



REGULAR MEETING Minutes

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Municipal Advisory Council
Oak Park, California

Oak Park High School
Room G-9
899 North Kanan Road

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OPENING

1. Call to Order by Chair Nye at 7:01 p.m..
2. Roll Call

Members Present: Jane Nye, J.L. Diaz, Brian Trushinski, Seema Chandra, Michelle Santucci. Florence Wang
Nomination and election of 2024 MAC officers and committee chairs.

Seema Chandra nominated J.L. Diaz to be the 2024 Chair. Seconded by Michelle Santucci. Approved Unanimously. Brian Trushinski was nominated for Vice Chair by Seema Chandra, seconded by Jane Nye. Approved unanimously. Presentation of the Gavel by Jane Nye to J.L. Diaz who assumed the Chair.

Committee Assignments were made by the MAC for 2024. All Committee chairs were to remain the same other than Jane Nye will become the liaison for the OPUSD. And Seema Chandra will become the chair for Transportation. The committees for Oversized Vehicles has been disbanded as permits are now

applied for on the website and the Kanan Shuttle committee will not be active this year. The question as to who the OPUSD Liaison will be for the coming year as the understanding is that Jim Moynihan will be stepping down. (Post script: Jim Moynihan will be staying on for another year)

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by J.L. Diaz.
4. Changes to the minutes of the meeting were made by Michelle Santucci mentioned a typo in the use of J.L. Diaz name in the Regular Agenda item 15 and Brian Trushinski requested that clarification be made in item 10.c. stating that Brian Trushinski requested the MAC review the Deerhill plans for the Pickleball courts. He requested that statement be adjusted to say that the MAC would like to advise Supervisor Gorell's office of the request to see the plans. The minutes were approved with the aforementioned changes.
5. **Agenda Review.** Motion to approve by Michelle Santucci. Second by Brian Trushinski. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Consent Item 12- 17.** Item 16 pulled by Brian Trushinski. Motion to Receive and File consent items made by Michelle Santucci. Second by JL Diaz. Motion passed.
7. **Public Comments-** Citizen Presentations regarding Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).

Harry Medved spoke about his concerns that a crosswalk should be created at the intersection of Conifer and Parkwood Drive for safety. He also spoke about his concerns about the traffic patterns at Oak Hills Drive near Oak Hills Elementary School. Jane Nye mentioned that she has opened a ticket with Public Works as she is also very concerned about safety in this area with the school children and feels that the pylons are responsible for some of the confusion and long lines. Jane Nye mentioned that the problems seem to have started with the installation of the pylons redirecting traffic which was requested by Superintendent Jeff Davis. She requested that additional information be provided by CHP at the next MAC meeting and that this should be addressed with the Superintendent. Harry Medved also talked about the recent redistricting of Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District wherein Oak Park will be joined with Wood Ranch which may remove a seat on the Planning committee for Oak Park. Seema Chandra mentioned that the MAC took part in elections last year and Brian Trushinski said that that would not happen this year per RSRPD as positions would be appointed. Seema Chandra requested that this be added to the agenda for next month with a report from RSRPD.

Eric Steiner spoke about the landscaping needs at Hawthorne Drive and Kanan Road. He described “barren” soil and mud. Brian Trushinski addressed these comments by mentioning that the MAC did not have any input into the CSA#4 landscaping budget last year and that funds are limited. He requested that the MAC have input into this year’s budget to request an increase in the landscaping budget.

Steven Kozel requested an update on the cement culvert clearing south of Kanan Road which is pending Public Works and RSRPD.

Ruben Maciel spoke about his concerns regarding the traffic issues at the Oak Hills Elementary School.

Arolyn Caso spoke about the bicycles and political signs on Kanan Road and requested that they be removed as soon as possible. She also thanked the Supervisor’s office and Enhanced Landscaping for the replacement of the Juniper Trees along Kanan Road.

8. Comments from Dale Thomas representing Supervisor Jeff Gorell

Dale Thomas reported that the Supervisor was away completing his requirements for his position with the US Navy Reserve and was sorry not to be able to attend. She presented flowers to Jane Nye with the appreciation of the Supervisor’s office for her term as Chair of the OP MAC. Dale addressed the issue of the political signs and said that Public Works had been requested several times to remove the materials and it should happen very soon. Dale was honored to present a commendation from the Supervisor to Jessica Joel, a student at Medea Middle School whose art work was chosen by the Metropolitan Water District to be featured on their calendar and website. Dale then reported on the CSA#4 activities for the month of January including reporting that the street sweeping calendar listed that would take place the first and third Tuesdays and Thursdays of each month. Public Works reports that the buckled sidewalks will be stripped this summer and that an RFP for new landscaping services are being processed with Brian Trushinski representing the MAC on the committee. Evaluations will take place with the new contract starting July 1, 2024

9. Written Comments –none

10. Council Comments

Brian Trushinski requested that the MAC be able to have input into the design plans for the new pickleball courts at Deerhill Park. He made a motion that the MAC be allowed to review and comment on the design as it involves land use. He was informed that a motion was unnecessary and then requested that the item appear on the agenda for the February meeting.

J.L. Diaz requested that further information be provided about license plate readers in Oak Park. Dale Thomas recalled that a full presentation was already made at a previous MAC meeting and agreed to review the previous information at the next MAC meeting.

Michelle Santucci requested that a presentation of the coming year's budget be presented at the next MAC meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are routine and non-controversial. Items are reviewed and approved together by the Council as recommended and without discussion unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Board on the Regular Agenda. Consent items are heard at the Council's discretion and may be heard at any time during the meeting.

11. California Highway Patrol (CHP)

Written Update provided by Officer Ayers

RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

12. Ventura County Fire Department

Written Update provided by Scott Thomson, Director of Communications and Public Affairs

RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

13. Ventura County Sheriff

Written Update provided to MAC members as it was unavailable to be included in the agenda.

(15) Brian Trushinski had asked to pull this consent item but agreed it had already been discussed and agreed to Receive and file.

REGULAR AGENDA

Regular Agenda items are heard at the Council's discretion and may be heard at any time during the meeting.

Presentation by Rondi Guthrie and Paul Yanez from Athens Services.

Rondi Guthrie spoke first and confirmed that the new trash hauling services were initiated in Oak Park on Jan 2 and the transition has been seamless. New barrels have been rolled out to residents in stages. 56% of the barrels have been changed out with the total of 12,079 to be completed in the coming weeks. Michelle Santucci thanked Athens for their service as well as the clarity of their communication with residents. People with issues are encouraged to contact Athens at 805-356-0113 or athensventuracounty.com.

Presentation by David Fleisch from Public Works

Mr. Fleisch was unable to attend at the last minute and Dale Thomas read his written report.

"Status of Cement Culvert South of Kanan Road. The culvert under Hollytree Dr. and Kanan Road and Oak Hills Dr. is free of obstructions. We have cleared the outfall at Kanan Road within PWA easement. However, there is a significant amount of sediment and water accumulation at the Oak Hill culvert outlet beyond PWA easement. This is RSRPD property."

"Update on the County Watershed Protection District-Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Meeting on Medea on Medea Creek Maintenance. This meeting did not occur. PWA staff is in contact with RSRPD and will set up the meeting in the next couple of weeks."

CLOSING

16. Adjournment of the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council meeting was adjourned at 840 p.m. to the next meeting, Thursday, February 29, 2024 at Oak Park High School, Room G-9, 899 North Kanan Road, Oak Park, CA 91377