in the previous week, and said that he was impressed with the District as a great organization. He said that the Oak Park High School would be offering CERT training, and that leader **Diane Starzak** was doing a great job as leader of CERT.

Anisha Rajavel spoke about the Adult Enrichment classes that would be offered at the high school, and she said that new registration for K-5 grades would be occurring in the coming month.

12. Written Communications

Mike Green said that there had been written e-mailed complaints about illegal advertising signs. **Michael Paule** said he had received an e-mail from a resident concerned about landscaping destroyed by a car accident near the intersection of Kanan Road and Los Arcos Drive. The landscaping screened the traffic from the resident's home and Enhanced Landscape would be asked to try to replace it.

13. Action items

a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule said that there had been no meeting in January, but that the next meeting would be February 9 at Mae Boyer Park. He expressed appreciation to Enhanced Landscape for its good work, and **Mike Green** added that the landscaping in Oak Park was looking the best it had in twenty years.

b. MAC recommendation, Minor Modification LU10-0076 to a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communication facility, to replace three 40-foot monopoles with three 60-foot monopoles, with one new antenna added to each pole; by Verizon Wireless, at 4996 Kilburn Court (continued from December 21 MAC meeting)

Verizon representative for the application **Kristin Galardo**, Zoning Manager for CORE Development Services, responded to concerns about the Verizon cell tower plans that had been raised at the December 2010 MAC meeting. She said that partnering with the community and County Planning was important for the company. She said that the tower height requested could be reduced to 50' from the 60' originally on the permit application. She said that the design engineers had also reviewed the comments from the December MAC meeting, and that they had concluded that a steel grey color was best for the cell towers to blend into the background. She mentioned that another company at the water tank site was using a light tan color for its pole, and she offered to bring back a sample of another color. Regarding construction times, she said there would be no parking of construction vehicles on the street and that construction times could be worked around residents' schedules if so desired, and that it was possible to begin construction after 10:00 A.M. A resident asked where vehicles would then park, and she replied that it would be on the top of the hill by the water tank. She said that installing the poles with a crane was estimated to last one to two days. A resident asked about camouflaging the facility, and she replied that there would be plant landscaping with taller shrubs planted to mitigate the view. **Joshua Rosenberg** asked if other alternatives to the poles had been considered. She responded that Verizon's poles were "slim line" and thinner than poles already installed at the site by other companies. He asked whether other sites existed that could meet the coverage gap that the current permit application was meant to address, and she replied that two other additional sites would be required to replace the one in the application. **Susan Meyers** and **Pitt Gilmore** spoke from the Morrison HOA, and were among the residents from the vicinity of the Kilburn water tank who raised concerns regarding the impacts of cell phone facilities. **Pitt Gilmore** said that Verizon had an easement from the HOA, and should request approval from the HOA for changes. He described the progression of cell tower installations in Oak Park since he served on the MAC in the 1980's. He said that he felt the technology for cell facilities needed to advance to create smaller equipment installations. **Miriam Wolverton** asked whether the T-Mobile installation at the water tank could be camouflaged, and Planning staff member **Daniel Klemann** responded that he would review its application materials. **John Wallace** asked whether Oak Park had any restrictions on heights of cell towers, and **Daniel Klemann** responded that there were none. He then asked about the limits on the cell tower leases, and **Michael Paule**

said that most leases with the Triunfo Sanitation District were for ten years. **John Wallace** commented that the towers could diminish the resale value for homes and that the cell phone companies should consider giving free service to the homeowners in the vicinity of the towers. **Jim Powers** asked if the Verizon application was truly a minor modification, and **Daniel Klemann** described the types of modifications to permits that are considered by Planning. **Jim Powers** said that he would like to see height restrictions in Oak Park, and that he felt there were not adequate reviews of the impacts of the cell tower installations. **Supervisor Linda Parks** said that it would be difficult to try to impose a moratorium on building new cell towers, but that other unincorporated areas did have height restrictions included in their Area Plans. **Alon Glickstein** asked how long construction would take, and **Kristin Galardo** responded that it would be one to two weeks. He then inquired about increasing the notification list, and she said that notification could be provided by Verizon to include everyone on Kilburn Court and more addresses within the HOA. He also asked if there would be any inspection after the completion of construction to check the tower height and the other specifications of the permit, and **Daniel Klemann** responded that there would be an inspection. The MAC discussed the application, with **Mike Green** saying that he favored adding the new conditions provided by the company, and **Michael Paule** adding that he was against allowing over 50 feet in height or adding any new equipment to the installation. He said that the diameter of the poles would remain as they were currently. **Mike Mc Reynolds** asked what would happen if the application were denied, and **Kristin Galardo** responded that in that case two new sites could be used for installations. **Mike Mc Reynolds** said that he would like to see more information about alternatives to the present application. The MAC then voted 3-2 in favor of recommending the application on a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Mike Green**, with **Derek Ross** and **Mike Mc Reynolds** dissenting, and including that the recommendation is subject to several conditions: the tower height is limited to 50', the diameter remains the same as the current installation, the color should be based on the engineer's recommendation of the least visible color, planting should be done to the extent that the facility is shielded as much as possible, construction work time is limited to 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday, notification is sent by Verizon to all Kilburn Ct. residents regarding plans, dates of hearings, and dates of construction work, and that if there is any parking on Kilburn Ct. for construction, residents will be notified about it. **Daniel Klemann** commented that notifications about hearings would be sent to anyone who requested being placed on the Planning Department's notification list.

c. MAC recommendation, new sign boards on Kanan Rd. and on Lindero Canyon Rd.

The item was continued to the February meeting.

d. MAC recommendation, MAC Liaison appointments for 2011

The list of appointments made by the MAC members is included below.

14. Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., February 22, 2011

Chair Ross adjourned the meeting at 9:43 pm until February 22, on a motion by **Mike Green** seconded by **Mike Mc Reynolds** and approved 5-0.

Oak Park MAC Assignments for 2011

CHAIR: Derek Ross

VICE CHAIR: Mike Mc Reynolds

SCHOOL DISTRICT: Mike Mc Reynolds

PARKS & RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE: Mike Green

STREET SWEEPING COORDINATOR & LANDSCAPE CSA #4; LANDSCAPE REVIEW; LIAISON TO STANDING LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE: Michael Paule

MEETING ROOM: VC Supervisor

POSTING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT (SIGNS): VC Supervisor

LIAISON TO TRIUNFO SANITATION DISTRICT: Michael Paule, Mike Mc Reynolds

**CROSSWALK & TRAFFIC SAFETY; TRANSPORTATION LIAISON:
Mike Mc Reynolds, Alon Glickstein**

PARAMEDIC ISSUES: Derek Ross

PUBLIC RELATIONS, COMMUNITY OUTREACH (the MAC Chair): Derek Ross

**LIAISON TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/BUSINESS COMMUNITY OUTREACH:
Michael Paule**

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MEETINGS: Alon Glickstein

OVERSIZED VEHICLE ORDINANCE: Alon Glickstein

LIAISON TO LAW ENFORCEMENT: Mike Green

LIAISON TO C.E.R.T: Derek Ross

LIAISON TO COALITION FOR OAK PARK YOUTH AND COMMUNITY: Derek Ross

LIAISON TO VC PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY: Mike Mc Reynolds

GRAFFITI: Mike Green