

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
of an official Meeting, November 28, 2017
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting
on Tuesday, November 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 at the Library by *Chair Glickstein* at 7:00 PM. *Seema Chandra, Chris Chapman, Drew Fountaine* and *Jane Nye* were also present. The OPHS Student Representative *Yuval Cohen* had explained to the Chair that she would be unavailable due to participation in a youth in government event.

2. Flag Salute

Pam Landrio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

4. Approval of the minutes of September 26

Chris Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by *Jane Nye*. It passed 5-0. The October MAC meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum of members.

5. Public safety reports

Ventura County Sheriff's Office Captain Eric Tennesen noted there had been a dip in the number of crimes in Oak Park in recent months, though some problems did persist, such as vehicles left unlocked. Nevertheless there hadn't been problems lately stemming from unlocked garage doors. He warned people about thieves "door checking" to look for unlocked houses, and he cautioned against leaving valuables in view, such as tools left in a truck bed. All valuables should be removed from vehicles. He also reported how the case of a suspect jumping over a counter at a CVS off Lindero Canyon Road resembled an earlier incident nearby in Los Angeles County.

CHP Community Alliance Officer Gregg Musgrove said that the speed feedback radar trailer had been on Churchwood Drive for three weeks since the last MAC meeting. He reported that the CHP accident review officer had reviewed the past year's accident data from Oak Park, and had concluded there were no particular trends or problems that emerged from the data analysis. He announced that he planned to retire in the spring, and that he would bring his replacement officer along to the January MAC meeting.

6. Public comments

Carolyn Cass-Barton said that she was concerned about the 32 trees set for removal in the CSA #4 maintained medians, and that she had spoken with Real Estate Services staff member *Pam Landrio*, Enhanced Landscape owner *Greg Epstein*, and MAC Landscape Liaison *Drew Fountaine* about them. She said it appeared that four could be saved, but others were too diseased to save. She said she appreciated being able to join the standing landscape committee. She said she wanted there to be a group to choose the replacement trees for the ones to be removed. *Drew Fountaine* said that he agreed with her statements. *Alon Glickstein* said that the lack of reporting in MAC meetings about landscape issues from the MAC Landscape Liaison had made the MAC rely solely on Enhanced Landscape's recommendations about tree removals in the CSA #4 maintained landscape areas. *Carolyn Cass-Barton* said that she was concerned about the trees in

the medians by sidewalks as well. **Alon Glickstein** expressed appreciation to her for her efforts and said that the MAC would welcome a landscape committee report at the January meeting.

7. Council comments

Seema Chandra noted that there are empty storefronts in the Oak Park shopping center near the CVS store, and she wondered if the County could assist in helping to encourage new tenants. Supervisor Parks suggested talking to the property manager to find out what was needed.

Chris Chapman commented that in the holiday season residents needed to take precautions against the theft of packages.

Drew Fountaine said that he attended a Parks and Recreation Planning Advisory Committee meeting, and that the Mae Boyar Park building replacement project was moving along. He said that the Deerhill Park soccer fields were renovated, and the embankments there were cleaned up. He said that he installed a locking mailbox at his home. **Chris Chapman** noted that the tennis courts had been fixed.

Jane Nye reported on the OPUSD School Board meeting. She spoke about the awarding of a “Partners in Education” recognition to **CHP Officer Gregg Musgrove** at the meeting. Other highlights of the meeting included the planned replacement of some modular school buildings with permanent ones, the “bricks” campaign, new drivers’ license scanners, the district of choice application period progressing smoothly, and the board’s work on reducing student stress and changing the dress code. She presented **Jan Osterhaven** with a card and a gift of appreciation from the MAC members.

Alon Glickstein said that the Community Foundation for Oak Park has several thousands of dollars available for enhancing the Community Center and welcomed ideas on projects for doing that.

8. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks said that property tax payments would again be collected at her office, beginning that week. She encouraged MAC members to file their forms 700. She said that Supervisor Foy had announced he would not run for office in the spring. She said she was hosting a dinner event on December 6, and that she would be meeting the next day with the Planning Director to discuss options for the 11.a. agenda item on adding a new protected open space zone. She gave a summary of the concept to the MAC members, and told them they could vote to prepare a letter on the topic for the next MAC meeting.

9. Written communications

There were none.

10. Information items

- a) **Introduction of new County of Ventura Real Estate Services Manager Charles Alvarez and new Real Estate Services Administrator Valeria Lopez; to oversee Oak Park’s County Services Agency (CSA) #4**
- b) **Presentation of recognitions to honor Pam Landrio, retiring Real Estate Services Administrator**

The MAC presented **Pam Landrio** with a certificate of appreciation and an engraved plaque and bouquet of roses, and thanked her for her service to Oak Park.

- c) *Presentation by Planning staff, Ventura County Planning Division's work on an ordinance for accessory dwelling units ("granny flats") to comply with State law*

Tricia Maier and *Jennifer Owen Deutsch* from County Planning presented information to the MAC and asked for comments.

- d) *Upcoming election for members of the Oak Park-Parks and Recreation Planning Committee, at the January 23, 2018 MAC meeting; contact RSRPD for details*

11. Advisory matters

- a. *MAC recommendation, adding new protected open space zone (OS-P) to Ventura County General Plan*

The MAC voted 5-0 to support the zone, with *Drew Fountaine* making a motion that was seconded by *Seema Chandra*. *Jane Nye* offered to draft a letter for the next meeting.

12. Future agenda items

The MAC recommended reviewing dates for meetings, and to add as a regular item on the agenda reports from the standing landscape committee.

13. Adjournment to Tuesday, January 23 at 7 P.M. in library

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM, on a motion from *Alon Glickstein* seconded by *Drew Fountaine* and passed 5-0.