



REGULAR MEETING Minutes

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7:00 PM**

**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 Vice Chair Brian Trushinski at 7:01 p.m..
2. Roll Call

Members Present: Jane Nye, Brian Trushinski, Seema Chandra, Michelle Santucci. Members Absent J.L. Diaz and Florence Wang

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Brian Trushinski.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Oak Park Meeting of February 29. Motion to approve the minutes by Jane Nye. Seconded by Michelle Santucci and passed unanimously.

5. **Agenda Review.** Correction to the agenda regarding the next meeting of the MAC to April 25. Item 18 was moved to Item 16 to allow for an earlier presentation from Jeff Pratt on the CSA#4 budget. Motion to approve with changes by Michelle Santucci. Second by Jane Nye. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Consent Item 11-15** - Item #13 pulled by Michelle Santucci to be addressed in the Regular Agenda. Motion to Receive and File consent items without item 13 made by Seema Chandra. Second by Michelle Santucci. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Public Comments-** Citizen Presentations regarding Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).

Tim Furgel and Anne Hogya from the Ventura County and Oak Park Library systems introduced themselves to the MAC. The Oak Park Library is accepting book donations. In the future the library would like to be represented at each MAC meeting and will be included on the Agenda.

Stephen Kozel spoke about volunteer opportunities with the Friends of Oak Park Open Space in April to water the baby oak trees. Michelle Santucci asked if these were from the collected acorns last year which was confirmed.

8. **Comments by Supervisor Gorell** –delayed.
9. **Written Comments** – no written comments were read.
10. **Council Comments**

Jane Nye reported on the educational activities scheduled with Triunfo Water.

Seema Chandra – no comments

Michelle Santucci announced that she will represent the MAC as the appointed Legislative Liaison with Chair JL Diaz at the Legislative Training session to be held by Supervisor Gorell's office in April.

Brian Trushinski gave his monthly report for the landscape committee. He reported that he and Dale Thomas met with Enhanced Landscape and determined that Oak Park appears in pretty good shape with the spring colors planted recently. Inspection of the trail head at Churchwood being flooded was reported to RSRPD. Brian reiterated that RSRPD has officially created a district with Oak Park and Wood Ranch. The Oak Park Planning Committee has been disbanded.

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

(Note: CHP report was not received in time to be included in the agenda packet and a hard copy was distributed to Council Members.)

12. Ventura County Fire Department

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

13. Ventura County Sheriff

Update provided by Sgt. Natoli.

RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

14. Public Works Activities report

RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

15. Oak Park Street Paving Calendar

RECOMMENDATION 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.

16. **Budget Presentation by Jeff Pratt, Director of Public Works**

(Note- a copy of the 2024 Proposed budget was included in a new meeting packet and posted on the website as well as sent out to Board Members. This occurred following the meeting to allow for the scheduled discussion and input from Board members at the April meeting.)

Director Pratt reported that there is a structural deficit since 2022 in the budget which will become a serious issue in the coming years. This needs to be addressed by either raising revenues or cutting expenditure. The highest costs were reported to be landscaping and crossing guards. Brian Trushinski asked what the timeline is for the budget. The fiscal year is July 1 – June 30. The final

budget will be voted on by the Board of Supervisors in June. Jeff Pratt indicated that the budget numbers are slightly inflated with "no obligation to spend but permission to spend" There is a \$150K line items for emergencies and \$210K is for school crossing guards. Seema Chandra raised the point that Oak Park is the only district where the CSA budget pays for the crossing guards with others paid by the school district. Discussion ensued that the school district budget is limited but that this is an issue that needs to be addressed. Seema Chandra requested information related to any cost savings because of the line changes and Michelle Santucci requested a breakout of water and electricity in the utilities line item. Brian Trushinski requested that the members of the Board review the proposed budget and bring their comments and "wish list" to the April MAC meeting.

8. Supervisor Gorell's remarks (moved from earlier in the agenda)

Supervisor Gorell addressed the MAC late in the agenda. He spoke of the "grey wave" taking place in Ventura County with the retirement of many people across departments. He mentioned that more than 50% of county employees will reach retirement aged within the next 5 years. He thanked Jeff Pratt for his presentation on the last night of his position as Director of Public Works.

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13. Consent Item #13 which had been pulled by Michelle Santucci was then addressed. Michelle was not happy with the report by the VC Sheriff given that there were crimes in Oak Park that were reported in the Acorn that were not addressed by the Sheriff's report. She questioned where the Acorn gets its information. Supervisor Gorell mentioned that they probably listen to scanners. Michelle requested that the public safety reports be more inclusive of actual crimes.

17. Presentation by Calleguas-Las Virgenes Interconnection project.

Power point presentation included in agenda packet. Dale Thomas mentioned that the office has requested signage be located at the sites indicating when the projected completion date will be to address residents' frustrations.

18. Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council 2024 elections.

A resolution was voted on and unanimously passed requesting that the election for the two vacating positions on the Board be placed on the November 2024 General Election ballot. Brian Trushinski signed the Resolution.

19. Oak Park Meeting Calendar Update

A request to move the October MAC meeting from October 31 to October 24 as it conflicts with Halloween was voted on and passed. It was also suggested that the MAC meeting scheduled for November be moved to November 21, however further research revealed that it was already scheduled for the 21st so not to conflict with Thanksgiving.

20. Discussion of the impacts to the Community Due to Recent Decisions by RSRPD and determine next steps.

Mark Perryman read the topic for discussion as outlined in the agenda. Some further discussion ensued with interest in pursuing the possibility of division between Oak Park and RSRPD. There is concern that without representation specifically for Oak Park, the community will take a back seat to Wood Ranch having been included with them in a district. With no planning committee from Oak Park residents are concerned. Brian Trushinski asked that serious consideration be given to this issue and that residents consider Why this should be considered. The recent upset with residents in the Deerhill areas by the decision to convert tennis court to pickleball seems to be the basis for the current discontent. The item was tabled until the April meeting.

CLOSING

21. Adjournment of the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. to the next meeting, Thursday, April 25, 2024 at Oak Park High School, Room G-9, 899 North Kanan Road, Oak Park, CA 91377