

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, July 26, 2011
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, July 26, 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 7:02 P.M. Michael Paule, Mike Green, Alon Glickstein, and Derek Ross were present. Mike Mc Reynolds was absent.

2. Flag Salute

Diane Darling led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda passed 4-0, on a motion by *Michael Paule* seconded by *Mike Green*. The motion included *Michael Paule's* request to delete the Action Item 10. c. Landscape Committee update.

4.

Approval of the Minutes of June 28, 2011

The approval of the minutes of June 28 passed 4-0, on a motion by *Mike Green* seconded by *Alon Glickstein*.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks reported that her office had moved to a new location. She said that everyone would be welcome to an open house on September 14. She spoke about the success of the recent dinner she had hosted at a local restaurant for constituents and interested parties, featuring a talk with California State Controller John Chiang. She congratulated this year's Oak Park recipients of the Gold Award in Girl Scouting. *Anisha Rajavel* was one of the new Gold Award recipients. She said she attended their ceremony and was very impressed by the projects selected by the girls who earned this highest award earned by Girl Scouts. She also expressed wishes for a speedy recovery to MAC member Mike Green who had recently undergone surgery. Regarding the proposal to update the standards for building future cell towers in Oak Park, she said that the Planning Department continued to work on drafting new County-wide standards. She said pavement rehabilitation work in west Oak Park had begun, and that within 18 months the remainder of the streets would be repaved. She said that the County Counsel's review had concluded that there was no legal conflict of interest for MAC members also serving on the Triunfo Sanitation District Board to vote on cell tower applications that are on the MAC agenda, but that the MAC members could choose to recuse themselves from voting if they so decided.

6. Public Comments

There were none.

7. Council Comments

Mike Green spoke about the past meeting of the Parks and Recreation Planning Committee, highlighting the upcoming August 20 50th anniversary celebrations for RSRPD at Oak Canyon Park. He said that the events would include "restricted fireworks". He reported that the Oak Park Plaza had been targeted with graffiti three times in the preceding month, and he expressed appreciation for VCSD *Captain O'Hanlon's* quick response. He said that the Captain's efforts to address the vandalism problem included organizing a meeting with the management of the Plaza to review their situation and provide advice on steps to deter future crime.

Captain O'Hanlon gave a report on crime activity, stressing that theft from vehicles remained a problem in Oak Park. He reminded everyone of the importance of locking doors and removing valuables from their vehicles.

Michael Paule spoke about construction activity on the new water tank. In other Triunfo Sanitation District Board news, he said that there had been vandalism to the Palo Comado pumping station, and that water usage by Oak Park consumers was 15% below the recommended rate of usage. He also spoke about the importance of the redistricting process. Finally, he described problems faced by neighborhoods when there are homes that fall into foreclosure, and he said that he would like to see a MAC agenda item to discuss if the MAC could address the issue.

Alon Glickstein commented on the problem of graffiti, and emphasized the importance of residents reporting graffiti they find to the Sheriff's Department.

Derek Ross said that there would be a Neil Diamond tribute concert, ice cream, and games among the activities planned for the 50th anniversary event for RSRPD on August 20. He said that 45 people had attended the second "Oak Park History Night" and heard Molly Jordan speak. He also urged residents to take down garage sale signs when their sale was over. He noted the astronomy event coming up that weekend at Oak Canyon Park, and a drive-in movie at the high school. He said that RSRPD continued to work on improving an erosion problem along Medea Creek. Finally, he said that he would like to work on finding a way to address scavenging in recycle bins in Oak Park.

8. Information items

There were none.

9. Written Communications

There were none.

10. Action Items

a. MAC recommendation, "Turn the Towns Teal" ribbon tying in Oak Park for Ovarian Cancer awareness raising campaign

Derek Ross made a motion seconded by **Michael Paule** and approved 4-0 to allow **Diane Darling** to place teal ribbons on the community sign boards for ten days along with a message about the cancer awareness campaign, as well as on the capstones of the monument sign.

b. MAC recommendation, LU10-0076, Verizon cell tower proposals, Kilburn water tank site

Chair Ross read a letter from absent MAC member **Mike McReynolds** about the proposal. Resident **Miriam Wolverton** expressed her concerns about the project. A radio frequency expert was among the Verizon representatives who presented information and answered questions. The MAC members requested that the Verizon representatives return to the MAC at a later date with more project alternatives and after satisfying concerns of the HOA impacted by installations at the Kilburn water tank site.

c. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

The agenda item was taken off the agenda under agenda item 3.

d. MAC recommendation, MAC meeting schedule for 2011/2012 (continued from 6/28)

The MAC agreed to hold a meeting in August, and to change the date of the November meeting to November 29. The vote was 4-0 on a motion by **Derek Ross** seconded by **Mike Green**.

11. Adjournment to August 23 meeting

Chair Ross adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm.