

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
of an official Meeting, September 26, 2017
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting
on Tuesday, September 26, 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 *Chair Glickstein* at 7:04 PM. *Seema Chandra, Chris Chapman, and Jane Nye* were also present. *Drew Fountaine* was absent. The new OPHS Student Representative *Yuval Cohen* was introduced by the Chair.

2. Flag Salute

Nick from Boy Scouts of America Webelos Pack #3756 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The MAC voted 4-0 to adopt the agenda, with *Chris Chapman* making a motion that was seconded by *Seema Chandra*.

4. Approval of the minutes of July 25

Jane Nye made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by *Seema Chandra*. It passed 4-0.

5. Public safety reports

CHP Community Alliance Officer Gregg Musgrove noted that in recent weeks he had devoted thirty hours of work supported by State pedestrian safety grant funding to patrolling along Kanan Road in Oak Park. Another area of particular focus for him in the past month was resolving the confusion at bus stops caused by cars using them for unloading passengers where the signage appeared to indicate the bus stops were also general unloading zones. *Chris Chapman* said that his wife had been pleased to see a speeder pulled over, and he said he would send *Officer Musgrove* information about the case of a fifth wheeler parked for ten days with an electric cord connected to a house.

Ventura County Sheriff's Office Captain Jeff Miller introduced *Captain Eric Tennesen* who would be taking over the position of supervising the department's work in Oak Park. *Captain Miller* said that since August there had been periodic thefts from vehicles and he encouraged people to lock their cars and not leave valuables in them. He noted that there had been vehicle thefts in Thousand Oaks and he advised against leaving keys in cars. Regarding residential burglary he said that he was seeing a slight rise since July's MAC meeting. He cautioned residents against leaving their garage doors open, since that had been a factor in recent Oak Park crime. He also reported that a suspect had been arrested for vandalism at OPHS, and he noted a case of domestic violence in Oak Park on August 27. *Alon Glickstein* said he had received an e-mail from a resident whose property was burglarized, and that the writer expressed feeling that he was under assault in a crime wave. He said he would forward the e-mail to *Captain Miller*.

6. Public comments

Janna Orkney said that she was concerned that the Ventura County General Plan Update did not include a protected Open Space zone. She asked the MAC to support adding this to the General Plan. With regard to agenda item 11. F. she said it was her understanding that Planning had zoned the medians as part of the streets, and that this could not be changed. *Supervisor Parks* said that many cities had some kind of zoning in which open space could not be developed, so having a similar "OS-P" protected zone would be a good addition for Ventura County. She suggested that this could be put on the agenda for the next MAC meeting.

7. Council comments

Jane Nye reported on the OPUSD School Board meeting, highlighting the new LED lighting on athletic fields, Homecoming events on October 7, the Community Reading program, and the success of the Coastal Clean Up event in Oak Park in which 96 volunteers cleared invasive plants in Medea Creek. She noted the ribbon-cutting event September 29 at the middle school for the new solar power installation, at which a certificate from the MAC would be presented.

Yuval Cohen was introduced by the Chair, and her report highlighted Suicide Awareness Week at OPHS, with seminars and videos to educate students. She said that a new kind of balloting was introduced for the Homecoming Court voting in order to promote inclusivity. The theme of Homecoming this year was "Outer Space".

Seema Chandra noted that she had received comments that Indian Spring Park could benefit from increased lighting in some spots for residents who take walks there in the evening.

Chris Chapman commented that many people who moved to Oak Park seemed to take for granted that its public safety was perfect and that they didn't need to be careful or take common precautions.

8. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks said that it was good to see Scouts attending the MAC meeting. She said that the County Board of Supervisors would be allowing over the counter permits for building accessory dwelling units on properties that met certain conditions. She said she was working to ensure that the minimum lot size that qualified for such a unit would remain 10,000 square feet in Oak Park. She said that the Board was willing to consider support for growing hemp in the County and banned recreational dispensaries, manufacturing, and cultivation. In response to **Alon Glickstein's** question about expanding the Kanan Shuttle route, she said that she was working to get the cities of Westlake Village and Thousand Oaks to extend service along Thousand Oaks Boulevard.

9. Written communications

Jane Nye mentioned e-mailed complaints about the appearance of crack-sealing applied in 2016 on the street in Bellagio Court. **Supervisor Parks** said this was standard practice to prevent water seepage and that she was hopeful that the wait for a complete repaving there could be shortened by additional State funding being received by the County.

10. Information items

a. Presentation, Mountains Restoration Trust restoration work in Medea Creek
Project Manager Joey Curti described the work of the Trust. In Oak Park 80,000 invasive crayfish had been removed since 2011; in Agoura Hills 300,000 were removed. There were six technicians working in the creeks on a daily basis. He said that the project to restore the creeks to their natural conditions was being jeopardized by people vandalizing the traps set for catching the crayfish. **Captain Miller** said that he would contact him about this criminal activity. **Chris Chapman** suggested getting in touch with the schools, and Mr. Curti agreed they needed to create more community partnerships. **Alon Glickstein** said that **Yuval Cohen** and **Allen Rosen** from the OPUSD school board could get in contact with the Trust and assist too.

11. Advisory matters

a. MAC recommendation, request to honor the memory of Luc Boddard
Family friend **Nikki De La Torre** described the life of **Luc Boddard** and the background for the request. **Alon Glickstein** made a motion seconded by **Chris Chapman** and approved

unanimously by the MAC to recognize “Luc Boddard Day” and to present a resolution to the family of *Luc Boddard*. A copy of the text of the resolution is attached here.

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

Alon Glickstein made a motion seconded by *Chris Chapman* and approved 4-0 to grant the permit renewal.

c. MAC recommendation, recommend priorities for future VIP service in Oak Park
The MAC voted unanimously, on a motion by *Alon Glickstein* seconded by *Chris Chapman*, to recommend that the oversized vehicle ordinance in Oak Park continue to be handled by the CHP, and that enforcement continue to be complaint-driven.

d. MAC recommendation, letter asking the Park and School Districts that own vacant open space properties to deed restrict, or enter in conservation easements to protect as natural open space

The MAC agreed to consider this item at the next MAC meeting, with a draft letter of support prepared for consideration.

e. MAC recommendation, proposal for CSA #4 expenditure of approximately \$32,500 to remove 32 trees, and replacement with 20 crape myrtle trees

Earlier in the day the MAC members were given the following September 26 update from County Public Works on the project: “Just for clarification, the cost to remove the trees is \$22,700. Add the \$2,700 for the new crape myrtle trees and \$2,500 for the new miscellaneous plants, the total is \$27,900. The \$32,500 number I gave you included \$4,600 that we’ve already spent for work done in July.”

The Chair asked why this item was agendaized when the project had been announced by Public Works Real Estate Services and Enhanced Landscape at the May MAC meeting with the CSA #4 budget review hearing. *Jan Osterhaven* from Supervisor Parks’ office responded that the MAC policy was to have agenda items and votes on CSA #4 special projects costing above \$6000. The Chair commented that the MAC Liaison responsible for the landscape issues had not provided the MAC with reports. *Jane Nye* made a motion, seconded by *Seema Chandra* and passed 4-0 by the MAC to recommend approval of the proposal as there were no objections to it.

f. MAC recommendation, request establishment of roadway median landscape protection requirements in Oak Park Area Plan

The Chair noted that the item appeared moot. The item was tabled by the MAC.

12. Future agenda items

MAC letter asking the Planning Department to add a protected Open Space zone (OS-P) to the County General Plan. (see minutes under #6, Public Comments)

Jane Nye also requested that the MAC look into locating more dog waste stations, and also weed removal with new steam machines when that would be appropriate.

13. Adjournment to Tuesday, October 24 at 7 P.M. in library

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.



*The Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council
Hereby Recognizes the LucStrong Foundation's Proclamation of*

LUC BODDEN DAY

WHEREAS, Luc Bodden, born May 12, 2006, was an active resident in the Oak Park community who loved his God, his family, his friends, his school, sports, food, and supporting the OPHS sporting events and local restaurants in the community; and

WHEREAS, Luc Bodden walked tall and courageously fought his battle with Sickle Cell Disease/Bone Marrow Transplant; and

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease occurs in about 1 out of every 365 African American births and about 1 out of every 16,300 Latino-American births. The only known cure for SCD is a Bone Marrow Transplant; and

WHEREAS, Luc Bodden, son, brother and a friend to many taught us love, compassion, fearlessness and strength; and Luc Bodden brought an entire community together through his never give up attitude and fighting spirit; and

WHEREAS, Luc Bodden Day is a special day set aside each year to encourage and remind us that the meaningful time we share with each other should be treasured as tomorrow is not promised to anyone; and Luc Bodden Day emphasizes the importance of meaningful time spent with each other on this day and every day, all year long;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council does hereby recognize the LucStrong Foundation proclamation of September 14 as Luc Bodden Day in Oak Park, and urges all citizens to join in recognizing and commending the The LucStrong Foundation and the citizens in our area for providing their everyday contribution and commitment to continuing the Love, Life and Legacy of Luc Bodden in our communities.

Resolved, this 26th Day of September, 2017.

Alon Glickstein, Chair of MAC

Jane M. Nye, MAC Liaison to Oak Park Unified School District