

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, November 27, 2012
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, November 27, 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, Derek Ross, and Alon Glickstein were also present, along with Student Representative Ofir Hadari.

2. Flag Salute

Ofir Hadari 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 October 23, 2012

The approval of the October 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 *Alon Glickstein's* under item #1, to correct the spelling of the student representative's last name, and under the item for Council Comments, *Mike Mc Reynolds'* request that his own statement be amended to read "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."

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks said that the swearing in ceremony for newly elected MAC members would take place at the December 18 MAC meeting. Regarding the OPUSD request for adding left turn arrows to the stop light on Lindero Canyon Road at Rockfield Street, she commented that the City of Thousand Oaks had agreed to study it. She commented on the November 13 Board of Supervisors' decision to make funding available to the Planning Department in order to complete new standards for cell tower installations in unincorporated areas of the County. She expressed sympathy for the recent passing of local chamber of commerce leader *Alex Soterias*.

6. Public Safety Reports

Ventura County Sheriff's Department Captain Frank O'Hanlon reported that the past weeks had seen a new crime trend appear in the area, namely a series of daytime residential burglaries believed to involve groups of 3-4 Los Angeles young, African American gang members working together. He said that the perpetrators of these burglaries had ransacked homes, and were believed to prepare days ahead of time for the break-in's using throw away cell phones to make hang-up phone calls to the home owners' listed phone numbers. He said that the gang members were believed to use minivans and SUV's, and that they had gone into homes in North Ranch and also on Buttonwood Avenue in Oak Park. He urged the public's vigilance and its help in catching these burglars.

7. Public Comments

Manjunath Venkat spoke about his interest in inviting a representative from So Cal Edison to the January MAC meeting to address issues such as the utility company's introduction of "smart meters".

8. Council Comments

Mike Green commented that the Halloween event at the Community Center had been very successful. He congratulated *Mike Mc Reynolds* on his win on November 6 as a candidate for the MAC.

Derek Ross said that it had been a pleasure to serve with and to get to know his fellow MAC members, and that he was confident the MAC would continue the tradition of good work accomplished in past years.

Mike Mc Reynolds expressed appreciation for Derek Ross's good work as a MAC member. He also thanked the community for giving him another opportunity to serve. He reported that the Triunfo Sanitation District Board would be formally evaluating the District's relationship with the Las Virgenes Water District.

Michael Paule expressed his sorrow over the passing of *Alex Soterias*. He congratulated all candidates who ran for election on November 6. He noted that the new water tank was now buried though not yet

fully in service. He said that it was an honor and a privilege for him to have been sworn in the previous evening for a second term on the Triunfo Sanitation District Board. Regarding the MAC's partnering with the school district on putting out a community newsletter, he said that the MAC would prepare a submission for the issue following the current issue the district was sending out.

Alon Glickstein requested County assistance in checking why the traffic light at the Kanan Road/Sunnycrest Drive would not turn green if a single vehicle was waiting on the west side of the crossing.

Ofir Hadari spoke about the successful run of the high school production of "Sweeney Todd" at the OPHS Pavilion, and noted that the school's basketball season had begun.

9. Information items

There were none.

10. Written Communications

Mike Mc Reynolds reported that he had received information about the school district's May 5 community-wide "Big Sunday" event. He also noted that all sidewalk repair projects were now completed, and that street repaving work would resume in December. **Michael Paule** said that he had received an e-mail about noisy leaf blowers. He said that the high school would be the site of the "Super Saturday" recycling and sustainability showcase event on February 4.

11. Advisory Matters

a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule said that they may put on a spring event, and that it would be considering how to replace trees that have been removed. **Derek Ross** commented that the County's recent repair of sidewalks in Oak Park had achieved great results. The MAC requested information about the final cost of the sidewalk work and associated tree removals.

b. MAC recommendation, Minor Modification to Conditional Use Permit LU10-0076, redesign of an existing Verizon Wireless communications facility at the Kilburn water tank site, 4996 Kilburn Court

Verizon representative **Michelle Fenton** gave a presentation of the options prepared by Verizon for the project. Residents **Miriam Wolverton**, **Jamie King**, **Yvette Macaluso**, and **Pitt Gilmore** spoke about the project. They expressed their preference that neither option be installed and that cell companies collocate their facilities at the site, said that Verizon's claims of problems currently with coverage were not demonstrated by the company, and said that they were concerned about setting a precedent for higher towers generally. **Manjunath Venkat** said that the cumulative impacts of the cell tower changes had not been addressed in the Verizon application materials.

The MAC voted 5-0 to recommend denials of Options 1 and 2 as presented, on a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Derek Ross**.

On a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Mike Mc Reynolds** the motion passed 4-1 with **Derek Ross** dissenting to recommend approving a height limit of 50 feet on any tower installed under permit.

Mike Mc Reynolds made a motion seconded by **Alon Glickstein** to recommend approving Option 1 with a height limit of 50 feet and looking as it does currently. The motion failed on a 2-3 vote, with **Michael Paule**, **Mike Green**, and **Alon Glickstein** voting against the motion.

On a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Mike Green** the MAC voted 4-1 with **Derek Ross** dissenting to recommend approving Option 2 with a height limit of 50 feet and one pole camouflaged as a tree.

Finally on a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Mike Green** the MAC voted 2-3 to recommend against approving three poles camouflaged as trees with a height limit of 50 feet.

12. Adjournment until December 18 meeting

Chair Mc Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 9:18 PM.