

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
of an official Meeting, April 25, 2017
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting
on Tuesday, April 25, 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 7:00 PM. *Chris Chapman, Drew Fountaine, Seema Chandra* and *Jane Nye* were also present, and Student Liaison *Olivia Chang*.

2. Flag Salute

The flag salute was led by *David Ross*.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The MAC voted 5-0 to adopt the agenda, with *Seema Chandra* making the motion that was seconded by *Drew Fountaine*.

4. Approval of the minutes of March 28, 2017

Alon Glickstein made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by *Chris Chapman*, and passed 5-0 by the MAC, after the reference to high school volleyball in Council Comments was reattributed to *Alon Glickstein*.

5. Public safety reports

Ventura County Sheriff's Office Captain Jeff Miller reported that in April there had been several thefts from vehicles, on the 11th and the 22nd, and he emphasized the importance of not leaving valuables visible in a parked car and generally improving preventative measures against crime. Mail theft was reported near Deerbrook Road. He said a suspect had been identified in a vandalism incident that occurred in March at the OPUSD School District office, and that the investigation continued.

CHP Community Alliance Officer Gregg Musgrove said that the 2016 traffic accident statistics for Oak Park did not turn up any clear patterns regarding the locations of accidents. He also spoke about the traffic changes near Oak Park High School due to construction projects and said it was going quite well. For discussion at future meetings he suggested the topic of ways to raise community awareness of the need to slow down to 25 mph and less in school zones when children are present. He noted his experiences in working along Kanan Road to slow down traffic in these school zones. At the start of his patrols he used to see most drivers driving 45 mph in school areas, and now in a typical morning 10-15 vehicles would be going that fast. Nevertheless it seemed to remain an education and awareness issue in the community in many cases where drivers were stopped for speeding in school zones, and this was an area where the MAC could help out. *Olivia Chang* said that a reporter from the school newspaper "The Talon" was present, and could bring more attention to the problem. *Alon Glickstein* thanked *Officer Musgrove* for being out in the community at work, and for ensuring extra safety for residents.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks
Supervisor Parks was unavailable.

7. Information items

a) Update from Ventura County Transportation Department staff about transportation in Oak Park

Transportation Director David Fleisch introduced *Treena Gonzales* as the Senior Transportation Analyst responsible for the Kanan Shuttle program. He said that the shuttle was averaging 6 thousand riders monthly, or 70-75 thousand annually. He said the service was the only one in the County free to riders, and cost approximately \$350 thousand annually. Of this cost, it was

required that 20% come out of non-Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding sources, and that the 20% or \$70-75 thousand was contributed by the CSA #4 and the OPUSD School District. He said that long term planning for the shuttle included improving more bus stops with shelters and benches. A new bench was being added soon in response to a request for one at a stop used by senior citizens. He said a formal survey of rider needs would be conducted within the following six months, but that his department welcomed input at any time. He handed out his and Ms. Gonzales' business cards, and he gave the phone number (805) 375-5473 and the e-mail address info@Kananshuttle.com. He mentioned that his department continued to dialogue with the City of Thousand Oaks about extending public transportation options with the Oak Park area. **Alon Glickstein** asked what concrete ideas the dialogue involved, and if there was a timeline. He wondered whether there would be service to shopping centers to the south of Oak Park. **Mr. Fleisch** said that there was nothing definite to report but that in the long term there would be more connectivity with the City of Thousand Oaks, including perhaps service running the entire length of Thousand Oaks Boulevard. He added that creating service on Lindero Canyon Road would be hard to justify because of the limited places to stop for most of the long distance to Thousand Oaks Boulevard. **Drew Fountaine** asked about statistics on ridership, specifically the percentages of students and senior citizens. **Mr. Fleisch** said that he would get back to him with numbers, but that students constituted approximately half of the ridership during the school year, and that in the summer they also made up a large proportion of the ridership.

David Ross asked whether Dial-A-Ride service was still available for ADA and senior citizens. **Mr. Fleisch** said that it was unchanged. To **David Ross**' specific question about using the Kanan Shuttle to connect with the Agoura Hills' Dial-A-Ride **Mr. Fleisch** said that he would research it and get back to him.

Nir R. spoke about the need for extending the Kanan Shuttle to include the Ridgefield and Country Glen neighborhoods at times of the day when students travel to and from school. With MAC members' support for looking into the possibility, **Mr. Fleisch** said that he would do an analysis and bring it back to the MAC before the start of the next school year.

On the topic of upcoming sidewalk repairs in Oak Park **Mr. Fleisch** said that in late June of 2017 67 residential property owners in east Oak Park would be mailed letters about the need for repairing sidewalks at their address and their responsibilities as property owners. It was anticipated that work could begin in late August. 37 addresses required sidewalk slab replacements. 22 addresses would be offered the option of repairing the sidewalk through the temporary solution of grinding alone. The remaining 8 addresses had sidewalks with both the need for complete slab replacements and some options for grinding. At 15 addresses tree removals paid for by property owner would need to be done. **David Ross** commented on the types of trees slated for removal, on the shallow and faulty irrigation measures that lead to surface roots damaging sidewalks, and he asked whether the CSA #4 shouldn't fund sidewalk repairs since the entire community benefitted from sidewalks. The MAC expressed interest in this question. **Chair Glickstein** thanked **Mr. Fleisch** for coming to the meeting and said it was always good to see him and that he always provided good information.

8. Public comments

There were none.

9. Council comments

Olivia Chang noted that spring break had just passed and that AP exams were to begin the following week at OPHS. She said that the solar panel construction and the resultant parking and traffic changes were going well. She said that the community had rallied around a teacher who

was injured in a hiking accident. She said that the church parking lot next to the middle school would be made available for parking during high school graduation events.

Jane Nye reported on attending a school board meeting, emphasizing how she was deeply impressed by the technology update and the advanced programs such as robotics that were made available to students beginning in elementary school. She commented on the status of the state-wide bill on the school district of choice program, and **Al Rosen** also commented on that.

Drew Fountaine said that he attended a Park District Advisory Committee meeting where a proposed recreation center project was discussed. MAC members asked him for details about the status of the project and he said that the initial plan for frontage was opposed by a very few people, and that it had been changed to a more rustic style. The building was still planned to be twice the size of the present building, and an ash tree would be lost to the parking area being extended to the west and due to drainage requirements. He said the planning was not over yet.

Chris Chapman expressed appreciation to the “Talon” reporter for coming to the meeting and for keeping active on community news.

10. Written communications

There were none.

11. Advisory Matters

a) MAC recommendation, letter to Ventura County Board of Supervisors about Ventura County medical cannabis policies

Jane Nye reported on informally surveying people about having a dispensary in Oak Park, and she said everyone agreed it was not a good idea, including people using it for medical reasons. **Drew Fountaine**, **Chris Chapman**, and **Seema Chandra** agreed with this point of view. **Olivia Chang** said that a “Talon” meeting also discussed it, and from what she had heard the students there were not in favor of an Oak Park dispensary. **Chris Chapman**, and **Seema Chandra** explained that they didn’t respond to reporter inquiries about the topic in advance of having it on the MAC agenda to avoid stating a position prior to the meeting discussion. **Chris Chapman** also asked about the origins of the reporter’s inquiry specific to the Oak Park Dentistry location as a potential medical marijuana dispensary location, and his question went unanswered. **Alon Glickstein** expressed his agreement with the others who said they did not want a dispensary in Oak Park. The MAC recommended unanimously in favor of writing a letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing opposition to having a medical marijuana dispensary in Oak Park, and **Jane Nye** offered to write a draft letter for review at the next meeting.

12. Future agenda items

Jane Nye asked to place on the next agenda a review of the use of Round-Up in CSA #4 maintained landscaping. The School District had brought this to her attention, and **Al Rosen** confirmed that the School District banned the use of Round-Up on its grounds.

Drew Fountaine asked for an agenda item about the fire roads near Oak Park.

Chris Chapman asked for more information or a visit from Public Works on where the Green Streets Project would install dog waste bag dispensers in Oak Park.

13. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM, after the MAC voted unanimously for **Drew Fountaine’s** motion to adjourn, seconded by **Jane Nye**.