

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
of an official Meeting, March 27, 2018
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting
on Tuesday, March 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, Jane Nye** and Student Liaison **Yuval Cohen** were also present. **Chris Chapman** was absent.

2. Flag Salute

Yuval Cohen 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 **Seema Chandra**.

4. Approval of the minutes of February 27, 2018

Jane Nye made a motion to approve the draft minutes, seconded by **Alon Glickstein**, and passed 4-0.

5. Public safety reports

CHP Community Alliance Officer Ben Susanka noted that there had been one vehicle collision in the past month, and that the radar trailer would be deployed in Oak Park again soon. The CHP had also dealt with parking complaints, and a no parking sign improperly covered near the high school. He said that sending pictures of vehicles would be helpful when residents wanted the CHP to investigate whether they were parked illegally.

Ventura County Sheriff's Office Captain Renee Ferguson reported that an unlocked vehicle had been the target of a crime of opportunity, that catalytic converters from two Toyotas had been taken near an apartment complex, and that there were two early evening residential burglaries in March. She addressed **OPUSD Superintendent Tony Knight's** request that the MAC consider the feasibility of adding a dedicated deputy and patrol car to Oak Park, to improve safety for the school district, discussing with **OPUSD School Board Member Al Rosen** ways of increasing the visibility of law enforcement nearby schools, generally. **OPUSD MAC Liaison Jane Nye** said that she had mentioned to **Superintendent Tony Knight** that the MAC supported the introduction of the Volunteers in Policing (VIP) program to Oak Park.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor's Aide Jan Osterhaven noted that the CSA #4 landscape contract would expire the coming summer, that a request for bids was being published this month and Supervisor Parks had requested the inclusion of a bidding option with no use of Round Up. She also mentioned that Landscape Committee needed a MAC Liaison in order to function, and that three Oak Park MAC seats were up for election in the fall.

7. Council comments

Yuval Cohen noted the high school students' March 14 walk-out in support of the Florida shooting victims, and she said that the current election week at the high school had good posters and publicity work on the campus.

Alon Glickstein said that a security scare at the high school before a rally in late February had been handled well by the school administration, and that it turned out not to be a credible threat.

8. Written communications

There were two noted: the e-mail to **Jane Nye** from **OPUSD Superintendent Tony Knight** requesting that the MAC consider the feasibility of adding a dedicated deputy and patrol car to Oak Park, and an e-mail to **Seema Chandra** to request the removal of traffic cones and equipment from Medea Creek Lane in Oak Park.

9. Information Items

a) **County Recycling event Saturday, April 14 in parking lot, Oak Park High School**

10. MAC Member Liaison reports

Jane Nye said that the school board had passed a list of bond-financed construction projects, and that at the last meeting there had also been a discussion about safety upgrades to school campuses.

Seema Chandra reported on the Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD) Board meeting, highlighting the passage of a new template for cell tower lease contract conditions which included ways to prevent the illegal long-term parking of heavy construction vehicles in residential neighborhoods near the TSD water tanks. These conditions had been developed in response to neighborhood complaints, and a written request from the MAC in the previous year.

Drew Fountaine reported in relation to the Parks and Recreation Planning Committee activities that the pond and docks at the Community Center had been worked on, and that the Mae Boyar Park building project was put on hold due to the loss of revenue from the AM/PM program. He said that the group's next quarterly meeting was coming up soon.

11. Public Comments

There were none.

12. Advisory Matters

a) **MAC recommendation, OPUSD requests to increase the CSA #4 funding amount for crossing guards, and for the addition of a new crossing guard position; for a CSA #4 annual funding change from \$100,842 to \$123,975**

Al Rosen explained that the crossing guards had not received a raise for 5 years, and that the requested raise would put their pay on a par with Agoura Hills. With regard to the requested crossing guard at Kanan Road and Doubletree, he said that there were two crosswalks there currently, and that the one to the east needed help. Currently the School District was funding a guard there. **Jane Nye** noted that there was a signal at the crosswalk, and **Alon Glickstein** said that his observation was that the crosswalk there helped create traffic back-ups when crossing guards allowed students to continue crossing after the traffic light had changed, and that the crosswalk helped compromise student safety and its removal should be considered. **Seema Chandra** agreed that the crosswalk created traffic back-up issues.

Al Rosen explained that the middle school was considering changing its start time, that a subscription bus service was in the planning for some out of town students, that a new director of safety for the School District had been appointed, and that the administration was working with Agoura Hills to improve traffic issues, having done two traffic studies of Kanan Road traffic recently.

The MAC requested that the County Transportation Department study the feasibility of removing the crosswalk. The MAC voted 4-0 to recommend the increase in the crossing guard pay rate,

and to continue to the next meeting the decision on the additional crossing guard, with ***Alon Glickstein*** making a motion that was seconded by ***Jane Nye***.

b) MAC recommendation, MAC Liaison appointment for the CSA #4 street sweeping and landscape issues, and the Standing Landscape Committee

The MAC tabled the item to the next meeting.

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.

13. Adjournment to April 24 at 7 P.M. in the Oak Park Library

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M.