

## **OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**of Meeting, December 17, 2013**

**The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, December 17, 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, Robert von Schneidau*, Oak Park High School Representative *Frankie Alchanati*, and *Mike McReynolds* were also present. Absent was *Alon Glickstein*.

### **2. Flag Salute**

*Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks* led the flag salute.

### **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted 4-0 on a motion by *Mike McReynolds*, seconded by *Robert von Schneidau*.

### **4. Approval of the Minutes of October 22**

The approval of the October minutes passed 4-0 with one change on a motion by *Mike McReynolds*, seconded by *Mike Green*. The change was requested by *Mike Green*, to have the minutes reflect that it was he who had read the e-mail mentioned in agenda item #6. (The November, 2013 MAC meeting had no minutes as the meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a member quorum.)

### **5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks**

*Supervisor Parks* reported on the Board of Supervisors meeting in Ventura earlier in the day, saying that she had voted against a contract with the FAA for testing drones because she felt county guidelines for the public's privacy needs should be in place before drones were to be introduced. She said that a foundation to support county libraries had been established, and that the county had contributed \$50,000 to it. She announced the upcoming retirement of *Assistant Sheriff John Crombach*, and said that she was pleased to learn that Oak Park's own *Commander Steve Decesari* was selected to serve in his place. She said that the City of Thousand Oaks would be installing the turn lights for the Lindero Canyon Rd./Rockford intersection that was requested by Oak Park residents. She mentioned that the MAC would be voting on recommendations for a new permit for Deerhill Park, and that solar panels championed by the OPHS Solar Group had been okayed by the County for the Oak Park Library. She reminded everyone that flu shots were available at County clinics.

### **6. Public Safety Reports**

*Ventura County Sheriff's Captain Cory Rubright* reported on the past month's crime statistics, noting that Oak Park was still experiencing some residential burglaries and that unlocked vehicles remained a problem, but that there really were not any new crime trends. He said that *Dan Hallinan* would be serving as the new Beat Coordinator, and that the promotion of *Commander Steve Decesari* would not mean he was leaving the East County. *Michael Paule* noted that the school district was installing security cameras, and *OPHS Principal Kevin Buchanan* added that it was a pilot program involving OPHS and Oak View School. OPHS would also be hosting a drill on a pupil free day in the future for law enforcement to stage a full response to an intruder situation.

*CHP Community Alliance Officer Gregg Musgrove* reported that enforcement of 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 remained a challenge. He mentioned the existence of flashing 25 mph solar signs for school zones, and *Mike Green* said that this should be requested from Public Works. The officer also commented on the motor home parking situation along Kanan Rd. that

had been discussed at previous MAC meetings, and said that he would be contacting county code compliance about it.

#### **7. Information items**

**a. Upcoming election for members of the Oak Park Recreation and Park Planning Committee, at the January 28, 2014 MAC meeting, 7:00 pm in OPHS Room G-9**

**b. Kanan Shuttle update**

**Supervisor Parks** reported that the Kanan Shuttle was serving an average of 400 passengers daily, twice the anticipated ridership. The service was taking car traffic off the road, providing youth with a measure of independence, and benefitting the environment. She said that the County needed to see 20% of the cost of running the shuttle, or about \$100,000 yearly, returned by fares or some other source. She said that her goal would be to keep the Shuttle free for riders. It was agreed by the MAC members that a special meeting of the MAC could be held on January 9 at 6:30 PM to decide on MAC funding recommendations to keep the Shuttle service free for a limited time while other solutions were researched.

#### **8. Public Comments**

Oak Park High School student **Kathy** reported on her efforts as part of a group involved with a science project called "Ideas to Impact" that was testing local water for ten weeks. She said the group's goal was to record whether fertilizers and herbicides were present in Oak Park water run-off.

#### **9. Council Comments**

**Frankie Alchanati** said that all students she knew loved the Kanan Shuttle, but that if it weren't free she would not use it.

**Robert von Schneidau** commented on the successful season enjoyed by OPHS sports teams.

**Mike Green** commented on the upcoming Oak Park Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee meeting January 9, as well as a Red Cross emergency preparedness exercise simulating the aftermath of an earthquake in mid-January.

**Mike McReynolds** gave an update on the Triunfo Sanitation District Board, mentioning how it had approved a project for the Oak Park Solar group. He mentioned that he would be contacting a resident with complaints about the signals at Kanan Rd./Golden Eagle.

**Michael Paule** gave information about the upcoming annual holiday boat parade in Oak Park.

#### **10. Written Communications**

There were two communications reported by **Chair Paule**, concerning the City of Thousand Oaks' upcoming turn light improvements at Lindero Canyon Rd./Rockford, and about paving issues in the Montego part of Oak Park.

#### **11. Advisory Matters**

**a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations**

**Michael Paule** reported on the December meeting, and a copy of its recommendations is attached here.

**b. MAC recommendation, west side Oak Park community signboard**

**Mike McReynolds** moved and **Mike Green** made the second, and the MAC approved 4-0, to approve the original design as the replacement signboard. The MAC specified that they wanted to make sure its structure was waterproof where sprinklers could reach it. They would ask Enhanced Landscape for a quote for carving out a bit of turf at the base for putting in seasonal plantings.

*c. MAC recommendation, MAC meeting dates, location in 2014*

*Mike McReynolds* moved and *Mike Green* seconded that the dates for 2014 should be February 25, March 25, April 29, and May 27. The MAC voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

*12. Adjournment*

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM to January 9, 2014.

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## **Recommendations of the Oak Park Landscape Committee - December 2013**

### Community Event

Possible activities for Landscape Committee booth on Super Saturday, Feb. 1, at Oak Park High School:

- 1) Speakers - Possibly Tricia Damon-Stone of Carpenteria Parks and Rec with organic gardening talk/ Linda Estrin with xeriscaping topics.
- 2) Rainbird Brand sprinkler demonstration
- 3) Plant raffle - Could be in conjunction with signing up for Triunfo paperless billing.
- 4) Recirculating hot water heater pump demonstration
- 5) Composting demo.
- 6) Seed/plant potting for children.

### Landscape Issues

- 1) BurnOut Update - Rancho Simi is doing differential testing on three products, BurnOut (not available commercially), a commercial product and RoundUp, to determine efficacy of these weed killers.
- 2) Sign Update - Two options to be considered: The stand-alone sign, at cost of \$3,000, and rock base sign, costing \$11,000. Committee consensus is for stand-alone sign with color planting at base to draw attention. Issue to be discussed at December MAC meeting.
- 3) Wind damage negligible with only one eucalyptus snapping/ no injuries/ no damage.
- 4) Tree fill-in to occur next in some areas along Lindero and Bowfield/Hawthorne and among olive trees along Kanan.

Thanks to Enhanced Landscape for a great tree trimming job this Fall!

Next meeting: Wed., Jan. 15.