

**OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, May 24, 2011**  
**The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 7:00 P.M.**  
**Oak Park High School, Room G-9, 899 N. Kanan Rd., Oak Park**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ross at 7:01 P.M. Michael Paule, Mike Mc Reynolds, Alon Glickstein, Derek Ross and Student Liaison Anisha Rajavel were present. Mike Green was absent.

**2. Flag Salute**

*Mrs. Derek Ross* led the flag salute.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The adoption of the agenda passed 4-0, on a motion by *Mike Mc Reynolds* seconded by *Michael Paule*.

**4. Approval of the Minutes of May 3, 2011**

The approval of the minutes of May 3 passed 4-0, on a motion by *Alon Glickstein* seconded by *Michael Paule*.

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

Supervisor Parks reported on the day's Board of Supervisors hearing, noting the Board continued to receive budget presentations from department heads. Due to the creativity and hard work of county departments it was looking possible to avoid any program or staffing cutbacks at the County for the coming fiscal year. As an example of that she cited the Sheriff's Department's introduction of a unique "reverse contract" with the City of Thousand Oaks which would allow the City to take over patrol duties for some unincorporated islands. She said that her district would be receiving new boundaries when the BOS voted on the matter in June. She noted that resident *Harry Medved* had spoken during the public comment period of the BOS meeting earlier that morning to voice complaints about the BOS's recent action on the Oak Park Chabad appeal. She said that changes for the Dial-A-Ride service were being proposed as part of the County's effort to consolidate services by having fewer service providers for smoother service, and that the MAC had received a presentation about that from Public Works earlier. She said that she had continued her BOS agenda item regarding doing an Oak Park Area Plan update to add new standards for building future cell towers in Oak Park because it was advisable to wait and see first what the Planning Department's ongoing project for updating the County-wide standards would propose.

**6. Public Comments**

*Tenna Langesen* asked about the need to irrigate an area on the corner of Doubletree and Deerhill Rd., and *Michael Paule* responded that this area was maintained by the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. *Eileen Misrahi* expressed her dissatisfaction with the rude customer service of Agoura Hills' Dial-A-Ride providers when the service was used in earlier years in Oak Park. She said that she was legally blind and a long-time user of the service, and noted that two years ago Agoura Hills had seen its contract with the County ended because it had wanted to charge the county for its new vehicles.

*Julie Daly* with Nationwide Transit spoke about her company's desire to have its contract renewed for providing Dial-A-Ride service in Oak Park. *Eli Eisenberg* said that if its contract were not renewed his family would regret the loss of Nationwide as the Dial-A-Ride provider since his daughter had disabilities and depended on the service to get to her job in Thousand Oaks.

**7. Council Comments**

*Michael Paule* spoke about the project "kickoff" event to be held on June 9 for the new water tank, and invited residents to attend it. He also recalled comments made at a previous MAC meeting by the president of the Morrison/Sutton Valley HOA that were highly critical of how cell phone companies installed their facilities in Oak Park over the years. He said that his own research into the matter had brought to light documentation of the HOA's negotiations with cell phone companies in relation to the use of an easement belonging to the HOA, and also that the HOA was currently receiving a lease payment of \$600 annually from a cell phone company for use of the easement.

*Mike Mc Reynolds* congratulated graduates receiving their degrees, which included his own daughter *Jessica Mc Reynolds*. He gave a report on the latest OPUSD school board meeting, where volunteer *Barry Myerson* was celebrated by the Friends of Oak Park Schools for his efforts which included raising over \$600,000. He said that in the API ratings OPUSD had placed in the top 1% of all California school districts, and he described the high school students' solar boat project which had been awarded a first place in the rookie division in a recent competition. He noted the recent increased graffiti in Oak Park, and reminded everyone to be watchful.

**Alon Glickstein** said that he had been elected president of the Community Foundation for Oak Park. He also praised the new playground at Oak Hills Elementary School.

**Student Liaison Anisha Rajavel** spoke about school district news, including the ongoing drunk driver awareness week, and the blood drive at Oak Hills Elementary School.

**Derek Ross** said that there would be mock trials at Red Oak Elementary School in the coming week. He said that, as an elected member of the Parks and Recreation Planning Committee, in the past week he had taken a tour of the parks with RSRPD maintenance supervisor Eugene Molnar. He said that in the coming week there would be a Chamber of Commerce meeting and that the Splash Pad would be reopening. Finally, he said that a book on the history of Oak Park that he was helping with was progressing.

**Captain Frank O'Hanlon** spoke about a recent case of vandalism to the Savoy water tank in which security locks had been cut at the site. He urged community members to report crime and suspicious activity. He said that the graffiti found in Oak Park did not appear to be gang related.

#### **8. Information items**

##### **a. Update on Oak Park Area Plan amendment for inclusion of Cellular/Satellite facility standards**

**Supervisor Parks** described the process that would need to be followed for making amendments to the Area Plan.

##### **b. Oak Park "Snake Guy" Bruce Freeman on safety and snakes in Oak Park**

**Bruce Freeman** described how to recognize poisonous snakes, and he offered his assistance to residents who find snakes in their yards.

##### **c. Thank you to Anisha Rajavel for serving as the Student Liaison in 2010-2011**

**Supervisor Parks** presented Anisha Rajavel with a certificate thanking her for her service. **Chair Ross** expressed his appreciation and wished her the best. **Michael Paule** commended her for giving good reports and being very active as the MAC liaison. **Mike Mc Reynolds** also thanked her and noted that her service had given her a great opportunity to learn about government. **Alon Glickstein** thanked her and added that he would be happy to recommend her help in the future.

#### **9. Written Communications**

The Chair read a letter from OPUSD **Board President Barbara Laifman** thanking the MAC for supporting the school crossing guard program. He also read an e-mail from resident **Ophur Ashur** to the MAC asking about the feasibility of having school busses stationed at the elementary schools to transport middle school students to MCMS. Chair Ross noted that the school staff had commented that doing this could aggravate the traffic congestion.

#### **10. Action Items**

##### **a. MAC recommendation, Community Service Area #4 draft budget for FY2011-2012**

**Mike Mc Reynolds** made a motion, seconded by **Derek Ross**, and approved by the MAC 4-0, to recommend the addition of \$15,000 to the CSA #4 budget for FY 2011-2012 in order to pay for 50% of the cost of amending the Oak Park Area Plan to include cellular and satellite facility standards. A second motion for item 10.a. is that **Mike Paule** made a motion, seconded by **Alon Glickstein**, and approved by the MAC 4-0, to recommend adoption of the draft budget for CSA #4 for FY 2011-2012 as presented by VC Public Works at the MAC meeting, and including the addition of \$15,000 in order to pay for 50% of the cost of amending the Oak Park Area Plan to include cellular and satellite facility standards.

##### **b. MAC recommendation, extending CSA #4 services to include County of Ventura Planning Division work (to include Oak Park Area Plan amendment)**

**Michael Paule** made a motion, seconded by **Alon Glickstein** and passed 4-0 to add an additional category to extend the CSA #4 services to include Planning Division work.

##### **c. MAC recommendation, MAC meeting schedule for 2011**

The MAC agreed to continue this item to the June meeting.

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

**Michael Paule** said that all the landscaping tasks were being done on schedule, and that some trees damaged by the winter storms had been removed and refurbished signboards had been installed.

##### **e. MAC recommendation, MAC subcommittee for an "Every 15 Minutes" program**

The MAC agreed to continue this item to the June meeting.

#### **11. Adjournment to June 28 meeting**

**Chair Ross** adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.