

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, October 23, 2012
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, October 23, 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 7:03 P.M. Mike Green, Michael Paule, Derek Ross, and Alon Glickstein were also present.

The new Oak Park High School student representative to the MAC was introduced by the Chair. She is sophomore *Ofir Hadari*.

2. Flag Salute

Derek Ross led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda passed 5-0, on a motion by *Mike Green* seconded by *Alon Glickstein*.

4. Approval of the Minutes of September 13, 2012

The approval of the September minutes included two changes, and was passed 5-0 by the MAC on a motion by *Alon Glickstein* seconded by *Derek Ross*. The changes were under item #8, changing Michael Paule's statement about water bills to read "...would soon be payable online...", and under item #9, adding the statement "There would also be fifty-one trees removed and the cost of that work would be determined at a future date."

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks observed that County "top guns" Public Works Director *Jeff Pratt* and Transportation Director *David Fleisch* and traffic engineer *Richard Herrera* were at the meeting that evening to speak about bringing bus service back to Kanan Road, but that they were also available to address other traffic related issues. She said that she is pursuing partnering with the city of Agoura Hills to bring a Kanan Road shuttle bus service to link residents and students to shopping and schools. She expressed sympathy to the OPUSD school district and Oak Park residents for the recent passing of former teacher *Jim Benton*. She expressed appreciation to the school district for introducing new procedures such as allowing for more flexibility in Medea Creek Middle School morning drop-off times. She congratulated the Triunfo Sanitation District on the construction of the new water tank for Oak Park. She commented that County Public Works was studying the potential for a new model for cell phone towers, of allowing cell phone facilities to be located on County traffic signals. She spoke about the dinner event she was hosting that week, featuring a discussion between two former city managers, Rick Cole and Mike Sedell. She welcomed *Ofir Hadari* to the Oak Park MAC.

6. Public Safety Reports

CHP Community Alliance Officer Greg Musgrove remarked that the CHP patrol focus had been traffic related to the start of the new school year in the community. He said that the CHP had been devoting attention to Sunnycrest Drive to help address the downhill speeding issues there, and that he was glad to see the speed monitor sign back in service there after the County completed repair work on it. *Alon Glickstein* commented that he had attempted to locate the object of complaints regarding vehicle and trailer parking complaints on Golden Eagle, but that he had not found any problems there, and Officer Musgrove said that he too had been going there and to Admiral Court on a regular basis without seeing problems.

7. Public Comments

Sara Piesco spoke about the need for traffic safety improvements on Sunnycrest Drive, particularly at the top of the hill where the road curves. *Officer Musgrove* commented that he would emphasize to his beat officers the importance of patrolling at the top of this hill. *David Fleisch* said that Public Works had reduced the lane width with white lines on the street to try to slow traffic. Ms. Piesco brought up the idea of adding bollards to the street.

Karon Stocking spoke about problems with marijuana smoke in the multifamily complex where she was living. She said she would like to see stronger enforcement and would like to have a County ordinance that prohibits smoking in multifamily units. She also commented on smoking near the schools, and OPUSD

Superintendent Tony Knight addressed the issue. She said she would like to see a street light put in for the cul-de-sac near her complex. She commented on the parking problems caused by soccer parents along Hollytree Drive.

Superintendent Tony Knight spoke about traffic safety improvements that the School District would like the County to consider. He was accompanied at the meeting by school principals **Jon Duim**, **Debra Burgher**, and **Bradley Benioff**. The items were to install a flashing crosswalk at a T-intersection near Brookside Elementary School, at Conifer and Oak Leaf; to add a no-right-turn-on-red feature to the stop light at northbound Kanan Road and Doubletree Road; and to add a left turn arrow at the stop light at southbound Lindero Canyon Road and Rockfield Street. **David Fleisch** said that the County would be repainting crosswalks with a crosshatch design, and that his staff would begin to study the warrants for the ideas proposed, although the Lindero Canyon Road area was in the City of Thousand Oaks and could not be dealt with by the County. He said that on an experimental basis the no-right-turn-on-red feature would be added by the County to the stop light at northbound Kanan Road. **Richard Herrera** added that the stop signal timing may also require adjusting there. **Mike Green** requested that more attention be paid to problems with the red zones by Brookside Elementary School being used for parking, in particular on weekends.

8. Council Comments

Mike Green commented on the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting in October 11 that he had attended, and reminded everyone about the upcoming Halloween event at the Community Center. He said that the Gas Company project near the Oak Park Library along Kanan Road was not blocking school traffic, and that work would be completed within 4-5 weeks. He wished good luck to the candidates running for MAC seats.

Michael Paule expressed his sorrow over the tragic passing of **Jim Benton**, and commented on the wonderful teachers such as Mr. Benton that the Oak Park schools were fortunate to have. He pointed to the outpouring of Facebook entries about Jim Benton as an example of the community's appreciation of its outstanding people. He expressed his condolences to the family on behalf of the MAC.

He noted that the water tank construction impacts to Kanan Road would be over within a month, and that the road could then be repaved. He said that it would be appreciated by the MAC if the tables and seating for the MAC meeting could be in place before the start of the meeting.

Derek Ross expressed his sorrow over the passing of **Jim Benton**. He spoke about the Parks Planning Committee meeting and noted the problem with the excess of storage near Deerhill Park. He reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

Alon Glickstein expressed his condolences to Mrs. Benton on the passing of her husband, and said that the Community Foundation for Oak Park would be establishing a scholarship in his memory. He congratulated the school district on the rise in its reported API scores, and he commented that he felt the MCMS principal had handled the recent outbreak of illness at the school very well. He thanked community members for attending the recent candidates' forum sponsored by the Community Foundation, and said he appreciated the recent dedication event for the new water tank.

Mike Mc Reynolds reported on the OPUSD board meeting, saying that the district's API scores were the highest in the County. He spoke about the water tank dedication event, and said it should be in service by October 31. He said he was happy the tank had come in under budget and with minimal complaints during construction from the public. He said the District would have two new water connections, to Las Virgenes Water District and to Cal Water, to help ensure better redundancy in times of emergencies.

9. Information items

a. Kanan Road Fixed Route Bus Service (Ventura County Transportation Department Director David Fleisch)

David Fleisch gave an introductory presentation about the planning for the Kanan Road shuttle bus service that he hoped to see in place in the spring of 2013. He called the proposed service a "deviated fixed route service" and explained that at certain times of the weekday the busses would assume the function of the Dial-A-Ride service to several stops on side streets, as well as running along Kanan Road, between the hours of 7-9 AM and from 2-4 PM.

David Fleisch spoke also about the County's May/June 2013 plans for repaving projects on Kanan Road and east Oak Park side streets. He said that the current ongoing sidewalks repair was expected to be

completed before Christmas. He said that the majority of residents who had been notified by the County about needed sidewalk repairs by their property had chosen to have the County contractor do the repairs.

10. Written Communications

Michael Paule said that he had received e-mails about golf carts from an apartment complex harming CSA maintained landscaping, and that closing an opening in a fence to prevent the carts' access was being considered. ***Mike Mc Reynolds*** reported that he had received information from County Public Works stating that the channelizer repair work on Doubletree Road had cost \$300.

11. Advisory Matters

a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule said that there would be a meeting on November 7, and that the group was looking to recast itself with more of a community education focus. He said that new members were welcome.

b. MAC recommendation, application for exemption from oversized vehicle ordinance and parking permit, 11 Pinewood St.

The MAC voted 5-0 to approve the application, on a motion by ***Alon Glickstein*** seconded by ***Mike Green***.

12. Adjournment until November 27 meeting

Chair Mc Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.