

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, May 3, 2011
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 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 Ross at 7:00 P.M. MAC members Michael Paule, Mike Mc Reynolds, Mike Green, Alon Glickstein, Derek Ross and Student Liaison Anisha Rajavel were present.

2. Flag Salute

Captain Brent Kerr led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda passed 5-0, on a motion by **Alon Glickstein** seconded by **Michael Paule**.

4. Approval of the Minutes of March 22, 2011

The approval of the minutes of March 22 passed 3-0, on a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Mike Mc Reynolds**.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks expressed her deep sorrow over the passing of **Marie Panec**, and noted that she had made great contributions to the community and served on the board of Community Action of Ventura County as her appointee. Regarding Board of Supervisors news, she reported on that afternoon's actions during the hearing for the Oak Park Chabad application. She said that she felt the Board's final vote was a good compromise, balancing interests and preventing future legal action related to the Chabad's conditional use permit. She also spoke about the steps needed 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. She posed the question of whether Oak Park could benefit from having a volunteer group that dealt with graffiti, and she reported that the Ventura County Transportation Commission was working on ways to improve the coordination of public transit lines. She said that her number one priority is to get a bus line on Kanan Rd.

6. Public Comments

Janna Orkney expressed her sadness over the passing of **Oak Park Unified School District Board Member Marie Panec**, praising her public service. With regard to Triunfo Sanitation District Board work, she said that the Board members were coming together in a productive way and getting things done.

Laurie Dunning introduced herself as the new librarian of the Oak Park Library, and **Chair Ross** welcomed her to the community and thanked her for her service.

Jan Iceland spoke about **Marie Panec's** remarkable talents and extensive public service particularly in the area of education. She expressed her deep shock and sadness over the death, expressed her condolences to her family, and said that scholarships would be established in her honor and that more information would be forthcoming about this opportunity to commemorate her life.

CHP Officer Steve Hunsaker said that there were concerns over the traffic conditions around Medea Creek Middle School at times when students are dropped off and picked up. He said that he was observing too many vehicles to fit safely in the area streets. He also suggested the possibility of installing signage that told drivers to not block access into the housing across Doubletree from the school. **Jan Iceland** commented that the OPUSD school board should be notified with these concerns, and **Mike Green** noted the MAC's history of involvement with school traffic matters.

7. Council Comments

Student Liaison Anisha Rajavel spoke about school district news, including the beginning of the STAR testing in the schools, and the upcoming open house at Medea Creek Middle School.

Alon Glickstein expressed condolences to the family of **Marie Panec**, and said he had been saddened by the news of her passing. He thanked **Captain Brent Kerr** for all the help and positive contributions he provided to Oak Park. He welcomed **Captain Frank O'Hanlon** to Oak Park. He reported on the "Every 15 Minutes" event he had attended at Newbury Park High School and showed pictures of it. He called the event remarkable, and said he hoped that OPHS could also plan an "Every 15 Minutes" event with the

participation of the Sheriff's Department and the CHP. He asked to agendize the formation of a MAC subcommittee for this purpose. He noted that the Oak Park Community Center offered excellent places to rent for holding holiday and other special events. He reported that the Community Foundation for Oak Park had had a successful year helping fund programs, and he said that the OPHS Parent Faculty Club was searching for a new president. He congratulated the 6th grade V-League basketball team on its season. **Michael Paule** expressed his condolences to the family of **Marie Panec**, saying she was a true pillar of the community and that her commitment and her knowledge about education matters had contributed to the successes of the Oak Park Unified School District. Reporting on Triunfo Sanitation District Board meeting topics, he said that there would be a project "kickoff" event held on June 9 for the new water tank. He also said that the water supplier Metropolitan District had removed water allocation restrictions. **Mike Green** expressed his condolences regarding **Marie Panec**. He also thanked **Anisha Rajavel** for her services during the school year, in advance because he would be away for the following meeting, which would be her final meeting. He spoke about numerous incidences of new graffiti in the past two weeks in Oak Park. He urged anyone who saw new graffiti to contact the Sheriff's Department about it. He also reported on Parks and Recreation Planning Committee meeting business. **Mike Mc Reynolds** expressed his condolences on the passing of **Marie Panec**. He stressed the importance of community outreach throughout the process of building the new water tank, and he noted he had made calls to the Sheriff's Department about graffiti and a car burglary. He gave a report on the previous OPUSD school board meeting and the budget options that the school district was facing, and said that the coming week was declared a "State of Emergency Week" by school districts to draw attention to the funding problems facing public education in this state. **Derek Ross** said that his thoughts were with the family of **Marie Panec**.

8. Information items

a. Welcome to Ventura County Sheriff's Department Captain Frank O'Hanlon

Captain O'Hanlon was introduced and warmly welcomed by the MAC members as the new Ventura County Sheriff's Department captain in charge of patrol for the Oak Park area. He spoke about his law enforcement background and expressed his eagerness to work closely with the Oak Park community.

b. Update on planning for pavement rehabilitation in Oak Park, with David Fleisch of the Ventura County Transportation Department

David Fleisch made a presentation about the upcoming plans for a major street resurfacing project that would fix 75 public streets, mostly with rubberized asphalt, in the western half of Oak Park, including Kanan Road. Residents living on streets off Sunnycrest Dr. in the east side of Oak Park posed questions about when their roads would be improved, and about how the selection process is handled by the County. Mr. Fleisch said he anticipated their streets would be completed within two years, as well. He explained that his department inspects the condition of the pavement on all streets, and also utilizes data including type of road, traffic volume, kind of repair required, the date of the previous pavement work and other considerations such as funding sources to do the planning for county roads. He said that Oak Park has 33 miles of public streets. He said that the county has paved about 13 miles since 2001 and the upcoming project will pave about 14 miles. The remaining 1.97 miles should be completed in the next 18 months, he said. The work will be funded by state bond funding, and not property taxes.

9. Written Communications

There were none.

10. Action Items

a. MAC recommendation, extension of no parking zone on Deerhill Rd. south to Kanan Rd.

Michael Paule made a motion seconded by **Mike Green** and approved 4-1 with **Alon Glickstein** dissenting to recommend permanently extending the no parking zone on Deerhill Rd. south to Kanan Rd. from the current zone.

b. MAC recommendation, MAC meeting schedule for 2011

It was noted that September 25 should be dropped as a meeting date as it falls on the religious day of Yom Kippur, and this was approved 5-0 on a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Mike Green**. It was also agreed on by the members to further review the meeting calendar at the following MAC meeting.

c. MAC recommendation, Oak Park Area Plan revisions

The MAC members expressed a willingness to have the Oak Park Area Plan amended to include standards that are now in effect in the Ojai Valley Area Plan for installing wireless communications facilities, and to share with the County the cost for completing this amendment. An estimate for doing so had been distributed to MAC members at the previous MAC meeting, and ***Supervisor Parks*** also explained that the Board of Supervisors would need to authorize this work as an expense that CSA #4 could be used for. MAC members agreed to consider this with the coming year's CSA #4 budget.

d. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule said that the refurbished community sign boards on Kanan and Lindero Canyon Roads would be installed in the coming month.

11. Adjournment to May 24 meeting

Chair Ross adjourned the meeting in honor of ***Marie Panec***.