

**OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**of an official Meeting, June 26, 2018**  
**The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting**  
**on Tuesday, June 26, 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 7:03 PM. **Alon Glickstein, Seema Chandra, Jane Nye** and Student Liaison **Hannah Gates** were also present. **Chris Chapman** was absent.

**2. Flag Salute**

**Hannah Gates** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

**4. Approval of the minutes of May 22, 2018**

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

**5. Public safety reports**

**Ventura County Sheriff's Deputy Travis Neet** reported on the previous month's activity. Criminal activity in the area included stolen credit cards when a car window was smashed at the North Ranch Country Club on May 19, another theft from an unlocked vehicle May 22 on Hollytree Drive, with the perpetrator arrested in the Oaks Mall, and then a package theft on Pavarotti Drive. Homes backing up to open space were broken into: on June 5 in the daytime thru an open 2<sup>nd</sup> story window on Kilburn Court, in which jewelry and a checkbook was taken; on June 8 on Carmento Drive where a side window was broken at around 9 PM but no property was taken; and on Ellesmere Way on June 8 there was a burglary in the evening. It was believed that these break-ins were done by groups from Los Angeles County. **Deputy Neet** added that all the homes had been listed and pictured on Zillow. He emphasized the importance of locking vehicles and homes and of not leaving valuables in view. He said that the number of break-ins had nevertheless been decreasing in recent months.

**6. Information items**

- a) **Nomination period opens on Monday, July 16 for potential candidates for 3 Oak Park MAC member seats in the November 6, 2018 election; Nomination period ends August 10, or period is extended to August 15 if no MAC incumbents file**

**7. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks**

**Supervisor Parks** reported that the Board of Supervisors had passed a \$2 billion budget, much of it involving State programs administered locally. She spoke about the Growing Works project for people with mental illness to be employed preparing drought tolerant and native plants for wholesale nursery. She noted LAFCo's approval process of adding the Volunteers in Policing (VIP) services to the list of services paid for by the CSA #4 was now completed. She said she had spoken with OPUSD **Superintendent Tony Knight** regarding the VIP program and the potential for funding from OPUSD. She noted that Transportation and Real Estate Services staff would attend the July MAC meeting. She said that three seats on the Oak Park MAC would be up for election in November, as well as seats on the OPUSD school board, Triunfo Sanitation District, and RSRPD board, and that the nomination period for candidates opened on July 16. She said that she had attended a Mothers Demand Action event and that she was impressed by the

art work by Oak Park resident Gracey to commemorate the victims of the Parkland School shooting massacre. Finally, she highlighted a flyer on the table prepared by the Ventura County Fire Department about Fourth of July safety precautions.

**Drew Fountaine** lauded **Supervisor Parks'** service to the community.

**Harry Medved** asked that the MAC recommend that the RSRPD board add a designated seat for an Oak Park resident.

#### **8. Council comments**

**Jane Nye** reported on the OPUSD school board meeting she attended June 12, saying that new principals were introduced, and that the Oak Park Education Foundation hoped to raise \$1 million this year. She said there was a presentation given about the new Club Oak Park program run by the school district to replace the RSRPD AM/PM program.

**Seema Chandra** reported on the Triunfo Sanitation District meeting she attended. She said that a turf replacement program would begin in July, and that there would be classes on landscaping.

**Hannah Gates** said that summer school was in progress, and that the regular school year would begin in the second week of August.

**Alon Glickstein** said that the Community Foundation for Oak Park was looking for new board members.

**Drew Fountaine** said that the Rancho Simi Parks and Recreation District (RSRPD) budget had been modified to deal with the loss of the AM/PM program and fill a \$600K hole but that it was doing well thanks to the District's seasoned leadership and **General Manager Larry Peterson**. He said that the Mae Boyar Park project had been lost, at least for a couple of years. In its place, the present building would be painted. **Jane Nye** asked if it wasn't the case that **General Manager Larry Peterson** had retired, and **Drew Fountaine** said that he had and that the board was interviewing candidates for the position while **Wayne Nakaoka** filled in.

#### **9. Written communications**

There were none.

#### **10. MAC Member Liaison reports**

This was covered under agenda item #8. The MAC members agreed that this agenda item could be dropped on future agendas.

#### **11. Public Comments**

**Harry Medved** asked the MAC's support for installing new crosswalks where bike paths from Medea Creek Park cross the streets. Ideally there would also be a new stop sign on Conifer Street nearby, as well. He said he would provide more information about the locations.

**Pitt Gilmore** provided background on how the MAC decided in the 1980's to pay for school crossing guards when he was a MAC member. He said it was considered temporary funding in the 1980's, and that Oak Hills School was the first place to get a crossing guard.

## **12. Advisory Matters**

### **a. MAC recommendation, MAC recommendation, Update on configuration of proposed pump station for Calleguas Municipal Water District - Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Interconnection Project (with Calleguas District staff)**

**Eric Bergh** from **Calleguas District** staff gave a presentation about the proposed project on RSRPD open space called Wistful Vista in southwestern Oak Park, to the east of Lindero Canyon Road and north of the County line.

**Harry Medved** was the first public speaker, and he expressed appreciation for the redesign of the project that would locate most of its structure underground. He asked questions about the land that Calleguas was asking to be transferred. **Eric Bergh** said that the transfer would involve  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre, and in response to **Mr. Medved** he said that it could be sold again in the future by Calleguas. **Mr. Medved** said that it was unclear who would pay, and who would benefit from the project, and how long the loss of water from an earthquake could last. **Eric Bergh** emphasized that the cost would be spread out across the District, and that disruptions from a major earthquake could last months. **Mr. Medved** said it needed to be clarified how best to minimize the impact to Lindero Canyon Road during construction. He said that there was insufficient notification to the Canyon Cove HOA residents and to others nearby. He said he had posted a paper flyer about the MAC meeting pump station item on an HOA billboard the previous Sunday. He showed a notice from 2009 from the water service saying that redundancy was already built into the system in Oak Park. **Mike Paule** said this was not the case. **Mr. Medved** emphasized that once the open space property was sold, the process of developing on it could not be halted.

**Todd Cordova** said he was a Canyon Cove homeowner and the HOA there had not been notified. He said he was an early home buyer there, and he said that he should have been involved a long time ago with the proposed project. He spoke about having his views and the open space environment he bought his home for impacted negatively by the pump station. He expressed concerns over noise, (radio) frequencies from the equipment, and the loss of value in his property. **Todd Cordova** said that communication was a major concern, and he questioned why there was, for example, no ad placed in “The Acorn” about the project, and why the HOA was never contacted. **Eric Bergh** said that he had sent a presentation to “The Acorn”.

**John Bancroft** said he was representing the Monte Carlo and Meadow Oaks HOA’s, and he described their concerns about the route the pipeline would take. He expressed the HOAs’ preference for a route that would avoid the HOA’s.

**Mike Paule** said he had been a member of the Triunfo Sanitation District board for a decade, and he was currently its Chair and the Vice President of the Joint Powers Authority that oversaw the project. He said the pump station would provide a critical redundancy in water supply, and that it was crucial for the Pure Water Project which would provide 30% of the future Oak Park water needs through recycling its waste water.

**John Watts** said that he served with **Drew Fountaine** on the Oak Park Parks and Recreation Planning Advisory Committee and that he wanted to express support for the pump station project.

**Alon Glickstein** summarized the points made by the public, and **Eric Bergh** responded to the issues raised.

- 1.) That the route for the pipeline was not yet completed. **Eric Bergh** responded that a plan should be ready in late summer

- 2.) That the impacts to Lindero Canyon Road traffic from construction was not clear. **Eric Bergh** responded that it would be decided how many lanes at a time were closed, and that if 40-50 feet of pipe were installed per day, the pipeline laying part of the project could take 8 months.
- 3.) That communication with the press and nearby HOA's was not adequate. **Eric Bergh** responded that he had tried to publicize the project through social media and had alerted "The Acorn". Comments regarding how notification could have been mailed were noted.
- 4.) That home property values would suffer from the project. **Eric Bergh** responded that the example of Thousand Oaks' Hillsborough Calleguas project proved the contrary.
- 5.) That the pump station would cause noise. **Eric Bergh** responded with examples of noise readings from Thousand Oaks to address that concern.

**Alon Glickstein** summarized the positive aspects of the project, consisting of its contributions to water sustainability as well as to the planned toilet to tap recycling Pure Water Project.

**Jan Osterhaven** noted that the MAC was not required to vote on the pump station project item, but that it had been included on the agenda under "Advisory Matters" so that the MAC had the option of voting on it.

**Seema Chandra** opened the MAC's discussion, noting that she agreed with the importance of water sustainability, and that undergrounding the project made it better. She said that she appreciated the concerns of the Canyon Cove residents, and that it would be important to work with those homeowners especially during construction.

**Jane Nye** said that she appreciated the need for water redundancy, and the adjustment to the project plan to underground it.

**Alon Glickstein** thanked **Eric Bergh** for the PowerPoint presentation, and for undergrounding the project. He said that redundancy was important. He asked who would pay the \$14 million cost, and **Eric Bergh** responded that this cost would be spread over the District. **Alon Glickstein** said that it would be important to reach out and present a good plan for construction to the community, and to take special care with the HOA. He said that noise was not an issue for him. He said he was concerned about the route the pipeline would take, and how it could impact the Kanan/Lindero Canyon intersection. He wanted more information about how the route was being determined. He said that the benefits of the pump station to the Pure Water Project were great. He said he supported the project as long as all concerns could be met.

**Hannah Gates** said that it was a great presentation.

**Drew Fountaine** said that he had done extensive research on California water issues. He said that he was a hiker and Sierra Club member. He continued that there existed a significant threat to Oak Park because it was at the end of the water supply line. He said that the community had no choice but to support the project, but that he would not want to live in homes nearby.

**Jan Osterhaven** repeated that the MAC was not required to take a vote on this agenda item, but had the option to do so.

**Alon Glickstein** said that he would like to see concerns over the project addressed, and that it was too early to vote on it.

**Drew Fountaine** said that it was incumbent upon the MAC to act, and he called for a motion.

**Alon Glickstein** asked **Eric Bergh** how Calleguas would address the concerns, and he responded that there would be a CEQA process to follow.

**Todd Cordova** asked whether all the alternative locations were eliminated except for the one in Wistful Vista open space. He said that he valued his back yard property, and he repeated the concerns he raised in his earlier comments. **Eric Bergh** responded that the northern tip of the City of Westlake land on the west side of Lindero Canyon Road, one of the alternatives, was not suitable from a geological point of view.

**Drew Fountaine** said that the pump station would hardly ever be running.

**Jane Nye** made a motion to approve the project as presented by Calleguas, seconded by **Seema Chandra**, and passed 4-0 by the MAC.

**b. MAC recommendation, OPUSD request for the addition of a new crossing guard position, at estimated \$10,817 annually (continued from May meeting)**

This item was continued to the July meeting when the Transportation Department's study of removing the eastern crosswalk of the two crosswalks at Kanan Road and Doubletree was completed.

**c. MAC recommendation, Conflict of Interest Code for Oak Park MAC**

The item was continued.

**d. MAC recommendation, meeting schedule: July 24, no August meeting, September 25, October 23, November 27, no December meeting**

**Jane Nye** made a motion to approve the schedule, seconded by **Drew Fountaine**, and passed 4-0.

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

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:04 PM.