

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
of an official Meeting, April 23, 2019.
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting
on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 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 Seema Chandra* at 7:00 PM. *Jane Nye, Alon Glickstein, JL Diaz,* and *Janice Smets* were also present along with retiring Oak Park High School Student Representative *Hannah Gates* and new Student Representative *Logan Prince*.

2. Flag Salute

Logan Prince led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The MAC voted 5-0 to adopt the agenda, with *Alon Glickstein* making the motion seconded by *Jane Nye*.

4. Approval of the Minutes of March 26, 2019

Janice Smets made a motion to approve the draft minutes seconded by *JL Diaz*, and passed 5-0, with the spelling correction made by *Jane Nye* for the name of the Parks Committee Chair John Watts at the top of the last page.

5. Public Safety reports

Ventura County Sheriff's Captain Renee Ferguson reported on the previous month's criminal activity in Oak Park, noting that there had been no residential burglaries. Several arrests had been made involving a group of criminals from Chile. She said that a great amount of stolen property had been recovered associated with the Chilean burglary crew's activities. She highlighted the excellent work of detectives in the Ventura County Sheriff's Office for the success in stopping the burglaries and recovering stolen property. She said that the CVS store had been a victim of an organized retail theft. She also noted the April 12 robbery of a bicycle rider near Doubletree and Clear Haven in the evening. The bicyclist had been knocked down and a backpack and a phone were taken. *Capt. Ferguson* warned about falling victim to scams over the phone. She said that a resident had given a credit card number out over the phone and lost \$42K that way. She also said that a work van parked on Smoketree had been burglarized. Generally, serious crimes were decreasing in Oak Park. Regarding the number of calls for service, she pointed out that the recent yearly average for Oak Park totaled 2200. In contrast, the City of Thousand Oaks averaged 62-63,000 calls for service annually. The City comprised six "beats", whereas Oak Park had one "beat". She reminded the MAC that all City of Thousand Oaks patrol cars were available to respond to Oak Park as needed.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks said that the Board of Supervisors had voted for a moratorium on new oil well drilling in the Fox Canyon Aquifer, as well as directing County departments to return in 90 days to the Board with the results of studying the use of glyphosates on County-maintained property in unincorporated areas and how it could end its use. The results of the April 13 County-sponsored recycling event in the Oak Park High School parking lot was seven full roll-offs. The number of vehicles participating was 269, and included in this vehicle count were 150 vehicles that brought in e-waste.

She mentioned that the Woolsey Fire debris removal had been slow because the State focused on Los Angeles County which had more properties burned. She invited everyone to an event in the coming month at Growing Works. She presented retiring *Student Rep Hannah Gates* with a

County commendation in appreciation for her service. **Chair Chandra** also thanked and presented a certificate to Ms. Gates on behalf of the entire MAC.

Seema Chandra asked whether residents who lost homes would now be allowed to rebuild, and Supervisor Parks explained some of the recovery process. She reminded everyone of the June 1 deadline for completing mandatory brush clearance. **JL Diaz** asked whether there was new information about the new smoke shop residents had protested at the previous MAC meeting, and Supervisor Parks responded that the shop was a legal use and that the County was watching its compliance with its permits. **Janice Smets** noted that the shop had already been tested in a sting operation by law enforcement.

7. Information items

There were none.

8. Public Comments

Linda Seidman spoke in favor of ending the use of glyphosate in Oak Park. **Jane Nye** pointed out that the topic could also be addressed at an upcoming May 2 meeting of the RSRPD Park District Board in Oak Park. **Alon Glickstein** noted that the MAC had been discussing this issue for many years; he added that people should not be walking in grassy medians in any case. **Greg Epstein** from Enhanced Landscape said that ending the use of glyphosate in the CSA #4 maintained landscaping areas in Oak Park was a cost issue. Mechanical removal would work better than the required repeated applications of organic herbicides, but both cost more than using glyphosates. **Jane Nye** said that hand weeding appeared to be the best option. **Janice Smets** asked what "integrated pest management" entailed, and **Greg Epstein** from Enhanced Landscape said that his company received training and earned licenses from the County.

Leigh Walker spoke about how homeowners could receive a free report on persistent smoke and ash contamination in their homes, at vcenergy.org.

9. Council Comments

Seema Chandra welcomed the new school liaison **Logan Prince**. She expressed appreciation to the Parks Committee Chair John Watts for attending the MAC meeting, and she reported on the April 11 Park District Board meeting she participated in.

Janice Smets reported on the April 11 Park District Board meeting. She said she had requested an agenda item on the use of rodenticides for the next Committee meeting. She said that she would be reporting on Mae Boyar Park regularly at the Committee meetings. **Jane Nye** emphasized her impression at the April 11 meeting that residents wanted the courts to be shared, not wholly given over to one sport.

Hannah Gates summarized upcoming events at the high school.

10. Written Communications

There were none.

11. Advisory Matters

a. OPUSD request for the addition of a 13th crossing guard position, at the intersection of Kanan Road and Deerhill Road; for an estimated \$10,817 annual cost in 2018/19, and \$11,606 annual cost beginning in 2019/20

The item was continued to the following MAC meeting.

b. Proposal for tree removals in CSA #4 maintained landscaping areas, estimated at \$16,986 by contractor Enhanced Landscape

The proposal is attached here.

The MAC voted 3-2 to recommend accepting the proposal, with *Alon Glickstein* making the motion seconded by *Jane Nye*. *Seema Chandra* and *Janice Smets* were opposed to the motion, and requested a tour with the CSA #4 landscaper, Newbury Park Tree Service, and Real Estate Services of the areas with trees proposed for removal. *Janice Smets* pointed out she could not find many of the trees as proposed by location. *Charles Alvarez* suggested for *Seema Chandra* and *Janice Smets* to have a tour with *Greg Epstein*, Enhanced Landscape, to review the proposed job. County Real Estate Services's *Charles Alvarez* pointed out that the tree service's review of the trees had led to the County's identification of liability to the public unless hazardous trees were removed, so the process of removal could not be delayed. *Janice Smets* pointed out that black tar needed to be applied to areas where cuts were made on trees worked on by the tree service, and that she could show that during the walk through. She also expressed concern about irrigation pipes melted in the Woolsey Fire, and *Charles Alvarez* pointed out that the County was still waiting for FEMA to determine costs it would help cover. She also asked about the status of the CSA #4 budget, and *Charles Alvarez* responded that after the tree work \$16K would remain for unforeseen expenses through the end of June. *Jane Nye* said that the proposal seemed reasonable to her, and *Alon Glickstein* said that Enhanced Landscape had worked as a trustworthy service provider for many years.

12. Adjournment to the May 28 meeting

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.



April 2, 2019

42300

Proposal Submitted to:
County of Ventura: Oak Park
Attn: Valeria Lopez

We hereby propose to furnish the materials and perform the labor necessary for the completion of the stated job in accordance with the specifications listed below for a sum of: **\$16,986.00**

Qty	Description	
1	Tree removals as specified below	\$16,986.00
	Remove/stump grind 1 Coast Oak on Kanan center median	
	Remove/flush cut 1 dead tree at 1004 Kanan	
	Remove/flush cut 5 Afgan Pine at 1004 Kanan	
	Remove/flush cut 1 dead tree on slope below school park, across from 563 Nobletree	
	Remove/flush cut 1 Sycamore on slope below school park, across from 5211 Evanwood	
	Remove/stump grind 1 Coast Oak on Kanan center median, behind 519 Monteleone	
	Remove/flush cut 2 dead trees on slope behind 604 Trousdale	
	Remove/flush cut 1 dead tree on Golden Eagle slope behind 691 Admiral Ct.	
	Remove/flush cut 2 dead trees on Golden Eagle slope, behind 755 Admiral Ct.	
	Remove/flush cut 1 Sycamore on Kanan slope, behind 664 Trousdale	
	Remove/flush cut 1 Sycamore on Kanan slope, behind 658 Trousdale	
	Remove/flush cut 1 Sycamore on Kanan slope behind 5031 Blackpool Ave.	
	Remove/flush cut 1 Sycamore on Kanan slope behind 5025 Blackpool Ave.	
	Remove/flush cut 1 Sycamore on Kanan slope behind 5035 Blackpool Ave.	
	Remove/stump grind 1 Coast Oak on Rockfield, next to 339 Ocho Rios Way	
	Remove/flush cut 1 Sycamore on Rockfield, behind 4759 Key Largo Ct.	

This proposal may be withdrawn if not accepted within 30 days.

Acceptance of this proposal

The prices and specifications are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. Enhanced Landscape Management is authorized to commence work as specified at the above address. Payment due in full, upon completion of work. Price does not include permits.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal. Please call me if you have any questions.

Please date, sign and fax this proposal to Enhanced Landscape Management:
805.557.2738

Signature Required

Date

Respectfully submitted:

Greg Epstein, Executive Director
Greg@EnhancedLandscape.com

Terms and Conditions:

Plant Material and Sod: There are no warranties either expressed or implied except those specifically set forth in this contract. There are absolutely No Guarantees relating to continued life or growth of plant material. No Guarantee on sod beyond the necessary initial planting shock, but not to exceed 90 days unless other-wise specifically stated. Any plant material not maintained or timed and irrigated by Enhanced Landscape Management is excluded.