OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, March 22, 2011 The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, March 22, 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 Ross at 7:00 P.M. MAC members Michael Paule, Mike Mc Reynolds, and Derek Ross were present. Mike Green, Alon Glickstein, and Student Liaison Anisha Rajavel were absent.

2. Flag Salute

Captain Brent Kerr led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda passed 3-0, on a motion by Mike Mc Reynolds seconded by Michael Paule.

4. Approval of the Minutes of February 22

The approval of the minutes of February 22 passed 3-0, on a motion by *Mike Mc Reynolds* which was seconded by *Derek Ross* and included the corrections added by *Michael Paule* under Item 8 to read "plan in place for handling multiple injuries in the case of a disaster" and under Item 10 to read "to investigate adding solar lighting at the monument sign".

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks was unable to attend. Her assistant Jan Osterhaven noted that the MAC was provided with cost estimates for doing an Oak Park Area Plan update to add new standards for building future cell towers in Oak Park as well as doing a needed updating to the Ventura County General Plan's obsolete zoning in Oak Park.

6. Public Comments

Susan Myers from the Morrison HOA said that residents were unhappy with the appearance of the T-Mobile facility installation at the Kilburn water tank, and that a law restricting the height of cell towers was needed.

7. Council Comments

Michael Paule spoke about the Triunfo Sanitation District Board meeting topics, including progress in plans for building the new water tank. He anticipated that a contractor for the project would be hired at the next TSD Board meeting, and he said that it was important to coordinate the County's upcoming work on Kanan Road with the TSD construction. Regarding water tank cell tower installations, he said that the Triunfo Sanitation District would be discussing the topic at its next meeting. He spoke about a traffic accident involving a family member on Deerhill Road in the morning when school traffic was present. He said that a car parked on Deerhill Road close to the intersection with Kanan Road was a factor in the accident, and he requested that the MAC look into extending the existing no parking zone on Deerhill Road further south. Mike Mc Reynolds reported on the recent OPUSD school board meeting, and he commented on how recent world events highlighted the excellence of the United States' Constitution and government system. Derek Ross reminded everyone to support local businesses. He said there would be a Parks Planning Committee meeting the following week. He also reported on his attendance at an Eagle Scout awards event in Oak Park in the past week, and he said that he was very impressed by the projects the three Eagle Scouts had completed for their badge. Officer Steve Hunsaker commented that he had assisted at an accident on the 23 Freeway near Olsen Road earlier that day in which Eagle Scouts had been the first people on the scene after the crash, and how they had done an excellent job helping with the situation.

8. Information items

a. Welcome to new Oak Park Librarian Laurie Dunning

The Librarian was unable to attend, and planned to be at a later MAC meeting.

b. Update on Dial-A-Ride service to Oak Park, with Kathy Connell of the Ventura County Transportation Department

Kathy Connell described the history and current arrangements for providing Dial-A-Ride service to Oak Park residents. She said that the County had first contracted with Agoura

Hills in the 1980's and that three years ago the service provider was changed to Thousand Oaks Cab. She said that in June of 2011 the Board of Supervisors would vote on contracting with Agoura Hills again, in an effort to better consolidate the service. She said that the Dial-A-Ride service is open to anyone, and has 1700-1800 riders monthly in Oak Park. The service area is Oak Park and Agoura Hills, with links to bus stops, and costs \$1.50 per trip. A cab arrives to pick up a rider within 30 minutes of a call. There is no Sunday service, but on Saturday there is from 9 AM until 4 PM, and on weekdays from 7 AM to 5 PM. She said that in addition to fares, State sales tax is a source of funding for the service. To travel directly to Thousand Oaks a ride costs \$3 for seniors and disabled persons in Oak Park, but that other riders will be taken by the Dial-A-Ride vehicle to a transfer place to use other public transportation.

c. Thank you to VCSD Captain Brent Kerr

Chair Ross presented Captain Kerr with an engraved free-standing acrylic award in recognition of his time of service to Oak Park in his capacity as Sheriff's Department Captain in charge of East County Patrol Services. He also read a County of Ventura Resolution for Captain Kerr and presented it to him on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. In his comments, Chair Ross said that he considered Captain Kerr as a mentor and a friend who really cares for the community and the values the MAC works to uphold. He said that Captain Kerr had been "a phenomenal leader". Michael Paule praised Captain Kerr's outstanding service to the community, saying that he was very responsive and could always be counted on to resolve issues that came up. He said that Captain Kerr was much appreciated in Oak Park, and he wished him success in his next assignment. Mike Mc Reynolds added that Captain Kerr was a very knowledgeable and dependable resource with insight into issues, and a good "feel" for the community interests. He expressed appreciation for Captain Kerr's support. In two and a half years working in Oak Park Captain Kerr had attended all but two MAC meetings that were held, and he thanked the MAC for its partnership with him as he worked to provide the quality of law enforcement outreach and prevention programs that residents have come to expect from city areas in the county. He said that he viewed open communication as very important in supporting public safety, and that he had devoted special attention to working with the school district. He talked about the upcoming March 31 community forum on drug abuse issues that would be held at Thousand Oaks High School, with resources to help parents and community members identify what they can do to stop a rising epidemic of drug use among young people in the County.

- d. Free recycling and disposal at OPHS parking lot, Saturday, April 30, 8:30 AM-noon, with Ventura County Public Works
- e. VC Public Health free vaccine clinic April 6, 4-7 PM, 190 Reino Road, Newbury Park
- f. Pet adoption fees reduced by 50% on April 2 and 3 at Ventura County Animal Services

9. Written Communications

Derek Ross read a report from Liaison to the Santa Susana Field Lab Public Participation Group and the Santa Susana Field Lab Work Group *Jay Kapitz*. He reported on his attendance at their meetings, and the report is attached to these Minutes. *Michael Paule* said that both the Triunfo Sanitation District and the Landscape Committee would have booths at the April 16 Earth Fest 2011 at OPHS.

10. Action items

a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule said that the Committee would be meeting on March 29, and had no new report at the date of this MAC meeting. He noted that four trees had been lost during the past week's intense storm, most of these pine trees on Bowfield. He said that the Committee would decide how to replace the lost trees. He said that he expected there to be a proposal to review at the next MAC meeting for adding solar lighting at the monument sign on Kanan Road.

11. Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., April 26, 2011

Mike Mc Reynolds made a motion, seconded by *Michael Paule* and approved 3-0, to adjourn, and *Chair Ross* adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.