

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, October 25, 2011
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, October 25, 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 Derek Ross at 7:00 P.M. Mike Mc Reynolds, Michael Paule and Mike Green were also present. Alon Glickstein was absent.

2. Flag Salute

OPUSD School Board member *Mary Pallant* 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 September 27, 2011

The approval of the amended minutes of September 27 passed 3-0, on a motion by *Michael Paule* seconded by *Mike Green*. There was also one abstention from voting, by *Derek Ross*, and the minutes were approved with the inclusion of amendments by *Derek Ross* to change the maker of motion listed in agenda item #11.a. to Mike Green, and by *Michael Paule* to change the masthead date to September 27, and the name of the TSD General Manager to Acting General Manager Doug Anders in agenda items 11.b. and 11.d.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks said that an agenda topic at that day's Board of Supervisors' meeting had been a hearing that involved uses in an agriculture zone, and that the Board had not supported adding non-agriculture related uses. She said that the median in front of the Fire Station #36 would be removed to improve access for the fire trucks. She noted that the CHP was represented at the MAC meeting, and she mentioned that the Moorpark area CHP which patrols Oak Park had recently received State awards to recognize the outstanding job the officers were doing to reduce the incidence of driving under the influence in our area. She said that they were saving lives, and that their efforts are greatly appreciated. She said that *Doug Anders* was a wonderful choice to serve as the new General Manager of the Triunfo Sanitation District. She also complimented TSD on its smooth transition preparing for the new water tank construction, noting that her office had not been receiving any complaints about the project work. She said that she was pleased to see the Dial-A-Ride service customer survey, and that it was a good thing that the new service provider Agoura Hills had asked for input on how the service was working out for customers. Finally, she invited everyone to come to the Open House at her new office on the Friday of that week from 2-4 pm. *Derek Ross* congratulated her on her new office.

6. Public Safety Reports

CHP Officer Mike Curtin, the supervisor for the Moorpark CHP's day watch personnel, introduced himself. He said that in its station size category the east county's Moorpark CHP station had been recognized as second in the State of California for its DUI program overall, and that it also received a top special award for its underage DUI prevention efforts. He said that in addition, out of all the Coastal Division CHP officers *Officer Brett Lynsky* had been honored for his outstanding work to prevent drinking under the influence.

Regarding Oak Park, he reported that car accidents were down by 10%, that there had been 30 reported so far this year and that 33% of these had been DUI-related accidents, while another third of the total had been caused by excessive speed. He said that 10% of the crashes had caused injuries. He said that the CHP was planning some DUI prevention events for Oak Park this year. He said that his station was planning to patrol Oak Park with patrols seven days per week, in place of the current four days per week. *Derek Ross* remarked that the newspaper delivery vehicles were speeding in Oak Park between 5-6 AM, and Officer Curtin said that the CHP would try to address this.

VCSD Captain Frank O'Hanlon reported on the arrest of two teenage males for the vandalisms that are recorded in the September MAC minutes. He said that there had been some incidences of identity theft and domestic violence, and he noted that the previous "E-Watch" bulletin had contained an advisory about identity theft. He said that generally it had been a good month in Oak Park.

Derek Ross welcomed the firefighters from station #36, and he said it was very nice to see them at the meeting. They reminded residents about the continued danger of Santa Ana winds in the autumn months, and of the need to do brush clearance of regrowth in the landscaping.

7. Public Comments

There were none.

8. Council Comments

Mike Green reported on the latest meeting of the Recreation and Parks Planning Committee, highlighting the success of the Halloween party in Oak Park, and the election of new committee members during the January, 2012 MAC meeting. He said that the school district's new Citizens' Oversight Committee would be having its first meeting the next day.

Michael Paule commented on the latest Chamber of Commerce event, and on the special meeting of the TSD Board that was held in Westlake Village. Regarding the new water tank, he said that Kanan Road work associated with the tank's construction should be completed in January. He said that the Board had approved detaching from the Ahmanson Ranch community services district because there is no longer any service needed. He inquired about the gaps in repaving on Kanan Road, and Chris Hooke explained that it would be completed in the spring of 2013. He noted that the letter "O" had disappeared from a monument sign at the Oak Park shopping center located on the north east corner of the Lindero Canyon and Kanan Roads intersection. Finally, he said that as a member of the United Way's leadership academy he had recently toured the County's Todd Road Jail.

Mike Mc Reynolds spoke about the recent Green School of California Award given to OPHS. He said there had been vandalism at OPHS that was caught on tape. He reported that along with **Michael Paule** he had attended a meeting of the Kilburn Court neighbors concerned about cell towers installation at the Kilburn water tank. Regarding the TSD Board, he reported that the following month there would be consideration to contract for a new disaster recovery plan, and that it was expected that a plan could be approved by the board in the spring.

Derek Ross spoke about a new business that opened in Oak Park, Mathasium. He also reported on two recent successful events in the community, the pumpkin sale at the Oak Park Community Garden, and the star watching party that attracted over 100 people at Oak Canyon Park.

Michael Paule inquired about the status of appointing a new student liaison to the MAC, and **Derek Ross** replied that the high school principal was working on it.

9. Information items

There were none.

10. Written Communications

Michael Paule said that he had received an anonymous communication expressing concern about the appearance of a new LED sign board at OPHS. In response he said that the MAC had not been informed in advance about the new installation, and he commented that it would have been appreciated if the MAC had been able to review the matter.

11. Advisory matters

a. MAC recommendation, Deerhill Road pavement rehabilitation, and related median and tree removals

Deputy Director **Chris Hooke** and Engineering Manager **Glenn Derossett** from the County of Ventura Transportation Department presented detailed information about the project, along with Public Works Department staff member **Pam Landrio**, who helps manage the CSA #4 budget for Oak Park. Receiving special attention were the topics of scheduling the work to minimize traffic disruptions and the importance of understanding that the project would be completed in stages. It was emphasized that the work hours would be set at 8:30 am to 4:00 pm for the contractor, that there would be changeable message boards on

Deerhill providing project information for drivers to see, and that work would be done on weekends as well as week days to expedite the project. The signal at Deerhill and Kanan Road would not be working for several days during the work. Creating a detour at Bishopswood was discussed, as well as how best to help the nearby apartment complex residents find alternative places for overnight parking. Pam Landrio spoke about the planned removals of trees, saying that ten would be removed at an approximate cost to the CSA #4 for \$1000 per tree. She noted that the Fire Department would provide funding for the portion of the median removal and related median tree removals in front of Fire Station #36. Firefighters from the station were in attendance, and they asked how many feet of median would be removed, and the engineers answered that it would amount to more than fifty feet of median length.

b. *Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations*

Michael Paule reported on the plans for tree replacements after the repaving was complete on Deerhill Road, and said that the Committee had selected five Chinese Flame trees as replacements for the trees removed near the park. He said that it was agreed that this tree type would provide a nice canopy. The price for these trees was estimated at \$5-6 thousand. He said that two of the pines were not recommended for replacement because of the excessive density of the mature trees. **Michael Paule** made a motion seconded by **Derek Ross** and approved 4-0 to recommend approval of the tree removals and replacements with the cost to be borne by CSA #4.

12. *Adjournment to November 29 meeting*

Chair Ross adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm, on a motion by **Derek Ross** seconded by **Michael Paule** and approved 4-0.