

**OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, May 22, 2012**  
**The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, May 22, 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. Mike Green, Michael Paule and Alon Glickstein were also present. Derek Ross was absent.

**2. Flag Salute**

*Alon Glickstein* led the flag salute.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The adoption of the agenda passed 4-0, on a motion by *Mike Green* seconded by *Alon Glickstein*.

**4. Approval of the Minutes of April 24, 2012**

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

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

Supervisor Parks reported on the Board of Supervisors' budget hearings that day, expressing her appreciation for the fact that there were no major budget gaps that had needed to be filled for the upcoming fiscal year. She commented that the Sheriff's Department had done an especially good job controlling costs. A successful example of this was the introduction of a "reverse contract" with the City of Thousand Oaks to patrol unincorporated areas adjoining the City. She added that during the Supervisors' budget hearing that day, she had inquired of *Sheriff Dean* about introducing the Volunteers in Policing (V.I.P.) program to Oak Park. She noted that the County's Juvenile Hall was housing fewer inmates and the cause appeared to be that other County agencies were providing services meeting the needs of the juveniles. Residents in attendance complained about the County Transportation Department pushing back the date of the promised pavement rehabilitation projects for the eastern half of Oak Park. She said that the projects were scheduled for the summer of 2013, but that she would look into speeding this up for Oak Park. The MAC was also concerned, and was advised by residents to request an explanation for the scheduling delays.

**6. Public Safety Reports**

*CHP Community Alliance Officer Greg Musgrove* commented on how the 2011 Oak Park vehicle accident data compared with data for other communities with a population in the range of 13,000. There had occurred one traffic fatality since 2005, and that represented a relatively low rate for the community compared with others. He said that the data showed that Oak Hills Drive had problems in the years prior to the installation of the new traffic signage that seems to have helped matters. He said there complaints about the traffic issues around Medea Creek Middle School, and the CHP was devoting time to that area during the school drop off and pick up times. *Michael Paule* noted that it would be good to know where on particular streets the recorded accidents had occurred. For example, on Doubletree he wondered whether the stop signage installed in 2010 had contributed to crashes. He had himself seen and heard of that happening, and there appeared to be a spike in the data for Doubletree generally in 2010. *Mike Green* said that it would be good to have patrols on Saturdays during soccer season in the area of Conifer St. near Pinewood where there is a no stopping zone. *Michael Paule* asked generally about cell phone stops by the CHP, and *Officer Musgrove* assured him that the CHP was still stopping drivers often for talking on hand held phones while driving.

*Ventura County Sheriff's Department Captain Frank O'Hanlon* reported that there were no new crime trends, but that thefts from vehicles involving valuables left in cars did continue to occur in the past month, though at a much lower rate than previously. He described a rare incidence of arson in Oak Park that had occurred on May 18 at Indian Spring Park at around 8 PM. A plastic tarp on a fence had been set afire by someone, and the damage that resulted came to \$200. *Michael Paule* asked if there were new developments with regard to the black Expedition connected in the past month to vehicle burglaries in the OPHS parking lot. *Captain O'Hanlon* said that the investigation continued.

## **7. Public Comments**

A resident asked whether the public received any funds from cell facility companies that install cell phone facilities within a public right of way, and Supervisor Parks said that she would inquire about this.

## **8. Council Comments**

**Mike Green** said that RSRPD's "Splash Pad" at Oak Canyon Park would be opening for the summer in the coming weekend. He also described the event planned for June 24 at this park showing scenes from movies filmed in Oak Park through the years. He complimented **Derek Ross** on the new book about Oak Park would come out on May 21, and he reminded everyone that on May 31 there would be an authors' book signing event at the Westlake Village Barnes and Noble book store to benefit the Friends of OPUSD on its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He said that on June 19 he would attend a Citizens' Oversight Committee meeting for the school district that would deal with reports on the status of the various bonds supported by Oak Park residents, and he noted that the reports could be accessed prior to the meeting through the OPUSD web site. **Alon Glickstein** said that the Community Foundation for Oak Park would sponsor its candidates' forum on October 2 in Room G-9 for MAC, TSD, and OPUSD School Board candidates, and also possibly Congressional seat candidates in the November election. He also said that the Foundation had selected recipients of its college scholarships, including a new scholarship established in honor of **Marie Panec**. **Michael Paule** noted that **Derek Ross** had asked him to remind meeting attendees about the May 31 book signing event. He expressed his condolences to the people of Thousand Oaks upon the passing of **Tom Glancy**. He also commented that the Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD) Board would be finding it necessary to pass through to customers the hikes in water rates being introduced by the water purveyors. **Mike Mc Reynolds** commented on meeting at Supervisor Parks' office to discuss the Verizon request for installing a new cell tower facility at the Conifer water tank site with Verizon representatives, and said that it was expected that a new proposal would be presented to the entire MAC at its June meeting. He said that the new Oak Canyon water tank was getting closer to completion, and had caused virtually no complaints from the public.

## **9. Information items**

### **a. Introduction by Ventura County Sheriff's Department Captain Frank O'Hanlon of Oak Park's Beat Coordinator, Senior Deputy Laura Natoli**

The new Beat Coordinator **Senior Deputy Laura Natoli** was introduced by **Captain Frank O'Hanlon**. She explained that **Sheriff Dean** had initiated the Beat Coordinator position for the purpose of achieving greater efficiency in addressing more ongoing law enforcement problems and situations, along with individual incidents. It was an example of community policing and reinvigorating the community and law enforcement partnership. It would provide a contact person for residents and a coordinator who marshals resources and follows cases from start to finish after creating action plans for persistent problems. **Senior Deputy Natoli** spoke about the survey she would be distributing to Oak Park businesses asking them about their security concerns and their own preparations related to preventing criminal activity. She said she anticipated also distributing a survey for residents. It was explained that **Senior Deputy Natoli** would also be working in patrol, that her area also included other east county unincorporated areas, and that for the MAC's law enforcement liaison **Mike Green** the primary contact would remain **Captain Frank O'Hanlon**. The MAC members welcomed and thanked the new Beat Coordinator.

## **10. Written Communications**

**Chair Mc Reynolds** noted two communications, one regarding the upcoming book signing event to benefit the school district at Barnes and Noble bookstore, and the other regarding residents' dissatisfaction with the scheduled date for repaving in the eastern part of Oak Park.

## **11. Advisory Matters**

### **a. MAC recommendation, content of community mailers shared with OPUSD- report from subcommittee (continued from April meeting)**

The MAC voted 4-0 to accept content recommended by the subcommittee, on a motion by **Mike Green** seconded by **Alon Glickstein**. The MAC members thanked the subcommittee of **Michael Paule** and **Derek Ross** for working on this project.

***b. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations***

**Michael Paule** said that the Committee had met and discussed replacement options for the alder trees along Lindero Canyon Road. One possibility was ironwood trees. He also reported that the committee may consider replacing the plantings in some stretches of the Kanan Road median in order to enhance the consistent appearance of the median through Oak Park.

***c. MAC recommendation, electronic scanning of boxes of old MAC documents (continued from April meeting)***

The MAC continued the item to the June meeting.

***12. Adjournment to June 26, 2012 in the Oak Park Library***

**Chair Mc Reynolds** adjourned the meeting at 8:14 PM, on a motion by **Mike Green** seconded by **Mike Mc Reynolds**.