

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
of an official Meeting, February 27, 2018
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting
on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 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 Drew Fountaine** at 7:00 PM. **Seema Chandra, Alon Glickstein, and Jane Nye** were also present. **Chris Chapman** was absent.

2. Flag Salute

Seema Chandra led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The MAC voted 4-0 to adopt the agenda, with **Alon Glickstein** making a motion that was seconded by **Jane Nye**.

4. Approval of the minutes of January 23, 2018

Seema Chandra made a motion to approve the draft minutes, seconded by **Alon Glickstein**. It passed 4-0.

5. Public safety reports

Captain Eric Tennesen introduced **Captain Renee Ferguson** as the new Ventura County Sheriff's Office Captain for the Oak Park area. He explained that he was reassigned to Fillmore as its new Chief of Police. The MAC welcomed **Captain Ferguson**.

Captain Tennesen reported that the previous month was a quiet one for Oak Park, with no burglaries from residential properties or unlocked vehicles. There had occurred one attempted theft near the dog park in the Oak Canyon Park parking lot, and the MAC was alerted to the trend of cashier check scams and various e-mail scams that was occurring in the County.

Officer Ben Susanka the new CHP Community Alliance Officer, summarized vehicle collision statistics for Oak Park, saying that there were 44 collisions in both 2015 and 2016, and 42 collisions in 2017. He reported that 8 collisions in 2016 were classified as DUI, while in 2017 3 were DUI. He said he had been responding lately to complaints about parking in no parking zones. He said that he had requested that special grant funding be applied to special patrols in pedestrian and school zones.

6. Information Items

**a) Update on Ventura County Transportation issues with Director David Fleisch:
Introduction of Transportation's Engineering Manager Norman Baculinao**

Mr. Fleisch introduced the new Engineering Manager **Norman Baculinao** to the MAC and the residents. He then announced extensive bus stop improvements for seven bus stops in Oak Park, to include benches, shelters, and trash bins. He distributed maps showing the Kanan Shuttle bus route and where the improvements would be installed. **Drew Fountaine** said that an earlier bus stop improvement project had encroached on tree roots, and he asked that Public Works avoid doing that. **Mr. Fleisch** stated that all improvements would be in areas with existing concrete, so no trees would be affected. **Deena Parry** asked if the bus stops would feature advertising, and **Mr. Fleisch** said there would be no advertising.

With regard to complaints received about speeding on Conifer Street, **Mr. Fleisch** said that his department would be doing speed studies there. He also encouraged residents to try to note the time of day and type of vehicle when they noticed a vehicle speeding and wanted to report it. He said that his department would be working with the CHP to address the speeding complaints, and the CHP confirmed that the CHP could send letters to drivers that residents observed driving in

illegal ways as long as the residents reported to the CHP the license numbers, locations, and dates/times.

Norman Baculinao then addressed the topic of encouraging better compliance with the reduced speed limits in school zones on Kanan Road when children are present. This was a MAC request, supported by the CHP, from earlier in 2017. He noted that the signage is appropriate and sufficient along Kanan Road currently, and that there exist rumble strips near the high school. He said that Transportation would install flashing beacons set for school hours in school zones on Kanan Road near the high school.

Resident **Mike Green** distributed pictures of portable devices that could be placed in roadways to alert drivers about school zone speed restrictions. **Mr. Fleisch** said that State guidelines would not allow these devices to be placed in a roadway such as Kanan Road where ordinary speed limits reach 45 mph. **Mr. Green** suggested the installation of “End of School Zone” signs. **Mr. Fleisch** indicated that it is an approved traffic sign and hence county staff will be looking at the placement of that signage along Kanan Road where it may be appropriate.

7. Public Comments

There were none.

8. Advisory Matters

a) MAC recommendation, amending the Oak Park oversized vehicle ordinance

Steve Offerman from the District 1 County Supervisor’s office explained why the County Counsel’s office recommended amendments to the Oak Park oversized vehicle ordinance to make it conform to new ordinance conditions recommended in Ojai, resulting in a County-wide consistent ordinance. The new conditions involved allowing for larger oversized vehicles to receive exceptions to parking restrictions.

Seema Chandra observed that the current Oak Park ordinance was closest to what is allowed in the City of Thousand Oaks, and that that makes more sense than to strive for consistency with the more distant Oak View.

Alon Glickstein said that Oak Park was a unique community, and that its ordinance had been carefully crafted to reflect Oak Park values including the right for enjoying RV’s. He noted that enforcement could be advanced by any member of the public in the new Oak View version of the ordinance. He said that was a key point, and that instead the enforcement process originator should be defined as Oak Park residents, not any member of the public from across the County. He also took exception to the provision in the new draft ordinance requiring a removal of an oversized vehicle from the area for 24 hours. Finally, he said that a public notice to Oak Park’s 300+ RV owners is needed before any changes to the oversized vehicle ordinance are proposed.

Drew Fountaine thanked **Steve Offerman** for coming to the MAC meeting, and said that maintaining consistency with the ordinance in the City of Thousand Oaks was more important than conforming to Oak View.

There were no motions made by the MAC members to recommend any amendments, so the item died.

b) MAC recommendation, installation of devices to help slow traffic in Kanan Road school zones

Jane Nye made a motion, seconded by **Seema Chandra** and carried 4-0 by the MAC to recommend the project described earlier in the Information item.

- c) **MAC recommendations on landscape issues: use of Glyphosate (Round-Up) in CSA #4 maintained landscape areas, the Standing Landscape Committee, the dollar amount of CSA #4 landscape special projects above which the MAC votes recommendations**

Deena Parry spoke in favor of stopping the use of glyphosate in the public landscaping work, as the school and park districts have done. **Supervisor Parks** commented that she had requested that the County's announcement for bids on the CSA #4 landscaping contract which expires in July include an option for proposals that don't use glyphosate. **Alon Glickstein** noted that **Deena Parry** was a proponent for healthier living in Oak Park, and that only the center medians were involved in the contracted landscaping so that it should not be expensive to make this change. He said the MAC should promote the change away from glyphosate. **Jane Nye** said that the MAC should find money in the CSA budget for making the change, and **Seema Chandra** also supported it. **Drew Fountaine** and **Alon Glickstein** said they were not prepared to say it would be a goal to eliminate toxic materials in the landscaping work.

On a motion by **Seema Chandra** seconded by **Jane Nye** the MAC voted 4-0 to accept this statement: "The Oak Park MAC would be pleased, and look favorably upon bids that eliminate the use of glyphosate if it is financially acceptable."

There was discussion about the future of the Standing Landscape Committee when there was no longer a MAC Liaison to the CSA #4, and the MAC members asked to put the topic on the March agenda.

The MAC voted 4-0 on **Jane Nye's** motion seconded by **Seema Chandra** for the MAC to be able to vote on CSA #4 special projects costing \$10,000 and above in the future.

- d) **MAC recommendation, the consolidation of Oak Park's election of three MAC members on Nov. 6, 2018 with other elections held then**

The MAC voted 4-0 to recommend the consolidation, with **Alon Glickstein** making a motion that was seconded by **Drew Fountaine**.

- e) **MAC recommendation, notice to the Ventura County Clerk of the elective offices to be filled on the Oak Park MAC in the Nov. 6, 2018 election**

The MAC voted 4-0 to recommend the notice, with **Alon Glickstein** making a motion that was seconded by **Jane Nye**.

- f) **MAC recommendation, the funding source for candidates' ballot statements in the Nov. 8, 2016 election**

The MAC voted 4-0 to recommend the candidates fund their own statements, with **Alon Glickstein** making a motion that was seconded by **Jane Nye**.

- g) **MAC recommendation, other election services for the Nov. 6, 2018 election**

The MAC voted 4-0 to recommend the same services chosen in previous years by the MAC, with **Seema Chandra** making a motion that was seconded by **Drew Fountaine**.

9. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks noted that the County recycling event in the high school parking lot would take place on April 14. She described a study done by the County Watershed Protection District that showed how using owl boxes and perches to attract raptors proved more efficient than poisons in eliminating rodents. She invited participation in the free March 3 "Womentum" conference put on by the Women's Economic Roundtable. She described the Board of Supervisors' discussions

regarding a new policy on accessory dwelling units. She also described the advantages of the County's participation in Community Choice Energy.

10. Council comments

Alon Glickstein spoke about a teen neighborhood activity that local high school students were participating in, and ***Supervisor Parks*** said that it was advisable to let law enforcement know about it.

Drew Fountaine commented on the effect on the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District budget of the upcoming replacement of the AM/PM program by a school district program, and he said that the Mae Boyar Park building replacement project had been tabled. He said that the project cost had doubled from the original estimate.

11. Written communications

There were none.

12. Adjournment to March 27 at 7 P.M. in the Oak Park Library

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:41 P.M. after the MAC voted 4-0 on ***Jane Nye's*** motion seconded by ***Seema Chandra***.