

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
of an official Meeting, October 25, 2016
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting
on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Oak Park Library, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Alon Glickstein** at 7:02 PM. **Chris Chapman, Mike McReynolds, Dr. Drew Fountaine** and Oak Park High School student liaison **Olivia Chang** were also present. **Robert Von Schneidau** was absent.

2. Flag Salute

Chair Glickstein led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The vote was taken and passed 4-0 to adopt the agenda, with **Mike McReynolds** making the motion that was seconded by **Dr. Drew Fountaine**.

4. Approval of the minutes of September 27

Chris Chapman made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by **Alon Glickstein**. The motion passed 4-0.

5. Public Safety reports

CHP Community Alliance Officer Gregg Musgrove noted the need for speed limit signage to be installed on Golden Eagle Drive. He said that in addition to regular patrols he had also been following up on complaints about abandoned vehicles and oversized vehicles parked for too long on Oak Park streets.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

There were no comments.

7. Information items

There were none.

8. Public comments

There were none.

9. Council comments

Olivia Chang spoke about the progress of the rain water garden under construction on the Oak Park High School campus in front of the science building.

Mike McReynolds said that it had been an honor to serve on the MAC, and that this meeting could prove to be the last one he attended. **Alon Glickstein** thanked him for his service on behalf of the entire MAC.

10. Written communications

The MAC members noted e-mails received from a resident regarding potential inconveniences caused by planned street paving within the Canyon Cove HOA. They also commented that Ventura County Public Health staff who conducted the Community Health Assessment Process survey at the August 30 MAC meeting had followed up with them to offer tours of Los Robles Hospital and Medical Center.

11. Advisory Matters

a) MAC recommendation, restricting weekend residential yard service work

The discussion had been continued from previous MAC meetings, and the MAC voted 3-1, with **Alon Glickstein** dissenting, on a motion made by **Chris Chapman** seconded by **Dr. Drew Fountaine** to continue the item to the next MAC meeting, allowing more communication with the public about the proposal.

Before the vote, there was discussion among the MAC members as well as comments from four residents about weekend residential yard service work.

Ethan Hershko was in favor of a weekend ban on the service, commenting that from his experience the heavier and noisier yard work seemed to be happening on the weekend days.

Yaik Sisso also spoke in favor of the ban, and said that the disturbances from the weekend residential yard service work had only worsened in the past year.

Gary Carter agreed that the noise and disruption from yard services on weekends was annoying.

Janna Orkney raised objections to banning weekend yard service. She suggested banning leaf blowers alone, and **Alon Glickstein** said that other equipment such as lawn mowers were making the noise. She noted that some yard projects can only be done on Saturdays, and **Alon Glickstein** responded that that was not an issue because only regular weekly service would be included in the ban. She said that she was not certain a ban would be feasible, and questioned why the MAC wanted to pick on gardeners when there were other sources of noise.

In the MAC discussion, **Mike McReynolds** said that a ban could affect a lot of gardeners, many of whom would suffer from having their income decreased. He was in favor of restricting the hours when the work was done on weekends, saying that many cities had different weekend hours for yard work. **Dr. Drew Fountaine** said he preferred a compromise of limiting the work hours to 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturdays, and no hours on Sunday, or of limiting the work hours to 10 AM to 4 PM on both weekend days. **Chris Chapman** said that it would be too difficult to restrict hours, and that he favored either banning the work on both days, or doing nothing. **Alon Glickstein** said that for a long time he had been hearing complaints from residents about weekend residential yard service work and that the MAC was not receiving any negative comments from residents about banning it. He said he was confident that the gardeners would manage to accommodate their clients and that the community would benefit from a ban. A weekend ban would result in reducing pollution from yard services by 20%, as well as the benefits of quiet weekends.

b) MAC recommendation, oversized Vehicle Ordinance exception permit application, 236 St. Thomas Drive (permit renewal)

The MAC voted 4-0 to approve the permit, with **Alon Glickstein** making the motion seconded by **Dr. Drew Fountaine**.

c) Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

There was no report given.

12. Adjournment

The MAC members requested changing the date of the next meeting to November 29. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.