

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, December 18, 2012
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, December 18, 2012, 7:00 P.M.
Oak Park High School, Room G-8, 899 N. Kanan Rd., Oak Park

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair *Michael Paule* at 7:06 P.M. *Mike Green, Mike Mc Reynolds, Derek Ross*, and *Alon Glickstein* were also present, along with Student Representative *Ofir Hadari*. The meeting location was in Room G-8 and not the customary G-9 due to a scheduling conflict, and the change was noted in a sign on the door of G-9.

Vice Chair *Michael Paule* led the MAC members and the public in observing a moment of silence to honor the memory of children who were slain in an attack the previous week in Newtown, Connecticut.

2. Flag Salute

Derek Ross led the flag salute.

3. Supervisor Linda Parks administers the Oath of Office to Mike Mc Reynolds and Robert Von Schneidau

The two elected MAC members took the oath of office and were seated at the dais.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda passed 3-0, on a motion by *Michael Paule* seconded by *Mike Green*.

5. Approval of the Minutes of November 27, 2012

The approval of the November minutes included two changes, and was passed 3-0 by the MAC on a motion by *Mike Mc Reynolds* seconded by *Michael Paule*. The changes were requests that the first three motions read as follows:

"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 for the Kilburn tank site.

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."

6. Public Safety Reports

CHP Community Alliance Officer Gregg Musgrove said that the CHP had spent time in the vicinity of Brookside Elementary School on afternoons with school in session, and had not observed particular problems with parent drivers. He noted that the red curbs at Tuscan and Rockfield could use a repainting, and the MAC said that Public Works would be asked about responsibility for maintenance there. *Mike Green* pointed out that the curbs at Conifer and Oak Leaf were still waiting for a repainting, as well.

Officer Musgrove asked the MAC if they were hearing comments from the public about the new restricted right turn onto Doubletree from Kanan Road. *Michael Paule* said that he himself had been seeing gridlock and vehicles getting stuck in the intersection. He also commented that there had been complaints that motorists were ignoring the flagmen assigned to assist at the Gas Company project near the Library along Kanan Road that fall.

Ventura County Sheriff's Department Captain Frank O'Hanlon reported that the series of daytime residential burglaries he had reported on at the November MAC meeting appeared to have ended with the arrest in Los Angeles of several dozed gang members who had been committing break-in's. He said that in Oak Park on the first of December there had occurred a vehicle burglary at Oak Park High School involving the theft of a laptop computer after the car's window was smashed. That same night camera gear was stolen from a car parked on Liverpool Court. Another incident he brought to the public's attention at the MAC meeting involved the theft of a check in an envelope from a mailbox on Oak Path Court. The check had been placed in a residential mailbox as outgoing mail for the mail carrier, and was altered and used after the theft.

MAC members **Mike Green** and **Alon Glickstein** spoke about the oversized vehicle ordinance in Oak Park, with Mr. Green expressing his preference for the Sheriff's Department to proactively enforce the ordinance along with the CHP, while Mr. Glickstein cited the ordinance as it is written to support the view that any ordinance enforcement should be complaint-driven and not pursued proactively.

7. Honoring retiring MAC member Derek Ross for his outstanding service to Oak Park

The MAC presented retiring member **Derek Ross** with an engraved acrylic sculpture to commemorate his work on the MAC, and **Supervisor Parks** read aloud a resolution from the County Supervisors thanking him for his service. In his parting comments **Derek Ross** remembered accomplishments reached during his term in office that he especially valued, including the expansion of CERT training in Oak Park, steps marking progress in improving the siting of cell phone facilities, improved sidewalks and the addition of sharrows markings on Kanan Road. He expressed appreciation for Oak Park as a unique place with an unusual amount of community volunteers. He thanked his fellow MAC members, emphasizing how they had become his friends. He thanked his family for its support of his activities as a community volunteer, and he expressed his hope that daughters **Molli** and **Elli Ross** would carry on that activity as a tradition. He thanked everyone for the memories of his time in office, and he wished them happy holidays.

9. Public Comments

Michael Paule expressed his appreciation for the service of Derek Ross noting especially his enthusiasm and the pleasure of working with him. He called him an "all around great guy" and "model citizen" with a bright future ahead of him. **Mike Green** commented that he agreed with this assessment of Derek Ross and that he looked forward to his assistance with future undertakings such as bringing Volunteers in Policing (VIP) volunteers to Oak Park. **Mike Mc Reynolds** also expressed appreciation for Derek Ross's work as a MAC member, calling him a model citizen for his dedication to the community and overall a great role model for others. **Alon Glickstein** likewise praised Derek Ross and said that it was a pleasure to know him. **Derek Ross** commented that he extended best wishes to new MAC member **Robert Von Schneidau** and said that he could rest assured that he was working on the MAC with the highest caliber of people.

8. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks reported on the day's Board of Supervisors hearing, noting the Board had approved a resolution regarding the Santa Susana Field Laboratory property now owned by NASA requesting that the site be made free of contamination before it is ever transferred to new owners. She responded to a question about planning efforts for the reintroduction of shuttle bus service to Oak Park by saying that the City of Agoura Hills was preparing a study on the service that was anticipated to be completed early in 2013.

10. Council Comments

Ofir Hadari noted that two winter sports were currently in their season at the high school, and that winter break would begin at the end of the week. She said that final exams were scheduled for January 22-24.

Alon Glickstein thanked the Transportation Department for speedily and efficiently fixing the traffic signal at Sunnycrest Drive that he had complained last month would not change for single vehicles. He also commented about a complaint he had received that a big pothole opened up on the residential street parallel to Kanan Road (but still called Kanan Road) on the west side.

Mike Mc Reynolds thanked the community for giving him another opportunity to serve, and congratulated new MAC member **Robert Von Schneidau**. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Michael Paule congratulated **Mike Mc Reynolds** and **Robert Von Schneidau** and said he was looking forward to working with them. He commented on the high attendance of the Chamber of Commerce event to honor **Alex Soteris** he had joined the previous week. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Mike Green commented on upcoming meetings of the Parks and Recreation Planning Committee and the school district's Citizens' Oversight Committee.

Robert Von Schneidau said he it was an honor to serve on the MAC and that he was looking to his term with excitement. He said that he was eager to learn all he could about the MAC and to share its outreach to the great community of Oak Park.

11. Information items

a. Upcoming election of Oak Park Recreation and Parks Planning Committee at 1/22/13 MAC meeting

The coming election event was noted by the MAC.

12. Written Communications

Mike Mc Reynolds reported that he had received information from County Public Works regarding the final cost that was charged to CSA #4 of the recent sidewalks repair and associated tree removals.

13. Advisory Matters

a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

There were none.

b. MAC recommendation regarding crosswalk at T-intersection near Brookside Elementary School at Conifer Street and Oak Leaf Avenue

Mike Mc Reynolds made a motion to recommend that the Board of Supervisors over-ride the determination of the Transportation Department that the crosswalk would not meet warrants for having flashing lights added to it. The motion died for the lack of a second. **Alon Glickstein** suggested that the school district could consider moving the location of the stairs near the crosswalk if using it was bringing children to a crosswalk with blind spots. On a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Mike Green** the Oak Park MAC voted 5-0 to support the current Transportation Department plan to repaint and restripe the crosswalk. At a later time the MAC may still want to pursue getting flashing lights, but for now want to see how the repainting works out.

14. Adjournment until January 22, 2013 meeting

Chair Mc Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.