

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
of Meeting, April 28, 2015
The Oak Park MAC held a meeting Tuesday, April 28, 2015 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 Alon Glickstein* at 7:01 PM. *Michael Paule, Robert Von Schneidau, Chris Chapman,* and *Mike McReynolds*, along with OPHS student representative *Matthew Williams* were also present.

2. Flag Salute

Ventura County Sheriff's Office Captain Ross Bonfiglio led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted 5-0 on a motion by *Michael Paule* seconded by *Robert Von Schneidau*, and included the change of changing around the order of items 7 and 8.

4. Approval of the minutes of March 24

The minutes of March 24 were approved 5-0 on a motion by *Mike McReynolds* seconded by *Michael Paule*. The minutes approved included two changes by *Michael Paule* for page two: adding the Triunfo Sanitation District board as a group whose suggestions for the Oak Park Green Streets Retrofit Project were incorporated by Watershed Protection District staff, and deleting a phrase saying that Watershed Protection District staff accepted project construction hours of 10 AM to 2 PM.

5. Public Safety reports

Ventura County Sheriff's Office Captain Ross Bonfiglio reported the good news that his agency was not seeing any new crime trends for Oak Park, and that so far in April there had been no residential burglaries. He said that there had occurred a case of identity theft involving someone filing taxes in the name of someone else. Outside of Oak Park, the theft of third row seats from larger vehicles appeared to be a new trend; owners were encouraged to etch their vehicles' license plate numbers on them, and secure them with cable if that was feasible. Another recent development outside Oak Park involved thieves using Google Earth to search for home burglary targets, which were then subjected to a series of phone calls to determine if anyone was inside. He commented that Oak Park residents were good about calling his agency regarding suspicious activities. He along with the MAC members shared what had happened in the recent incident involving a car crashing into two carports.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks commented that said that on May 2 the annual recycling and clean up event in the Oak Park High School parking lot would take place. She said that earlier in the day the Board of Supervisors had honored OPUSD *Superintendent Tony Knight* with an Earth Day award for his work promoting environmental practices. Regarding the Kanan Shuttle Saturday service she commented that the ridership could increase if more popular destinations were added. She said that the Tax Collector opened a satellite office to collect property taxes at her office that month.

7. Information items

a) Presentation, Mountains Restoration Trust Update and Adopt-A-Creek program

The presentation was canceled.

b) May 2 Community Beautification Event at OPHS parking lot

c) Kanan Road Bio-filter Committee meeting, May 5, 2015 at 5:30 PM, Oak Park Library

8. Public comments

Bob Coutts protested that chain saws would take down trees along Kanan Road, and that a ditch containing poop would take their place, if the proposed biofilter project went forward. He supported alternatives advanced by **Mary Weisbrock**.

Frances Coutts said she opposed removing trees at Mae Boyar Park for the proposed biofilter project. She said the project would be a ditch and require fencing and signage. She supported alternatives advanced by **Mary Weisbrock**.

Mary Weisbrock said that the organization Save Open Space (SOS) opposed the biofilters project, and that it would treat run-off water for only 20 acres out of 80 acres. She requested that the MAC support the discussion of alternatives at an upcoming May 5 meeting. She said the Kanan Road biofilters would be ditches for pollution. She said the current mature trees there served as a barrier, and that open ditches would create a public health hazard. She spoke about three alternatives to the Kanan Road biofilter project, including Mae Boyar Park as a site, and putting in additional vaults. She said that all alternatives would achieve the same results as the Kanan Road biofilters, and would replace the open ditch proposed for the areas along Kanan Road. She asked that her letter be attached to the public record for the MAC meeting. (Attached here.)

Janna Orkney thanked **Mary Weisbrock** for her work, and for finding three places where the proposed project could be changed. She said that walking around they had discovered alternatives and that they wanted the support of the MAC at the May 5 meeting for their work.

Jody Bernstein spoke in opposition to the proposed Kanan Road biofilter project, calling it a sewer in front of 25 homes, including her own. She said it would look ridiculous. She asked who would clean up the biofilter. She said it would be 50 feet from where her daughter sleeps, and that people would not be able to walk and play there. She said the biofilter treatment would not work during the dry season parts of the year. She said she did not want to be a guinea pig, and that it wouldn't be possible to sell her house. She said she was very disappointed, and that she did not trust County staff present at a community meeting at Mae Boyar Park about the project planning.

Gene Rosenkrans said that he was receiving requested materials from the Watershed Protection District quickly, and that the staff seemed to be cooperative. He asked whether the duck pond should be cleaned.

Don Casino said that he was opposed to the aesthetics of a sewage treatment plant in front of his house on Kanan Road.

MAC member Michael Paule said that he was the first person who got in touch with the County about the biofilter project, and that the MAC had voted 5-0 to oppose it.

MAC member Robert Von Schneidau said that he was living on Kanan Road as well.

MAC member Alon Glickstein read an invitation from Watershed Protection District staff to the MAC and the community to participate in a meeting May 5 about project planning. (Attached here.)

MAC member Robert Von Schneidau said that the MAC members were on board with the residents who spoke, and that other neighborhoods were contributing the pollution that the Kanan Road biofilters were designed to treat.

Ellen Bernstein said that the Kanan Road biofilter was a sewer, would not be maintained, and would not work.

MAC member Alon Glickstein said that the MAC members were not notified about the project. He said that the MAC was just a recommending body, and that if everyone spoke then the project would not go forward. He encouraged residents to continue to write and to speak, and to contact their neighbors.

Shayna Charter said that she had just been appointed to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and that the RSRPD park district's plans to rebuild Mae Boyar Park's center would mean that many more children would be crossing the streets and that the medians along Kanan Road would be needed more than ever. She said that the biofilters would be a trench and that would mess up the median strip.

9. Council comments

Robert Von Schneidau spoke about the importance of becoming involved in community concerns, and described how impressed he had been by a presentation about sea life and whales at the high school.

Michael Paule noted the recent vacancies in Oak Park shopping centers, and urged everyone to support local businesses. He congratulated the new Park and Recreation Advisory Board member, and noted there was a new committee to plan how to replace the Mae Boyar Park building. He said that he was working on a September 18, 2016 50th Anniversary event for Oak Park. He commented on the need to conserve water.

Mike McReynolds commented about new water saving measures being introduced by the Triunfo Sanitation District. He described science competition achievements of students in the school district and said that he was impressed by them.

OPHS Student Representative **Matthew Williams** said that he had a role in the recent production of "A Chorus Line". He said that he had also seen impressive productions at other area high schools and could appreciate that his school program had room for improvement. He said that AP testing was set to begin, that a new lunch area at the school brought people together in new ways, and that the school district music program had greatly improved under new leadership.

Alon Glickstein commented that the Community Foundation for Oak Park had room for new board members.

10. Written communications

There were none.

11. Advisory Matters

- a) **7:30 PM TIME CERTAIN: MAC recommendation, PL15-0019, Kilburn Water Tank, Sprint wireless communications facility conditional use permit (CUP) modification**

Planning staff member Kristina Boero gave a presentation about the project, and the MAC members commented that this would be the tallest tower at the water tank, that co-locating on existing poles was preferable to installing new poles, but that compared with the T-Mobile installation this project was not as visible. **Dominic Parlatore** commented that he was concerned that toxic materials were being proposed close to the water tank. Staff answered him that the batteries were well protected, and regularly inspected. On a motion by **Michael Paule** seconded by **Mike McReynolds** the MAC voted 5-0 in favor of recommending approval of the application, on the condition that after the HOA near the Kilburn tank met with staff and the applicant, the HOA was satisfied with the project.

b.) MAC recommendation, OPUSD crossing guard contract

This item was continued to the May meeting.

c) Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations; Enhanced Landscape Management, Inc. proposal for hand weeding CSA #4 maintained areas

The item was continued to the next MAC meeting, in order that it could be reviewed in the context of the CSA #4 budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The MAC members expressed concerns about the \$20K annual cost of hand weeding, while **Deena Parry** asked the MAC for its support with changing the CSA #4 maintained landscape work over to healthy practices without the use of Round-Up.

12. Adjournment to the May 26 meeting

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:07 PM.



Save Open Space ✧ P. O. Box 1284 ✧ Agoura, CA 91376

April 25, 2015

Re: May 5 Committee needs to explore alternatives for Kanan Road's biofilters

Dear Oak Park Municipal Advisory council: Chair Alan Glickstein, Vice-Chair Mike McReynolds, Chris Chapman, Michael Paule, Robert Van Schneidau

Save Open Space, Santa Monica Mountains (SOS) opposes the Kanan Road biofilters which serve a small 20 acre part of the total 80 acre project called the "Oak Park Green Streets Urban Retrofit."

SOS requests that the Oak Park MAC support SOS in requesting that the May 5th Committee organized by the Watershed Protection Agency, look at viable alternatives which will achieve the Kanan Road part of the project's grant objective, which is to clean up the storm water from a 20 acre residential area. SOS is being told that the committee will only be discussing the aesthetics of improving the Kanan Road biofilters and not viable alternative locations.

The Kanan Road part of the project will construct ditches for polluted storm water which replace the at grade-level medians lined with trees. The existing mature trees provide a visual barrier to the busy street for residents there. This project would require removal of many of these trees and result in a significant visual impact. The open ditch for the polluted storm water could possibly results in public health impacts.

Alternatives to Kanan Road biofilters:

- 1) **Alternative One: Location-** The entire Kanan Road project east is moved to the long wide Ventura County easement at the north end of Mae Boyer Park. The project retains the same design without the slotted pipe in the bottom of the biofilter. It just is in a different place, but still within the project boundary area. See attached map.
- 2) **Alternative Two: Replacement of ditches with biofilter boxes/vaults like used in the "Urban Wetlands" part of the project.**
 - * East Location: Front sidewalk and curb area at the end of the Mae Boyer Park. Project design is changed to become a biofilter box/vault, designed like the new state-of-the-art Tamarind St bio-filter box. (serves the 15.89 acres) This alternative would be installed in the existing Ventura County sidewalk area and have a storm water intake area as well.
 - * West location: That storm water capture area would be at the location of the Kanan storm drain on that side. (Serves the 4.4 acres.)

- 3) Alternative Three: From Oak Park resident's suggestions:
Install the biofilters alongside Medea Creek in the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District right-of-way. There is already a road alongside the creek and lots of flat space near the Smoketree Avenue outfall at Medea Creek.

The Hydrology Report prepared for this project substantiates that a biofilter vault/box will work at Kanan East and another biofilter vault/box at Kanan West. The present Kanan Road East design handles less than Tamarind (#1 location in the hydrology report). Every value is less with these East and West Kanan Road proposals than Tamarind St. Here are the figures from the report:

*Tamarind handles: run off coefficient=0.49, serves 18.33 acres, and anticipated storm water quality design flow=1.80 cfs while this

*Kanan East handles: run off coefficient=0.46, serves 15.89 acres and anticipated storm water quality design flow=1.46 cfs

*Kanan West handles: Run off coefficient 0.46, serves 4.4 acres, and anticipated storm water quality design flow=0.40 cfs. Every value is less with these East and West Kanan Road proposals than Tamarind St.

Grant Requirements met

This project's Grant requirements will be met. All proposed alternatives will achieve the same goal/objective of the grant: clean up storm water, during wet weather, of the small Kanan Road drainage area as defined in Exhibit A of the hydrology report.







Board members Save Open Space:

Mary Wiesbrock
Mary Wiesbrock, Chair
Bob Coutts, Treasurer, Oak Park resident,
Fran Coutts, Secretary, Oak Park resident
Drew Fountaine, Oak Park resident
Tim Brehm
Cynthia Maxwell
Steve Hess
Jeremy Wolf
Brittany Stephens

cc. Supervisor Linda Parks, Ventura County Watershed Protection Agency

EXHIBIT 2

Legend

-  Proposed Biofiltration
-  Drainage Area
-  Inlets
-  Storm Drains
-  Channels
-  Unincorporated Urban Infill Areas



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Biofiltration BMP Locations and Stormwater
Capture Area
Oak Park Green Streets Urban Retrofit

Alon Glickstein

From: Mutkowska, Ewelina <Ewelina.Mutkowska@ventura.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 4:38 PM
To: Michael Paule; derek@kulchinross.com; m.greenop@yahoo.com; mike_mcreynolds@yahoo.com; Alon Glickstein
Cc: Osterhaven, Jan; Clifford, Tully
Subject: Kanan Road Biofilter Committee Meeting May 5, 2015 • 5:30 p.m.

Kanan Road Biofilter Committee

May 5, 2015 • 5:30 p.m.

The Ventura County Public Works Agency would like to invite you to participate in the Committee for enhancing the design of the proposed biofilters on Kanan Road.

We are listening to your suggestions and would like further input from the Oak Park community.

We look forward to working with the Committee to establish aesthetically pleasing, low maintenance, vegetated biofilters that meet regulatory treatment goals.

Meeting Location:

Oak Park Library
Film and Lecture Conference Room
899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park, CA

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