

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

of Meeting, May 28, 2013

The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Oak Park High School, Room G-9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by *Chair Michael Paule* at 7:00 PM. *Mike Green, Mike McReynolds*, and *Alon Glickstein* were also present. *Robert von Schneidau* joined the meeting before agenda item #5.

2. Flag Salute

Margaret Lopez led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of April 23

The approval of the April 23 minutes passed 5-0 on a motion by *Mike McReynolds* seconded by *Alon Glickstein*, and included a correction of the spelling of a name.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks greeted Boy Scout *John Stephens* of Oak Park, who was in attendance at the MAC meeting to fulfill one of the requirements of a "Communications" badge. She said that she attended many Boy Scout functions in her capacity as county supervisor, and that the Boy Scouts learned to serve their community. She also welcomed *Rudy Gonzales*, Southern California Edison Region Manager, and staff members *Pam Landrio* and *Margaret Lopez* from Ventura County Public Works. She commented on the success of the May 4 County recycling event held at OPHS, and said she was working to add an unused medicine drop-off service at future events. She mentioned that she had invited the Oak Park Solar group to the upcoming ribbon-cutting event for a new county solar power facility in Moorpark. She spoke regarding the day's Board of Supervisors meeting at which she had presented several agenda items, on subjects including the funding of a park for children with autism, and the method of oil extraction called fracking. She noted that the Oak Park Library Summer reading Program would start on June 2. She cautioned everyone about the Fire Department's determination of the area's high fire danger conditions. She said that a foundation was being created to benefit the County Library system. *Mike Green* asked about the status of introducing a Volunteers In Policing Program (VIP) for Oak Park, and she responded that she continued to work with the City of Thousand Oaks City Council on this, and that it was a matter of political will. *Mike McReynolds* asked her whether the Oak Park Solar Group's project of adding solar panels to the Oak Park Library would work. She commented that staff from the county's General Services Agency which oversees county facilities had met with the students at Oak Park Library and continued to work with them.

6. Public Safety Reports

Chair Paule read from an e-mail from CHP Community Alliance *Officer Gregg Musgrove* saying that the newly painted curbs on Oak Hills Drive looked good, that an RV parked on Pinewood had been given a warning, and that the CHP's radar trailer had been damaged in another unincorporated area.

7. Information items

a. Presentation from Southern California Edison regarding “smart meters”, with Rudy Gonzales, SCE Region Manager

Information was presented by **Rudy Gonzales** about the new meters installed a year ago in Oak Park, and the MAC members posed numerous questions about residential energy use and how to minimize power bills.

8. Public Comments

There were none.

9. Council Comments

Robert von Schneidau had no comments.

Mike Green said that the curbs painted red on Oak Hills Drive during the May 5 “Big Sunday” event appeared to be effective in preventing parking. He said that the school district’s Citizen’s Oversight Committee had completed its work for the year, and that on June 17 its report would be reviewed by the school board. Regarding the Oak Park Parks and Recreation Planning Committee news, he noted that members would be taking a tour of the parks on June 23, and that a concert in the park was planned for June 22.

Mike Mc Reynolds said he would be away in July. He spoke about Triunfo Sanitation District Board news, noting that members were waiting for a ruling from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on water quality requirements which could have a big impact on rate payers in Oak Park. He reported that a recent public hearing with the EPA on this topic had been well attended. He said that the Board had approved the relocation of its cell towers at the former Conifer water tank. He reminded everyone to drive with care especially when school was out, and he complimented RSRPD on the excellent condition of the parks in Oak Park.

Alon Glickstein reported that his daughter **Emily Glickstein** had informed the principal of Medea Creek Middle School **Bradley Benioff** about the MAC’s action to restrict parking on Hollytree Drive to help improve school related traffic. Regarding the RV parking on Kanan Road and causing complaints brought up at other MAC meetings, he said that he now was seeing it parked in the driveway of the residence. He also commented that the Oak Hills Drive curbs painting looked great.

Michael Paule commended the County Planning Department on the April 30 public workshop he attended on a proposed new ordinance on cell facilities in unincorporated county areas. He said that the workshop was well-organized and that it had good visual materials. He also commented on an upcoming change of location by Starbucks, on a new restaurant, on the issue of the MAC’s membership in a chamber of commerce, and on an upcoming tour of the watershed he planned to attend the following Saturday.

10. Written Communications

The MAC again noted the e-mail from CHP Community Alliance **Officer Gregg Musgrove**.

11. Advisory Matters

a. MAC recommendation, County Service Area #4 draft budget for FY 2013/14

County staff members **Pam Landrio** and **Margaret Lopez** from Public Works made a presentation about the proposed budget, and addressed many questions from the MAC members. Topics of particular concern included the accuracy of landscape maintenance figures, the upcoming bid selection process for the landscaping contract, whether the CSA #4 budget could support the expense of a Volunteers in Policing Program (VIP), and how the year-end fund balance amount has varied over the years. The MAC members questioning of increased allotments under the heading of “Attorney Services” led to a discussion about liability and the CSA #4 fund balance. It was requested that an updated draft budget, along with a five-year projection and a fund balance history, be provided as soon as possible. On a motion made by

Mike McReynolds seconded by **Alon Glickstein**, the MAC voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the draft budget.

b. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

A meeting had taken place that month, reported **Michael Paule**. Attached is a summary listing of topics addressed at the meeting that he provided.

12. Adjournment to June 25 meeting in the Oak Park Library

Chair Paule adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM, on a motion by **Mike Green** and seconded by **Mike McReynolds** and approved 5-0.

Recommendations of the Oak Park Landscape Committee - May 2013

Enhanced Landscape

- 1) County approval has been given to fill in with additional Holly Oak in median area adjacent to Holly Oaks along Kanan. To be done this month.
- 2) Browning grass around some median edges noted. Watering has been increased to three times per week.
- 3) Medians that had been disrupted due to water tank construction have been re-mediated.
- 4) Eighteen trees that were removed due to sidewalk repair on Hawthorne, Rockfield and Kanan have been replaced with primarily crepe myrtles and several carrotwood trees.

Note: Special thanks to Greg Epstein of Enhanced Landscape Management for all his help and contributions to Oak Park's Big Sunday event; and for his community spirit demonstrated on many different occasions - a true asset to our community!

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Noted by resident that street sweeping is not being done with water as stipulated by contract.

Community Event Planning

- 1) Suggested that popular Triunfo district seminar subjects be presented in Oak Park.
- 2) UC extension landscape course materials could be used in community outreach seminars. Speakers from UC extension speakers bureau could be utilized also.
- 3) Basic topics could include "water wise landscaping" and "firescaping."
- 4) Entities for funding could include CSA-4 and Calleguas Water District. Triunfo Water District has monies that can be utilized for waterwise seminars.
- 5) Event activities could include a) Free sprinkler nozzles for first attendees; b) Demonstrations by sprinkler vendors; c) If firescaping topic covered, enlist fire department in providing fire truck at venue.
- 6) Advertising could be done in Oak Park water bills, Oak Park schools, Oak Park Community Websites, bulletin boards and in local HOA newsletters. In addition, announcements in VCStar and Acorn Newspapers.
- 7) Mike Paule to be liason for Calleguas and Triunfo water districts for funding/sponsorships.
- 8) **Date selected:** Saturday, September 21. Derek to inquire about room availability at Oak Park Community Center. Rancho Simi is offering the large upstairs room at no charge and will help promote the event.
- 9) **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 19. Need to develop budget outline at that meeting so Mike can present to possible event funding entities.