

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
of an official Meeting, July 24, 2018
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting
on Tuesday, July 24, 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, Chris Chapman, Seema Chandra, and Jane Nye* were also present.

2. Flag Salute

Alon Glickstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The MAC voted 5-0 to adopt the agenda, with *Chris Chapman* making a motion that was seconded by *Alon Glickstein*. Included in the motion was delaying item 11.a. until the arrival of the resident applying for the permit under this item.

4. Approval of the Minutes of June 26, 2018

Jane Nye made a motion to approve the draft minutes, seconded by *Seema Chandra*, and passed 5-0.

5. Public Safety reports

Ventura County Sheriff's Captain Renee Ferguson expressed appreciation to *Deputy Travis Neet* for his participation in previous Oak Park MAC meetings, and for his excellent work in the East County.

She reported on the previous month's activity, saying that her department had arrested the thief of a vehicle who had been caught on video on Savoy Court in the early morning of June 26. Other criminal activity in the past month included the late evening, June 23 theft of bicycles from an open garage on Minnow Way, a bicycle stolen along with the rack it was locked to near the CVS, and the Churchwood Drive burglary of an unlocked car.

In response to questions raised by *Seema Chandra*, *Captain Ferguson* described how detectives had arrested a suspect in Nevada who had threatened the Oak Park Unified School District. She said that her department concluded that school children were not endangered during the incident. *Drew Fountaine* said that he had received an e-mail from the CHP about parking violations.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks reported that the Board of Supervisors meeting that day had lasted 12 ½ hours. She said that property owners would be receiving their property tax assessments in the mail soon, and that the appeal period would last until September 17. Printed information was available on the table in the MAC meeting room. She spoke about the three MAC seats that would be up for election in November, and said that the nomination period for candidates was now open. Printed information about the rules governing election signs was available on the table in the room. She said that there would be an important July 31 Board of Supervisors workshop on the County General Plan's updating. She welcomed *Transportation Director David Fleisch* to the MAC meeting. *Harry Medved* expressed congratulations on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's recent acquisition of Triangle Ranch. In response to a question posed by *Al Rosen*, she said that the Board of Supervisors would vote on the contract for the Volunteers in Policing (VIP) program being introduced in Oak Park.

7. Information items

a) Update from Ventura County Real Estate Services regarding the CSA #4 landscaping contract, the CSA #4 budget, and the Volunteers In Policing (VIP) contract for service in Oak Park

Charles Alvarez from Public Works' Real Estate Services reported that a new contract had been approved for landscaping in the CSA #4 public landscaping areas, as well as a budget for the coming fiscal year. Regarding the contract for volunteers in Policing (VIP) services for Oak Park, he said that it was anticipated that an item for it would be on the Board of Supervisors' agenda in the fall. **Supervisor Parks** inquired about the procedures for exercising an option in the contract for eliminating the use of Round-Up in the CSA #4 public landscaping areas, and **Mr. Alvarez** confirmed that it could be done. **Alon Glickstein** asked about the approval process, and **Mr. Alvarez** said that there were six bids submitted for the contract and that Enhanced Landscape was the lowest price and most responsible applicant. He said that the price difference for landscape work without the use of Round-Up would be \$25,000 yearly. **Drew Fountaine** said that Enhanced Landscape was very responsible with its use of Round-Up and that it was applied only in the center median areas and did not pose any problems. **Al Rosen** commented that **Supervisor Parks** could discuss with OPUSD Superintendent **Tony Knight** how to pay for the Round-Up free option. **Jane Nye** asked whether eliminating the use of Round-Up in the CSA #4 areas could be done, and **Supervisor Parks** responded that it could happen in a step by step process, and that the State had determined it was a potential carcinogen.

b) Update from Ventura County Transportation Department regarding Kanan Road safety issues, including the traffic light at Kanan/Doubletree Roads intersection, and the feasibility of removing one crosswalk at the intersection

David Fleisch from the Transportation Department said that an analysis showed negative effects further north on Doubletree Road from removing the crosswalk, so it would not be done. He described new software for the traffic lights at the intersection with Kanan Road that would be installed in coming weeks, with the aim of making the Kanan Road pedestrian crossings safer. He said that traffic would be delayed for about seven seconds only for vehicles on Doubletree, and in response to questions posed about possible unintended consequences for traffic at the intersection he emphasized that he would continue to monitor the intersection and adjust the traffic lights timing as needed.

Seema Chandra asked about trying an all-directions crossing at the intersection, and **David Fleisch** said that it had been analyzed and rejected. She also asked about eliminating the crossing guard while also adjusting the timings on the signal, and **Al Rosen** commented that the main reason for the second crossing guard at the intersection was that students were not paying attention when crossing Kanan Road.

David Fleisch said that he would provide **Alon Glickstein** with more detailed information about the signal timing calculations, in response to his questions about the software. **Alon Glickstein** also commented that the pedestrian light lasted too long at Sunnycrest and Kanan Road, and **David Fleisch** said that the timing had just been reset to better accommodate an aging population, as required by new State standards.

Item 10. Public Comments was moved to this position on the agenda.

Harry Medved presented reasons for requesting new crosswalks and better signage for pedestrians who crossed public roads while using the public parks. Attached is a map he provided. He said that the Oak Park Parks and Recreation Planning Committee had voted at its last meeting to ask the Oak Park MAC to consider this. **David Fleisch** said that he could review this request as part of the ongoing County General Plan Update, as the request related to the County's "complete streets plan".

- c) *Nomination period opened 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*

8. Council Comments

Chris Chapman reported as the Liaison to CSA #4 Landscape issues that he was waiting for an estimate from Enhanced Landscape for the cost of removing grass from the medians. He said that he had reviewed a proposal to remove dead trees in the CSA #4 areas. He said that a resident had inquired about the replacement of a tree removed adjacent to his property, and that the planting of a replacement would occur in September.

9. Written Communications

There were none.

10. Public Comments

See above.

11. Advisory Matters

- a) *MAC recommendation, Oversized Vehicle Ordinance #7251 exception permit application, parking permit for oversized work vehicle, 236 St. Thomas Drive (permit renewal, and new vehicle)*

When the applicant was questioned about his vehicle the MAC members determined that the vehicle's size exempted it from the ordinance and no permit was needed.

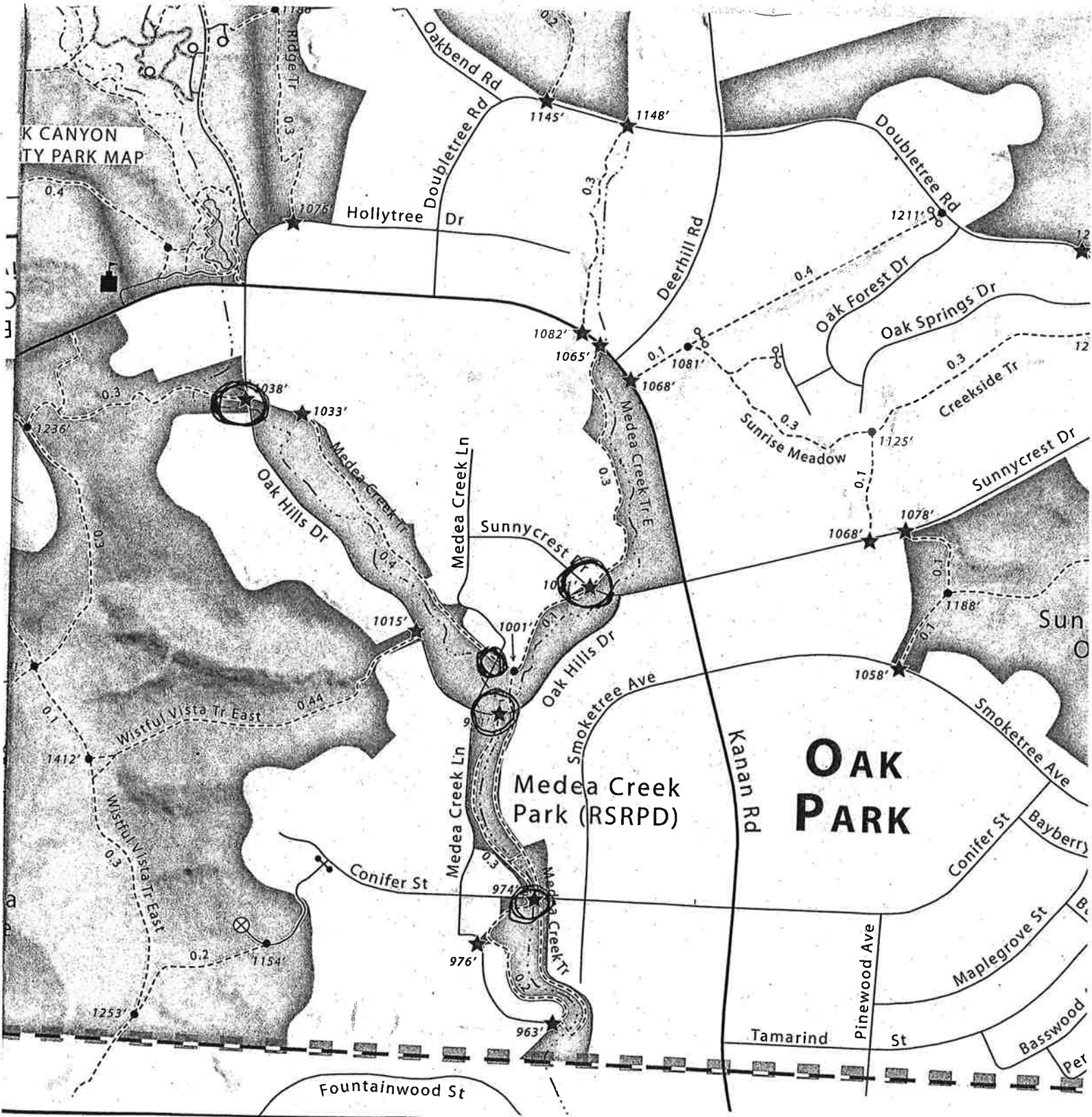
- b.) *MAC recommendation, OPUSD request for the addition of a new crossing guard position, at estimated \$10,817 annually (continued from June meeting)*

The item was continued, so that it could be part of a larger conversation with the OPUSD School District about funding the VIP and the elimination of Round-Up use.

12. Adjournment to September 25 at 7 P.M. in the Oak Park Library

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

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