

**OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**of an official Meeting, March 28, 2017**  
**The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting**  
**on Tuesday, March 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 7:01 PM. *Chris Chapman, Drew Fountaine, Seema Chandra* and *Jane Nye* were also present, along with Student Liaison *Olivia Chang*.

**2. Flag Salute**

The flag salute was led by *Ventura County Sheriff's Office Captain Ross Bonfiglio*.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The vote was taken and passed 5-0 to adopt the agenda, with *Drew Fountaine* making the motion that was seconded by *Seema Chandra*.

**4. Approval of the minutes of February 28, 2017**

*Chris Chapman* made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by *Drew Fountaine*. The motion passed 5-0.

**5. Public safety reports**

*Ventura County Sheriff's Office Captain Ross Bonfiglio* reported that crime remained low, with no new trends, and no residential burglaries in Oak Park in February or so far in March. There was a firearm stolen by a family member, and a case of vandalism March 19 involving roof tiles thrown into a car near the school district office. He described some recent criminal activities in communities nearby Oak Park to emphasize the need for Oak Park residents to also take preventative measures against crime.

*Captain Bonfiglio* introduced *Captain Jeff Miller* as the new *Ventura County Sheriff's Office* representative reporting at MAC meetings in the future. He said that *Captain Miller's* extensive experience with the area would ensure a seamless transition.

*Chair Alon Glickstein* presented *Captain Bonfiglio* with a certificate of appreciation from the MAC and thanked him for his excellent service to the community.

*CHP Community Alliance Officer Gregg Musgrove* spoke about the CHP's role in assisting with the transition to altered traffic and parking patterns near Oak Park High School due to construction projects there that will be ongoing through the end of June.

**6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks**

*Supervisor Parks* spoke about an editorial in the day's "Star" regarding the Board of Supervisors' deliberations about the County's medical cannabis rules. She said she opposed proposed county staff recommendations because she feared among other reasons that they could allow a dispensary for the East County to be located in Oak Park. She asked for MAC input, and raised the possibility of doing a survey of Oak Park residents about the desirability of locating a medical marijuana dispensary in the community. *Drew Fountaine* said that a dispensary would be fought fervently, would bring a full room to a MAC meeting, that the idea would be dead on arrival, and that another place in the county should be found for a dispensary. *Chris Chapman* said that Oak Park had many families and that residents would oppose a dispensary. *Alon Glickstein* said that he agreed that it could create a bad image for Oak Park, where residential areas were very close to the commercial areas, and where people preferred that the community remain small. *Seema Chandra* said that it could cause increased traffic, and she emphasized the family-oriented character of Oak Park. *Jane Nye* said it was good to stop the idea at the beginning. The MAC

members agreed to put the topic on the next MAC agenda and consider sending a letter to the County.

**Supervisor Parks** spoke about the success of the Oak Park “Unity in the Community” event she organized to celebrate diversity and stand up against hate. She expressed appreciation to **Captain Ross Bonfiglio** for his decades of excellent service to the people of Ventura County. She noted that the next county sponsored recycling event would take place May 6, 9 AM to 1 PM at the OPHS parking lot.

## **7. Information items**

### **a) Retirement of Ventura County Sheriff’s Captain Ross Bonfiglio**

**Chair Glickstein** presented a certificate of appreciation from the MAC during the Public Safety Reports above to **Captain Ross Bonfiglio**.

### **b) Status of Ventura County medical cannabis law**

**Supervisor Parks** explained the current situation, in her Comments above.

### **c) Presentation by Supervisor Parks about open government and the Brown Act rules pertaining to Oak Park MAC activities/communications**

**Supervisor Parks** explained basic requirements of the Brown Act.

## **8. Public comments**

**Mike Green** commented on speeding in school zones, and said that portable sandwich board signs might be able to be used to emphasize the speed limit.

## **9. Council comments**

**Jane Nye** said she appreciated the Unity in the Community event, which she helped with by giving attendees heart-shaped sunglasses and assisting them with pledges of unity. She said 4-500 people attended and it was a fabulous event.

**Drew Fountaine** said that he attended a Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District meeting. The District would be replacing lighting at its day care center, and he added that a Milkvetch plant had been located, and that he would be working on maintenance of fire roads.

**Chris Chapman** expressed some concern over how the traffic changes near the high school would work out, and he said he enjoyed participating in The Great Race that past weekend.

**Seema Chandra**, who also assisted, expressed appreciation for the Unity in the Community event.

**Olivia Chang** said that an 8 year-old child on a bike had been hit by a car that afternoon and received CPR, and OPUSD School Board member **Al Rosen** explained that the boy had run a red light and hit a vehicle, and **Chris Chapman** explained that the middle school had announced that he was not injured, so no CPR was administered. She said that a backlash from students had caused the high school solar panel installation to be delayed by a week. **Al Rosen** thanked her for helping to smooth out the situation. She commented on a norovirus outbreak in March at the high school, and said she appreciated participating at the Unity in the Community event as an emcee.

**Alon Glickstein** commented on the high school’s solar panel construction project and the outbreak of a norovirus. He added that for the first time ever an OPHS senior had been selected as the most valuable Defensive Player of the Year in the Coastal Canyon Soccer League, voted by the league’s coaches. When asked to name the player he said that it was **Daniel Glickstein**. Congratulations were expressed. He also noted that the high school volley ball team was currently #1 in the nation.

#### **10. Written communications**

**Alon Glickstein** commented on e-mail exchanges regarding expanding the Kanan Shuttle route. Staff from the Transportation Department would attend a future MAC meeting to discuss the shuttle.

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

##### **a) MAC recommendation, Volunteers In Policing (VIP) program as a Community Service Area #4 (CSA #4) power and funded program (continued from February meeting)**

The MAC recommended unanimously in favor of the program, after **Drew Fountaine** made a motion, seconded by **Jane Nye**, and it passed 5-0. In the discussion before the vote **Jane Nye** said she had asked residents about their preferences, and found support for introducing the VIP program. **Drew Fountaine** commented that it would be good to take the first step and activate the CSA power. **Seema Chandra** asked whether VIP patrols could help deter speeding, and the answer was that the VIP would increase the visibility and reach of law enforcement and report any illegal activity to the sworn officers. **Alon Glickstein** asked about the current patrol coverage, and **Captain Ross Bonfiglio** explained that the basic beat included Oak Park with Bell Canyon four days weekly, while emergencies brought more police vehicles and deputies on an Oak Park beat could also respond to incidents as needed in adjoining areas, so that VIP patrols generally provided more police presence and freed up sworn deputies for other duties. **Captain Jeff Miller** added that VIP cars made law enforcement more visible to the community, as well as to outsiders. The VIP could help to “harden” potential targets for criminal activity. The VIP communicate with the police and look out for suspicious activity. **Supervisor Parks** said that VIP program could help out at the schools. **Alon Glickstein** expressed the preference for having the oversized vehicle ordinance remain a complaint-driven ordinance for enforcement, and that the CHP have been effective and responsive enforcing the ordinance. **Captain Bonfiglio** explained that the VIP could be instructed to deal with handicapped parking violations exclusively.

#### **12. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.