



# **REGULAR MEETING**

## **Minutes July 25, 2024**

**JEFF GORELL**  
Supervisor, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

**DALE THOMAS**  
Field Representative  
Supervisor Jeff Gorell

### **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

- Brian Trushinski, CHAIR
- Michelle Santucci, VICE  
CHAIR
- Jane Nye
- Seema Chandra
- J.L. Diaz

## **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 Chair Brian Trushinski at 7:00 p.m..
2. **Roll Call** Members Present: J. L. Diaz, Jane Nye, Brian Trushinski, Michelle Santucci, Seema Chandra
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 MAC Meeting of June 27:**
  - Motion: Jane Nye, seconded by Brian Trushinski, vote approved
5. **Agenda Review.**
  - Motion: Brian Trushinski moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Jane Nye, vote approved

## 6. **Consent Items – Brian Trushinski pulled item 15.**

- Motion to receive and file Items 11-14: Jane Nye, seconded by Michelle Santucci, vote approved

## 7. **Public Comments**

- Dale Thomas made the following comments:
- Attention to items in packets which arrived late including the monthly report from Enhanced Landscape, Oak Park CHP Report and CSA4 Report
- Encouraged residents to attend RSRPD Oak Park Event at the Community Center August 8 at 4:30
- One seat available for the election on the MAC
- Street sweeping on Kanan Rd will have additional day in the coming week
- Monument sign and two message boards to have lighting replaced
- Encouraged residents to sign up for Supervisor's newsletter
- Sheriff's Office not available to address Neighborhood Watch as that is now a matter to be addressed solely by residents.
- Eric Steiner brought up the issues of Public Safety which Supervisor Gorell confirmed was his top priority
- Stephen Kozel mentioned overgrown areas needing clearance

## 8. **Comments by Supervisor Gorell**

- Family Justice Center Coming Closer to a reality for the East County
- Traveling to India in the coming week with members of the biotech industry to encourage business development in Ventura County
- Met with new Director of Public Works, (Gregg Strakaluse) and the Watershed Protection District (Jeff Palmer) each of whom have made a commitment to improve resident services and communication.
- Raised the suggestion that OP MAC meeting should move to quarterly in the future to allow for more special committees to be able to meet independently. Issue will be addressed in more detail at the September meeting.

## 10. **Council Comments**

- **Jane Nye**- Check out the Triunfo Water website as they are offering fall plants at 50% off.
- **Seema Chandra** – Concern about the lack of parking available at the OPHS during the recent Conejo concert. Parking has always been available in the past. OP should consider participating in the National Night Out. Need more community events.

- **Michelle Santucci** –Suggested that Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District be invited to attend the Fire Station Open House on October 5.
- **JL Diaz** – Reconfirmed his concerns with traffic at Oak Hills now that school is back in session. Supervisor Gorell confirmed that education and enforcement would continue.
- **Brian Trushinski** –

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- RSRPD completed the trailhead improvements for ADA compliance on Golden Eagle Drive.
- The next CSA#4 planting area for this year is along Hawthorn Drive (both sides) between Cremona Way and Kanan Road. These are Areas J, K, L, M, and N as per the 2023 Steiner landscaping report. This project area has been included in the 2023/4 CSA#4 budget. Enhanced Landscape is working on a planting plan.
- The solar lights at the Kanan Road “Welcome to Oak Park” monument sign are no longer functioning and need to be replaced.
- The County of Ventura Transportation Department has not yet provided the Landscape Committee with an update regarding its discussions with California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) for the significant vegetation removal that Transportation’s contractor performed on Medea Creek in October 2023 (Kanan Road/ Oak Hills Drive area). There is question if Transportation authorized the work in compliance with a required State of California permit. Brian Trushinski reviewed Transportation’s CDFW Routine Maintenance Agreement and does not believe that this reach of Medea Creek is identified or included in the Agreement.
- Ventura County Watershed Protection District recently completed vegetation removal along Medea Creek, both upstream and downstream of Conifer Street. Crews left a reasonable no-touch vegetation swath on both sides of the Creek as per the MAC’s request. This still allows for safety from flooding and wildfire perspectives. In some areas however, the width of the no-touch vegetative swath was too narrow from an environmental perspective, and this should be corrected by Watershed in the future creek management activities.
- A community complaint was received regarding the County’s landscape contractor (Enhanced Landscape) using pesticides in CSA#4. The County advised that the County itself no longer uses pesticides however, the current contract with Enhanced Landscape allows the contractor to do so as long as application is used sparingly, under State and County standards, and use is reported on a monthly basis to the County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office. Enhanced Landscape is a responsible contractor, is a State-certified

practitioner, and abides by all State and County regulations and requirements.

- The County of Ventura Real Estate Division is reviewing the MAC's request for a new "Welcome to Oak Park" monument sign and planting area for Lindero Canyon Road.
- There were irrigation breaks at Golden Eagle Drive, Los Arcos Drive, Deerhill Road, and Sunnycrest Drive. All have been repaired.
- Planting needs to be improved at Hawthorne and Bowfield new fall planting is scheduled at the monument signs.
- Discussion of Items 15 pulled by Brian Trushinski.

### **Recommendations and Actions:**

- **Brian Trushinski:** The Oak Park MAC would like to review and provide comments to Ventura County Transportation's new 2025 Routine Maintenance Agreement with California Department of Fish and Wildlife before Transportation finalizes and submits it to CDFW. Transportation's current CDFW Agreement terminates on December 31, 2024, and Transportation's new application is also due on December 31, 2024, as per CDFW. Transportation is currently working on their new Agreement submission and the MAC wants to provide its input to the draft submission at the October 2024 MAC meeting. This should be placed on the October MAC agenda for public discussion.
- **Michelle Santucci:** Agreements should be public and community members should be informed. Requests more transparent communication about maintenance plans.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

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

## **CLOSING**

**Adjournment** of the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. to the next meeting, Thursday, Sept 26 2024, at Oak Park High School, Room G-9, 899 North Kanan Road, Oak Park, CA 91377