

**OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**of an official Meeting, July 25, 2017**  
**The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting**  
**on Wednesday, July 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 at the Library by Acting Chair ***Drew Fountaine*** at 7:01 PM. ***Seema Chandra*** and ***Jane Nye*** were also present. ***Alon Glickstein*** and ***Chris Chapman*** were absent. ***Chair Glickstein*** had asked ***Drew Fountaine*** to lead the meeting, when he learned he could not attend.

***2. Flag Salute***

***Seema Chandra*** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***3. Adoption of the Agenda***

The MAC voted 3-0 to adopt the agenda, with ***Seema Chandra*** making a motion that was seconded by ***Jane Nye***.

***4. Approval of the minutes of June 21***

***Jane Nye*** made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by ***Seema Chandra***. It passed 3-0.

***5. Public safety reports***

***CHP Community Alliance Officer Gregg Musgrove*** noted that a speed feedback radar trailer was located along Kanan Road, and was remaining in place for longer than typically for deployment along County roadways. He also reported that he understood County Transportation was reviewing options for increasing drivers' awareness of the school zones in Oak Park, as requested by the MAC at its June meeting.

***Ventura County Sheriff's Office Senior Deputy Dave Brantley*** said that in the past month there had been one vehicle and one residential burglary. He also cautioned residents against placing their outgoing mail into the slots provided for that at the group mailboxes in multi-unit housing developments, since recent thefts from these in the County had shown that they are not secure.

***6. Information items***

***a. "Pure Water Project" presentation on treating sewer water for potable use, by the Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority: Carlos Reyes, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach; Jeff Reinhardt, Public Affairs & Communications Manager (continued from June meeting)***

***Jeff Reinhardt*** presented a PowerPoint program about a proposed \$100 million water recycling project approved in the previous year by the Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority. Triunfo Sanitation District Board Members ***Susan Pan*** and ***Janna Orkney*** were also present and filled out speaker cards. ***Carlos Reyes*** was not present. ***Manjunath Venkat*** spoke in favor of the project citing its potential benefits to the watershed, and ***Janna Orkney*** praised the project for providing reliability in the community's water supply for the future. Questions were asked by community members about the project's potential uses of renewable energy and a brine line. ***Seema Chandra*** asked whether consumer's water bill rates would be impacted by the \$100 million project, and ***Mr. Reinhardt*** replied that this was uncertain, but that government grants were being applied for.

## **7. Advisory matters**

- a) **MAC recommendation, Zoning Compliance Project: recommended zone changes for parcels in the Oak Park area to achieve consistency with existing Ventura County General Plan land use designations (County of Ventura: Ruchita Kadakia, Associate Planner, Long-Range Planning Section)**

**Ruchita Kadakia** presented a PowerPoint about the recommendations for updating zoning classifications for 132 parcels in Oak Park in order to bring them into compliance with the County General Plan and thereby comply with State law requiring consistency among the county's various planning documents. These zone changes include updating many parcels with an obsolete legacy zone that does not have any standards in the County's current Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance. **Janna Orkney** and **Carolyn Cass-Barton** asked for guarantees that development would be locked out of open space around Oak Park (specifically in the parcels owned by Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District), and **Dan Barton**, **Mary Wiesbrock** and **Manjunath Venkat** also expressed concern that the changes outlined in the report could mean more development in Oak Park. **Janna Orkney** said that she had seen a list of permitted development uses for County open space as a Triunfo Sanitation District Board Member, and that she had not known any such uses were allowed on open space. **Ms. Kadakia** explained that changing the zone classifications for these identified parcels was merely a technical exercise, and did not include changes to the allowable uses in the Open Space zone in the County's Zoning Ordinance. She further stated that concerns regarding allowable uses were more appropriate for agenda item 7. b. **Mary Wiesbrock** asked whether it would be possible to add conservation easements or create a new zone for open space to keep it as natural open space. **Supervisor Parks** responded that land owners cannot be forced to put their land in conservation easements. She also said that an overlay zone for wildlife corridors in open space could be more restrictive on development, and that she was working on these overlay zones for Ventura County. **Janna Orkney** said that she would like to rezone the Kanan Road medians so that landscaping trees there would be protected, and that she had never received any response to a question she posed to Planning at a previous MAC meeting about Kanan Road medians' tree protection and the General Plan. **Susan Curtis** from Planning noted that the medians were part of the roadway, and did not have zoning applied to them. **Jane Nye** made a motion seconded by **Seema Chandra** to recommend approval of the zone changes presented by **Ms. Kadakia** and the motion passed unanimously.

- b) **MAC recommendation, comments, on a proposed Vision and set of Guiding Principles for the County's General Plan Update (County of Ventura Planning Division Staff)**

**Shelley Sussman** presented a power point about the recommendations for the Vision and Guiding Principles for the General Plan Update. It is attached here. Everyone was encouraged to provide input. There was no vote taken. **Susan Curtis** from Planning was available for answering questions. **Mary Wiesbrock** asked whether the existing Oak Park Area Plan would change, and **Shelley Sussman** said that rewriting the Oak Park Area Plan was not part of the current project. She also asked how she could obtain a copy of a 1974 court order that led to Oak Park's development. **Supervisor Parks** said that she would try to get her a copy. **Carolyn Cass-Barton** and **Dan Barton** also submitted speaker cards on this agenda item. **Janna Orkney** asked how to go about rezoning the Kanan Road road right-of-way. **Supervisor Parks** suggested a future agenda item for the MAC on establishing median landscape standards in the Oak Park Area Plan.

#### **8. Public comments**

There were none.

#### **9. Council comments**

**Seema Chandra** noted that it was sad to learn about the upcoming closing of “The Bean Scene”, saying it was a Mom and Pop local establishment that was a great addition to Oak Park and apparently did not survive the appearance of a Starbucks in the same shopping center.

**Jane Nye**’s commented that there had been no OPUSD School Board meeting, so she had no Liaison report.

#### **10. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks**

**Supervisor Parks** said that the County Board of Supervisors meeting that day was very long. She said that the Board had agreed to provide short-term funding to the Ventura County Museum, which had been receiving County funding but had not catalogued or adequately protected a collection of very old County documents held by the Museum. In addition, the Board supported sending a letter in support of the marine sanctuary at the Channel Islands, and in opposition to new drilling for oil and gas off the local coast. She noted an editorial in the “Star” that day supporting the prospect of new bike lanes for Potrero Road in her District. She told the MAC that news about a partnership for keeping the Kanan Shuttle free for riders was expected in August, and that the Board had requested that LAFCo take action to clear the way for the CSA #4 to be able to fund a VIP program for Oak Park.

#### **11. Written communications**

The Supervisor’s office forwarded to the MAC members an e-mail from resident **Mike Green** commenting on remarks made by **Alon Glickstein** regarding the VIP program at the June MAC meeting (June, 2017 Oak Park MAC meeting minutes). **Mike Green** disagreed with the view that the enforcement of the oversized vehicle ordinance is intended to be primarily complaint-driven, and that this is the community preference.

#### **12. Future agenda items**

1. MAC letter asking the park and school districts that own vacant open space designated properties to deed restrict their properties or enter in conservation easements to protect natural open space.
2. MAC request for establishment of roadway median landscape standards in the Oak Park Area Plan.
3. Recommend priorities for future VIP service in Oak Park.

#### **13. Adjournment to Tuesday, September 26 at 7 P.M. in library; no August meeting**

The Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM.