

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

of Meeting, October 22, 2013

**The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, October 22, 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. *Vice Chair Mike Green, Alon Glickstein, Robert von Schneidau, and Mike McReynolds* were also present. The new Oak Park High School Representative *Frankie Alchenati* was introduced and welcomed by the Chair.

2. Flag Salute

Ventura County Sheriff's Deputy Bill Hutton led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted 5-0 on a motion by *Mike Green*, seconded by *Alon Glickstein*.

4. Approval of the Minutes of September 24

The approval of the September minutes passed 4-0 with two changes on a motion by *Mike McReynolds*, seconded by *Mike Green*. *Robert von Schneidau* abstained. The two changes were requested by *Mike McReynolds*, to change the first sentence of his Council Comment to read that "...TSD is considering installing new water meters..." in place of "...the service was installing new water meters...", and secondly to change the last sentence words of item 11.b. to read "...Mike McReynolds who preferred the previous sign location." in place of "...Mike McReynolds who preferred remaining with the previous place."

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks was attending a Board of Supervisors meeting in Ventura which ran into the evening. Her assistant mentioned that the Kanan Shuttle would be free to ride through the end of the calendar year. *Frankie Alchenati* commented that the shuttle was very useful for students.

6. Public Safety Reports

Ventura County Sheriff's Deputy Bill Hutton introduced himself as the new Beat Coordinator and said that generally crime trends had been down in the last month, with no residential thefts in Oak Park for three weeks. He said there appeared to be an increase in door to door solicitation, and he reminded everyone of the need for asking to see their permits. Hopefully that would help discourage people from approaching homes to case the properties for criminal purposes. The student representative *Frankie Alchenati* inquired about selling Girl Scout Cookies door to door and was told it was allowed without a permit. *Michael Paule* commented on an increase in abandoned vehicles on the street in Oak Park, and *Deputy Hutton* confirmed that there was a 72-hour limit on parking in one place on a public street. He provided his desk phone number (805) 494-8223 and his direct cell number (805) 620-8637 and said that his department encouraged the public to call with any concerns.

Vice Chair Mike Green read an e-mail from *CHP Community Alliance Officer Gregg Musgrove* highlighting his work in the past month to enforce the 25 mph school area speed limit on Kanan Road near Oak Park High School during student drop off and pick up times of the day.

7. Information items

- a. *Ventura County Public Works presentation about its proposal for a Green Streets/ storm water treatment project in Oak Park under the State Proposition 84 "Urban Greening Grant Program"*

Watershed Protection District Manager Ewelina Mutkowska, with staff members *David Kirby* and *Jason Burke* from the Ventura County Public Works Department, provided information

about their work planning improvements to drainage facilities in the east side of Oak Park promising major environmental benefits if the funding application was improved by the State.

8. Public Comments

There were none.

9. Council Comments

Michael Paule expressed the MAC's welcome to **Frankie Alchenati** and offered a brief orientation to the MAC's expectations for her participation. He spoke about the upcoming public workshop that weekend on environmentally friendly landscaping practices, at the Community Center on October 26.

Alon Glickstein commented on how he had enjoyed the presentation by Public Works. He said that he had attended Friday's football game at OPHS and experienced how turning off the field speakers entirely was not a satisfactory solution to the neighborhood's noise complaints.

Mike McReynolds gave an update on the Triunfo Sanitation District, mentioning the TSD and Las Virgenes dedication of a solar facility. He congratulated the school district on its recognitions with State awards.

Robert von Schneidau commented on his appreciation for the Public Works presentation earlier in the meeting.

Mike Green commented on the previous week's Oak Park Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee with Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD) staff, and he mentioned the upcoming Halloween event at the Community Center.

10. Written Communications

There were none.

11. Advisory Matters

a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule reported on the next meeting held September 25. The Committee's observations and recommendations are attached.

b. MAC recommendation, west side Oak Park community signboard

Mike McReynolds moved and **Mike Green** made the second, and the MAC approved 5-0, to approve the location on Lindero Cyn. and Rockfield at the northeast corner, as recommended by Public Works. The members also requested artwork and mock-up's of the original design and two alternative designs, to show how they would look and fit at the site.

c. MAC recommendation, existence of Oak Park Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee

Mike Green summarized the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD) Manager's proposal to eliminate the Committee. **Derek Ross** addressed the MAC and said that at the previous week's Committee meeting it had been decided to hold a special meeting within the next month to explore other ways that the Park District could cut expenses. He said that in his view the Committee's existence was essential to ensuring that Oak Park tax money for park and recreation was used within Oak Park, especially since park facilities were built out in Oak Park but not yet completely in Simi Valley. Losing the Committee would mean losing a community voice. He said that he would like to request of the MAC that it send a letter to the Park District Board in support of keeping the Committee in existence. It was pointed out that \$5 million out of the \$17 million in RSRPD operating budget was contributed by Oak Park residents. **Mike Green** said that a letter from the MAC to the RSRPD Board should include mention of the fact that the MAC had originally created the Committee, and that the MAC should discuss matters related to its existence. On a motion by **Mike McReynolds**, seconded by **Mike Green**, MAC members

voted unanimously to retain the Committee, and to have the MAC Chair write a letter to the RSRPD Board in support of the Committee.

d. MAC recommendation, MAC meeting dates, location in 2014

Alon Glickstein moved and *Mike McReynolds* made the second to keep the school year meeting site in Room G-9 of OPHS; the MAC voted 5-0 in favor of the motion. The dates for 2014 were to be discussed at a later MAC meeting.

12. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:11 PM to November 26.

Recommendations of the Oak Park Landscape Committee - September 2013

Landscape Issues

- 1) Major tree trimming in Kanan center medians/sides to occur between 9 am and 2 pm from the last week of October into November.
- 2) Five trees infected with bark beetles removed on west side of Kanan between Sunnycrest and Smoketree.
- 3) Suggestions as to placement of restored Oak Park message sign - previous sign destroyed in traffic accident - included a) near corner of Kanan and Lindero; b) in open space near corner of Rockfield and Lindero; c) in original location; and d) replace with non-message sign in original area.

Community Event Planning

- 1) To be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014, from 8 am to 11:30 am at the Oak Park Community Center main meeting room.
 - 2) Theme to be water conservation.
 - 3) Needing to decide on event name.
 - 4) To be structured as a fair-type event with keynote speaker and vendor displays.
 - 5) Needing Master of Ceremonies
 - 6) Needing one to two speakers. Suggestions include Tricia Stone-Damon with the Carpenteria Parks and Recreation "Let's Grow" program, speaking about organic gardening; Corey Welles of Lotusland Gardens in Santa Barbara, talking about sustainable landscaping.
- Other possible topic: Wildlife in search of scarce water in local habitat.
- 7) Rancho Simi January bulletin has offered to advertise event. Need to provide bulletin staff with flyer before November.
 - 8) Suggested that donations-in-kind may be way to handle expenses.
 - 9) May ask Oak Park students to participate.

Congratulations to Enhanced Landscape Management for winning Oak Park landscape contract for next five years!