

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, April 24, 2012
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 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 Mike Mc Reynolds at 7:00 P.M. Derek Ross, Mike Green, Michael Paule and Alon Glickstein were also present.

2. Flag Salute

CHP Community Liaison Officer Greg Musgrove led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of March 27, 2012

The approval of the minutes of passed 4-0, on a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Alon Glickstein**. The approval included changing wording in the Alon Glickstein comments under agenda item 8 to read: "should create CD's of the files".

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks reported on the "Senior Summit" event for area senior citizens that was held the previous weekend at CSUCI and organized by her office. She spoke about her efforts to reintroduce a County Library "bookmobile" to serve unincorporated areas of the County. She also noted that earlier in the day the Board of Supervisors had honored County organizations including the Oak Park Unified School District's "Environmental Education Action Committee" during the awarding of "Climate Action" recognitions.

6. Public Safety Reports

CHP Community Alliance Officer Greg Musgrove provided handouts to the MAC showing the 2011 Oak Park vehicle accident data. He observed that there were no strong patterns on when and where accidents occurred. **Alon Glickstein** asked if the total number was average for communities comparable to Oak Park, and Officer Musgrove said he would follow up. **Alon Glickstein** also commented that the intersection of Kanan Rd. and Tamarind St. he had inquired about at the previous MAC meeting did not turn up in the data. **Derek Ross** wondered whether there was any variance in the frequency of accidents depending on the time of day, and Officer Musgrove responded that there was not a pattern. **Mike Green** said that there had been one 2009 accident at Calle Rio Vista and Oak Hills Drive prior to the installation of a new traffic sign that the MAC had requested.

Ventura County Sheriff's Department Captain Frank O'Hanlon reported that the rate of garage burglaries of bicycles in Oak Park had dropped considerably and that there had been none in the past three weeks brought to the attention of his department. On the other hand, thefts from vehicles involving valuables left in cars did continue to occur in the past month. He described the incident of a black Expedition with certain distinctive features that had been seen on OPHS surveillance video and was connected to vehicle burglaries in the OPHS parking lot. He also described a residential burglary on Pinewood St. that occurred between April 11 and 15 and appeared to involve entry through a dog door in the back of the house, and he noted an incident of a car window being smashed in the parking lot of Mae Boyar Park. He repeated that the dispatch number for reporting criminal activity is (805) 654-9511. **Alon Glickstein** said that he had viewed on his home surveillance camera a vehicle he believed to be similar to the one described in connection to the OPHS parking lot activities, and he discussed with **Captain O'Hanlon** what to do in such situations.

7. Public Comments

There were none.

8. Council Comments

Alon Glickstein shared with the MAC the CD's he created from the scanning of file boxes of older MAC meeting materials. He announced that the Community Foundation for Oak Park would again sponsor a candidates' forum in October in advance of the November election. It was requested that the topic of scanning more boxes be on the April MAC agenda.

Derek Ross spoke about the success of the annual egg hunt and community festival at Mae Boyar Park which saw thousands in attendance. He commented on Oak Park Water Company's work on cutting into newly resurfaced streets in Oak Park to bring manhole covers into line with the changed surface level of the streets. He said that the new book about Oak Park would come out on May 21, and he noted that on May 31 there would be an authors' book signing event at the Westlake Barnes and Noble book store to benefit OPUSD on its 35th anniversary.

Mike Green said that he was very happy to be back in attendance following his surgery and recovery period, and he thanked everyone for the cards, prayers, and well wishes sent he received. He reported on the April 12 meeting of the Oak Park Parks and Recreation Planning Committee he attended as the MAC liaison. He asked for clarification of the previous month's MAC meeting's discussion about the CSA #4 budgeting for crossing guard salaries, and **Pam Landrio** explained that although a sum of \$75,000 had been budgeted in FY 2011-2012 for crossing guards, the contract for their employment in Oak Park had specified an amount of \$70,000. **Michael Paule** welcomed **Mike Green** back to the MAC. He commented on the Verizon request for installing a new cell tower facility at the Conifer water tank site, and he said that the staff of the Triunfo Sanitation District and RSRPD could not include Verizon at this site now. He added that the water tank was scheduled to be removed in June of 2013. He said that work on the new Oak Canyon water tank was proceeding according to plans, and that it should be completed by September. He concluded his comments by saying that a merger of TSD with the Las Virgenes Water District would be considered at a special meeting on May 14.

Mike Mc Reynolds spoke about the OPUSD school board meeting he attended as the MAC liaison, highlighting the very impressive results of the district's student participation in the Ventura County Science Fair. He said there had been no complaints related to the new water tank construction in the past month. He welcomed **Mike Green** back to the MAC.

9. Information items

a. May 6 Oak Park Community Day of Service event

Brett Garrett said that the OPUSD school district encouraged residents to participate in the community day of service, and that so far 200 volunteers had promised to help out. He said there would be projects at all of the schools, that drains would be repainted and trees planted, and that cash donations for things like paint were still needed.

10. Written Communications

11. Advisory Matters

a. MAC recommendation, Community Service Area (CSA) #4 draft budget for FY 2012/2013

A recommendation of approval of the draft budget as submitted by Public Works passed 3-2, on a motion by **Mike Green** seconded by **Alon Glickstein**, with **Michael Paule** and **Derek Ross** dissenting on the grounds that the budget for the crossing guards allocation should reflect what the current contract between the school district and the crossing guard company actually allows for.

Margaret Lopez of Public Works opened the agenda item with a presentation to the MAC about the draft budget. She pointed out that there was a new category on the budget sheet, "Collection and Billing Services" to reflect payments out of the budget to the County Auditor Controller, and that the category for VIP services ("Volunteers in Policing") had been deleted for the next fiscal year at the direction of LAFCo because the program had never been implemented, but rather only designated. LAFCo had determined that this was not allowable. **Pam Landrio** explained that with Board of Supervisors' approval, the VIP program could be included in the budget again. **Michael Paule** commented that he had recently spoken with **Linda Oxner** of the VCSD while he was touring the County jail, and that should be supportive of a VIP program in Oak Park, and **Supervisor Parks** added that **Assistant Sheriff John Crombach** had also indicated support for the program. At the request of **Michael Paule** there was discussion of the pro's and con's of reducing the sum budgeted for the crossing guards pay to reflect the actual amount specified in the contract

between the school district and the crossing guard company. **Margaret Lopez** introduced an analysis for the five-year forecast for CSA #4. She said that the fund balance had been growing. **Michael Paule** questioned whether the CSA funding could be seized by the State the way redevelopment funding had been appropriated, and he was answered that it could not happen. **Derek Ross** inquired into the amount budgeted for MAC support. **Mike Green** was concerned that a 1% yearly increase in property tax income was an overly conservative assumption for the five-year forecast. **Alon Glickstein** inquired about going over the budget for specific items and it was explained that in that case funding from another category that was not overdrawn could be used. **Michael Paule** requested that the MAC be provided with quarterly updates from Public Works on the status of the CSA #4 funds.

b. MAC recommendation, Southern California Gas Company pressure limiting station project on natural gas transmission pipelines; located at Kanan Rd., apn # 800-0-310-035, owned by Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

Gas Company representatives described the project and responded to questions from the MAC. On a motion by **Mike Mc Reynolds** seconded by **Michael Paule** the MAC members unanimously to recommend approval of the application.

c. MAC recommendation, Oak Park logo/image contest of private web site (continued from March meeting)

The MAC voted 5-0 in favor of a design created by **Stephanie Shoemaker**, on a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Mike Green**.

d. MAC recommendation, community mailers shared with OPUSD- report from MAC subcommittee

The MAC continued the item to the May meeting.

e. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule said that the Committee was working on deciding how best to replace the alder trees along Lindero Canyon Road.

f. MAC recommendation, electronic scanning of boxes of old MAC documents

It was agreed that **Derek Ross** would pick up more boxes of documents from **Todd Haines**, and that **Mike Mc Reynolds** would review the contents.

12. Adjournment to May 22, 2012

Chair Mc Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.