

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
of an official Meeting, February 28, 2017
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting
on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Oak Park Library, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park

1. Call to Order of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order by *Chair Alon Glickstein* at 7:05 PM. *Chris Chapman, Drew Fountaine*, and newly appointed members *Seema Chandra* and *Jane Nye* were also present.

2. Flag Salute

The flag was saluted with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Oak Park Unified School District Board MAC Liaison *Alan Rosen*.

3. Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks administers the Oath of Office to Seema Chandra and Jane Nye, contingent on Board of Supervisors approval of their appointments to the MAC

The two new MAC members approved earlier in the day by the Board of Supervisors took the oath of office and were seated at the dais as MAC members.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The vote was taken and passed 5-0 to adopt the agenda, with *Chris Chapman* making the motion that was seconded by *Jane Nye*.

5. Approval of the Minutes of January 24, 2017

Drew Fountaine made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by *Seema Chandra*. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Public Safety Reports

Ventura County Sheriff's Office's Captain Ross Bonfiglio reported that crime remained low, and that there were no residential burglaries in Oak Park in January, but one residential break-in with no property stolen in February. There were some vehicle break-in's, but no new crime trends were observed. He described an incidence of hate crime activity involving four juveniles caught on video who put anti-Semitic messages in eight locations.

CHP Community Alliance Officer Gregg Musgrove presented the MAC with traffic accident statistics for Oak Park in recent years, reporting that 2014 had 29 accidents, with 2 alcohol related; 2015 had 44 accidents, with 8 alcohol related; and 2016 had 44 accidents, with 4 alcohol related. He also noted that 7 out of 44 accidents in 2016 occurred on Doubletree. He said he intended to look more closely at all of the accident data for 2016 to see whether any patterns could be discerned.

7. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks welcomed the new MAC members. She said that the MAC was functioning well, with many community members in attendance. She spoke about the planning underway for an interfaith Unity in the Community event on a Sunday afternoon in Oak Park to celebrate the community's diversity. She expressed appreciation for retiring Ventura County Assistant Sheriff *Steve DeCesari* and said she was happy to see him back at home in Oak Park. She thanked the Ventura County Transportation Department for agreeing to place new Oversized Vehicle Ordinance signs near Kilburn Court to help respond to complaints about long-term heavy equipment parking associated with the water tank. She said that residents could look to the sky that following Wednesday morning at 9:49 AM, to share the Vandenberg Air Force Base launch of a rocket dedicated to the memory of Ventura County Firefighter *Ryan Osler*, who was

tragically killed last year enroute to a wildfire near the base. The Atlas V rocket dedicated to **Ryan Osler** would be carrying a satellite for the U.S. Department of Defense.

8. Information Items

a) Commendation for Ventura County Assistant Sheriff Steve DeCesari upon his retirement

Chair Glickstein presented a certificate of appreciation from the MAC to **Assistant Sheriff Steve DeCesari** and thanked him on behalf of the entire community for his outstanding service. The lawman thanked everyone and emphasized that after many years living there Oak Park was his family home and that they intended to keep up their civic involvement in local affairs.

b) Kilburn Court neighborhood and illegal parking issues with heavy equipment from Kilburn water tank contractors

Chair Glickstein summarized a letter of January 17, 2017 addressed to the MAC and received from the Triunfo Sanitation District General Manager in response to the MAC's January 10 letter sharing residents' complaints about construction vehicles parked for long periods next to homes. The letter is attached here.

9. Public Comments

There were none.

10. Council Comments

Drew Fountaine said that the Oak Park Parks and Recreation Planning Committee meeting he attended January 12 as the MAC Liaison was fairly uneventful, and said they discussed the Mae Boyar Park building replacement that is well along in the planning process. He explained that comments from residents about the design's elevation resulted in minor modifications to the design of the exterior of the building plan. Otherwise everything with the Park District was running along fine, he said.

Chris Chapman welcomed the new MAC members. He expressed regret over a schedule conflict that kept him away from a Triunfo Sanitation District Board meeting as the MAC's TSD Liaison.

Seema Chandra expressed appreciation for her appointment to the MAC and said it was an honor to serve Oak Park and keep up its quality of life. She looked forward to working with everyone.

Jane Nye said she was thankful for being chosen to join the MAC, and that she looked forward to hearing residents' opinions. She said she would like to see improved communications, and perhaps work on a community website.

Alon Glickstein welcomed the new MAC members, and said he was looking forward to working with them. He expressed sorrow over the recent anti-Semitic messages in Oak Park. He read an e-mail from **Olivia Chang** recounting recent Oak Park High School happenings, including a "Talon" story she contributed to about the Kanan Shuttle, the recent "Spirit Week", the bursting of a water pipe on the campus, and responses to the anti-Semitic graffiti.

11. Report from the Oak Park Parks and Recreation Planning Committee MAC Liaison

Drew Fountaine addressed this under his council comments above.

12. Written Communications

Chris Chapman cited his exchanges with a resident about Kanan Road traffic in Agoura Hills and the timing of stoplights. He directed the resident to a staff member at the City of Agoura Hills. The Chair noted that the City had occasionally sent representatives to MAC meetings.

13. Advisory Matters

a) MAC Recommendation, Volunteers In Policing (VIP) program as a Community Service Area #4 (CSA #4) power and funded program

The MAC decided to postpone the discussion to its March meeting. **Supervisor Parks** gave a presentation about the VIP program, resident **Mike Green** explained his duties as a currently active VIP volunteer, and **Captain Ross Bonfiglio** explained how the VIP supplements police work in communities and makes the law enforcement presence more visible, and he said that the cost to the CSA #4 would be based on how much service was actually provided to Oak Park, and would likely be less than the \$25,000 yearly approved by the Oak Park MAC in the past when the program had been approved but never implemented.

b) MAC Recommendation, weekend residential yard service work

The MAC listened to residents' comments, discussed the level of support for a ban, and then **Chris Chapman** made a motion, seconded by **Drew Fountaine**, and voted 5-0 to not ban the weekend residential yard service work. Before the vote, 20-year Oak Park resident **Ruty Levi** read a statement about the damage done by leaf blowers, and **Tina Peterson** spoke to the harm restrictions could cause to workers, and about other sources of weekend noise that are unavoidable. **Mike Green** also spoke in opposition, calling the idea of a ban discriminatory and unenforceable. **Jerry Clebanoff** said he was a resident since 1979 and opposed any ban because there were already too many restrictions on life. **Chair Glickstein** summarized all of the e-mailed comments received on the topic. **Seema Chandra** commented that the City of Los Angeles had successfully banned gas machines for landscape work. Residents asked about considering restrictions on leaf blowers only, and the MAC members agreed that this could be discussed at a later time.

c) MAC Recommendation, MAC assignments and MAC Liaison duties for 2017

The updated list of assignments agreed upon by the MAC is attached. **Jane Nye** was chosen as the new Liaison to the OPUSD school district, **Drew Fountaine** became the new Liaison to the Landscape Committee and contact for street sweeping and CSA #4 landscape issues. **Seema Chandra** became the Liaison to Ventura County Public Works and the Kanan Shuttle. **Alon Glickstein** offered to be the contact person for graffiti issues.

14. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM, after **Drew Fountaine** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Chris Chapman**, and it passed 5-0.



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January 17, 2017

The Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council
c/o County of Ventura
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CELL SERVICE PROVIDERS EQUIPMENT AT KILBURN WATER RESERVOIR SITE

Dear Chair Glickstein,

Thank you for your letter dated January 10, 2017, addressing Oak Park resident's concerns regarding construction equipment being parked at the Kilburn Water Reservoir site. The District is sensitive to the concerns of the local residents and fully appreciates their frustrations. The parking of heavy equipment in a residential neighborhood can cause some obvious issues and the District strives to minimize those occurrences as much as possible. It is unfortunate that the District only has a few options at its disposal, since the parking of such equipment on public streets is not illegal. The District endeavors to work with its cell facility leasees and their contractors to keep any such equipment on the reservoir site as much as possible. However, due to the extremely limited space surrounding the reservoir and in order to ensure District access to necessary infrastructure, parking and storage of construction equipment is very limited at the site. In those rare instances, the contractors are forced to seek the lower area of the driveway for non-use parking, and this is when the impacts are most felt by the community.

The District does not have any blanket conditions within its existing leases (some dating back 20 years) to fully address certain maintenance and construction related nuisances and impacts (like parking on the street). In an effort to be more proactive towards these concerns raised by the local residents, the District is currently working with new lease templates that will incorporate more stringent guidelines for construction activities and coordination within the reservoir boundaries. It is believed that these new leases coupled with coordinated access and storage opportunities will alleviate the majority of the equipment parking. The District will continue to make every effort to be a good neighbor by working closely with the cell site contractors to minimize future related impacts.

Sincerely,

Mark Norris - General Manager

Oak Park MAC Assignments, Liaisons for 2017

CHAIR: Alon Glickstein

VICE CHAIR: Chris Chapman

SCHOOL DISTRICT: Jane Nye

PARKS & RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE: Drew Fountaine

STREET SWEEPING COORDINATOR & LANDSCAPE CSA #4; LANDSCAPE REVIEW; LIAISON TO STANDING LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE: Drew Fountaine

MEETING ROOM: VC Supervisor

POSTING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT (SIGNS): VC Supervisor, Alon Glickstein

LIAISON TO TRIUNFO SANITATION DISTRICT: Chris Chapman

CROSSWALK & TRAFFIC SAFETY; TRANSPORTATION LIAISON: Chris Chapman

PUBLIC RELATIONS, COMMUNITY OUTREACH (MAC Chair): Alon Glickstein

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MEETINGS: Alon Glickstein

OVERSIZED VEHICLE ORDINANCE: Alon Glickstein

LIAISON TO LAW ENFORCEMENT: Alon Glickstein

LIAISON RE OAK PARK YOUTH AND COMMUNITY: Chris Chapman

LIAISON TO VC PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY: Seema Chandra

GRAFFITI: Alon Glickstein

COMMITTEE FOR FUNDING OPTIONS FOR KANAN SHUTTLE: Seema Chandra

***OPUSD GOVERNING BOARD, Committee assignments: Allen Rosen, Representative to the Oak Park MAC, and Derek Ross, Alternate.**