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**REGULAR  
MEETING  
Draft Minutes  
July 31, 2025, 7:00 pm  
Municipal Advisory Council Oak Park  
Oak Park High School, Room G-9  
899 North Kanan Road  
Oak Park, CA 91377**

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### **OPENING**

1. Call to Order 7:02 PM Brian Trushinski
2. Roll Call All Present
3. Pledge of Allegiance Michelle Santucci
4. Approve Minutes of the June 26, 2025 Oak Park MAC Meeting J.L Diaz motion to approve, Brianna Adams 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion, All were in favor except Jane Nye abstains as she was absent for the June 26, 2025 MAC meeting.
5. Review and Approve the July 31, 2025 Oak Park MAC Meeting Agenda – Brian Trushinski requested a correction to the agenda. He stated the label G should be the label F for the consent items. He also requested a correction of the name Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District for item 11.
6. Approve Consent Items – Brianna Adams motioned to approve. Michelle Santucci provided the second. All were in favor.

**Consent Item A:** Recommendation to Receive and File: Ventura County Sheriff's Office Report

**Consent Item B:** Recommendation to Receive and File: California Highway Patrol Report

**Consent Item C:** Recommendation to Receive and File: CSA 4 Landscape Committee Report

**Consent Item D:** Recommendation to Receive and File: Ventura County Fire Department Report

**Consent Item E:** Recommendation to Receive and File: Tickler Log

**Consent Item F:** Recommendation to Receive and File: Medea Creek Long-Range Management Plan Process

## 7. Public Comments

- Ben Caldwell – Requesting crosswalk on Los Arcos near entrance to Valley View Park. He's also concerned about speeding. He feels like the CHP and Sheriff's Office isn't responsive. Concerned about public safety.
- or Dina? Derington I have both of them down and Dina sent me a DM after the meeting – Very concerned about the Oak Park Shopping Center. She feels like it's in disarray. She feels like there needs to be more to bring it up to compliance.
- Brian Mattson– 34-year resident very concerned about the poor quality of landscaping services being provided over the past few months.. He feels like things are not being attended to and he's upset about the lack of response from Mariposa Landscapes Inc. to correct their problems. He also brought up concerns about the stoplight at Kanan Road and Golden Eagle Dr. He feels like Public Works keeps providing a different response for what is being done to address the on-going signal timing issue. Other specific areas of concern include inoperable irrigation sprinklers at the corner of Kanan and Golden Eagle, weeds throughout the community and excessive amounts of fallen pine needles on many of the sidewalks. He expressed interest in joining the Oak Park MAC Landscape Committee. Jane Nye commented that the landscape conditions are the worst she has ever seen as a long-time resident. Brianna Adams also commented that she runs through the neighborhood regularly and also is very concerned about the poor landscape condition and someone slipping or getting hurt. Brian Trushinski commented that he believes there should be one dedicated person on Mariposa's team that addresses these issues on a weekly basis rather than on a 4-week cycle as is currently happening.

- Janna Orkney – She feels that landscape is also in poor condition. She's concerned about the condition of Lindero Canyon Rd. & Kanan Rd. She heard the irrigation was broken and wants more information. She also wants to volunteer on the landscape committee. She also wants a 25 mile per hour speed limit sign posted prior to school traffic. She wants this on Conifer Street between Satinwood and Kanan. She said there is a stop sign past this area that isn't helpful for the school traffic.
- Steven Kozel – He requested that Ventura County Public Works Agency's public call logs (online service tickets) are being reviewed by County staff. He doesn't feel like reports of concerns to Public Works are being taken seriously. He believes that the landscape east of Hollytree to the County line is looking worse with pine needles. He feels this is a public and fire safety hazard. He feels like we need to be proactive because some people are not fire hardening their homes. He believes the Medea Creek Management Plan is excellent and he thinks it is important to get stakeholders together. He said it needs to be done based on science. For example, he said remove palm trees but leave the oak trees. Oak trees are excellent for capturing and defusing fire embers. They are nature's fire fighters. He also requested that the Oak Park Community Garden be recognized at the next MAC meeting. He said they are doing a great job with the school field trips and community education. Brianna Adams also agreed and appreciates the positive impact the garden is making on local kids.
- Debbie Sharpton – She loves the Oak Park community. She was reading in the LA Times and there was a story about a 747-evacuation analysis, and she saw some cities have done like Malibu/Agoura are working on it. She wants to know if there will be one for Oak Park. She wants to see the analysis looking at disaster evacuation routes as required by State law. She also shared thoughts on streams. She shared that streams are important for the local habitat and she wants to work together on caring for Medea Creek. She wants stakeholders to come together who have interest to talk about and protect it. She also wanted to encourage community members to attend

Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District's Board meeting on August 6 at 6:30 pm at Oak Park High in room G-9. Brianna Adams made a comment that things need to be explained on evacuations. She appreciates the work in law enforcement being on standby to direct traffic and also mentioned that the schools are now conducting wildfire evacuation drills. She believes the community should be informed on actions being taken. Brian Trushinski said there is progress being made to develop a long-term management plan for Medea Creek. He said it's important for the main stakeholders who have regulatory jurisdiction over the creek to work together with the community and he will report out on a meeting that is planned for August. J.L. Diaz mentioned that the recent fire safety presentations were very helpful and he feels like residents need to be sure to register for VC Alerts so they know what to do in real time during an incident.

- Laurie Getz – Concerned about landscape problems in Oak Park.
- Denise Helvstein – Concerned about generated traffic from the users of the Deerhill Park pickle ball courts.

#### 8. Written Comments

Brian Mattson – Submitted comments on concerns about the poor quality of landscaping service being provided.

Mary Wiesbrock – Concerns about the City of Agoura disaster evacuation plans.

#### 9. MAC Member Comments

- JL Diaz mentioned he attended the concert in the park and that it was well attended. He encouraged community members to reach out to the Fire Safe Council for home assessments.

#### 10. Rancho Simi Parks and Recreation District Representative Comments: District 5- Eric Lundstrom

- Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6 at Oak Park High School (Room G-9).
- The meeting will cover the overall budget, assessment revenues, and provide a financial summary.
- District Appointments: Eric Lundstrom represents District 5, which includes Wood Ranch and Oak Park.

- There is currently a vacancy for District 3, following Josh Gray's resignation after moving out of the District.
- Four candidates have submitted applications to fill the position. The Board will review the applications and determine the appointment format, with a decision expected at their next meeting.
- Deerhill Pickleball Courts: The new pickleball courts at Deerhill were significantly more expensive than anticipated—twice the original estimate.
- Eric Lundstrom encouraged community members to be persistent in attending Board meetings and being the "the squeaky wheel" in advocating for needed maintenance improvements and projects in Oak Park.
- The Director has been working on a long-term permit to streamline improvements over the next four years.
- Environmental Projects:
  - The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and CAL FIRE awarded \$3.3 million in grant funding for cleanup and restoration in the Medea Creek and Lindero Creek.
  - Work will include removing dead vegetation, burnt materials, palm trees, and invasive plant species.
  - The project will be publicly bid, and the Kanan Road to Oak Hills segment is already in that process.
  - Currently, no funds are allocated to Simi Valley; Oak Park is being prioritized.
  - Ongoing maintenance and community volunteer involvement will be critical to prevent future multimillion-dollar cleanups.
- Recreation Program & Events: The Fall Recreation Guide is being mailed beginning August 4 and includes new programs:
  - Archery (adults & youth)
  - Parent & Me music and movement
  - Wellness classes
  - Pickleball (a fast-growing sport)
- Music in the Park: July 12 featured Kenny Metcalf's Elton John tribute at Oak Canyon Park.
- Halloween Carnival: Scheduled for Friday, October 31 in Oak Park.
- July 31 is National Parks & Recreation Month. The District hosted events throughout July using the Mobile Rec Van with activities like youth archery and foam axe throwing to encourage families to get outside and enjoy the parks.
- Community Feedback & Discussion:
  - Brianna Adams: Suggested revisiting the idea of adding a beach volleyball court at Deerhill Park (originally proposed two years ago but unfunded). Suggested improving the existing court at Indian Springs Park with new sand and better containment nets to prevent balls from going into the street—Yarrow YMCA's low nets were mentioned as a possible model. Eric noted

that beach volleyball will soon be a high school sport and welcomed the suggestion.

- Residents are encouraged to email ideas or feedback to Eric Lundstrom and attend the next Rancho Simi Meeting—there are over 70 active projects, and time and funding are limited. [To send a comment to Mr. Lundstrom, please click here.](#)
- Comments from Michelle Santucci: Deerhill Park Pickleball Court Budget Overrun – Initial budget was \$200k; final cost was \$400k. She requested a future discussion by the Rancho Simi Board on preventing similar overruns. Capital Improvements – Emphasized the importance of including Indian Springs playground repairs in the upcoming Capital Improvement Plan budget due to safety concerns. Also flagged roof and flooring issues at the community center. Graffiti on Park Signage – Praised Rancho for repainting a vandalized sign near Medea and Park View, which she reported before leaving on vacation.
- Brian Trushinski: Environmental Monitoring – Urged the District to ensure that there is a full-time qualified professional environmental monitor onsite to supervise work crews during all three phases of the Medea Creek and Lindero Creek projects to ensure that sensitive plants and habitat are protected as well as prevent excessive vegetation removal in order to remove a palm tree, dead tree, or patch of invasive plant species. Project Communication – Brian also asked that the District commit to providing clear public communication and signage when work occurs in the Creeks, including District staff contact info for the public to use should there be questions or concerns.
- Eric Lundstrom's Response: Acknowledged that the Board is concerned with cost escalation and is working to ensure that current estimates reflect inflation and rising material/labor costs.
- Michelle (follow-up): Requested broader community communication through all available channels, including Oak Park's Facebook, Instagram, and website.
- Tom Hansen: Reported that dog waste bag stations are now empty—previously always stocked. It appears someone took all the bags. The Park District has been contacted and is aware of the issue.

#### 11. Oak Park MAC Committee and Liaison Reports:

A. CSA 4 Landscape Committee (Brian Trushinski)

B. Legislative Committee (Michelle Santucci and Brian Trushinski) BOS Dark No Updates.



C. Oak Park Unified School District Liaison (Brianna Adams) School on Summer Break No Updates.

D. Fire Safe Council Liaison (JL Diaz) No Updates.

E. Triunfo Water & Sanitation District Liaison (Jane Nye). No Updates.

## 12. Announcements and Other Business

- Brianna Adams: Oak Park PTA hosting a community event on the Great Lawn at OPHS on October 4 from 3-6 all are welcome.
- Brian Trushinski: The MAC will be dark (no meeting) in August.
- District 2 Staff: Annual Oak Park Fire Station Open House: Date to be announced. Will hold end of September or October. Opportunity for community to learn more about home hardening and meet local first responders. Supervisor Gorell is also planning a Town Hall on Wildfire Zone 0 with the Fire Department on September 17 at Fire Headquarters at 5:30 pm.

## 13. Supervisor Gorell or a representative from his office for remarks

- Supervisor Gorell shared that he attended the Calleguas and Las Virgenes interconnection event. Was full circle for the Supervisor because 6 million dollars used for the infrastructure project came from Prop 1 which passed the legislature in 2014 when he was a State Assemblymember. He was the co-author of the legislation.
- He thanked the community, school district, park district and Public Works for staying late to provide updates/ask questions.
- He announced the hire of a new staff member. Crystal Stratton has been selected as the new District Field Representative. She comes from the County Fire Department where she managed public outreach. She will be assigned to assisting with the Oak Park MAC.
- He noted that he understands the community's concerns about landscaping and believes the gap in the contract impacted the maintenance. He shared that the Public Works team is committed to making improvements with the new landscaper.

- He acknowledged concerns about the Lindero Canyon Road/ Kanan Road shopping center and said that his team would connect with County code compliance and the property owner.
- He met with the Public Works Director and learned there were many factors impacting the timing of traffic lights on Kanan Road and the team is working to address and fix.
- He noted that he is on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Prop 4 money is available for grants for wildfire prevention. Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District has received a grant through the Conservancy for Medea Creek.
- He was able to help secure \$1.2 million for things like brush clearance, use of goats, maintenance of fire roads, forward staging fire equipment, and financial support for Firewise councils. The funding went to Ventura County Fire.

## **Regular Agenda**

### **14. Public Works Budget Update FY26 CSA 4 Budget Update, Joan Araujo**

- Ms. Araujo provided a presentation available at the following link:  
[https://vcportal.venturacounty.gov/BOS/District2/OakPark/docs/meeting/OPM-AC-Meeting\\_2025-07-31\\_CSA4-Report.pdf](https://vcportal.venturacounty.gov/BOS/District2/OakPark/docs/meeting/OPM-AC-Meeting_2025-07-31_CSA4-Report.pdf)
- She noted that expenses have gone up without a significant increase in revenue.
- She noted that Public Works is looking at ways to take Green Streets out of the CSA4 budget.
- She also noted that Public Works is working closely with the new landscape company (Mariposa) to address priority areas with repairs to irrigation sprinklers, for example, as they work to address the totality of concern.

## **CLOSING**

### **15. Adjournment: 9 pm Brian Trushinski**

Next Oak Park MAC Meeting September 25, 2025, 7:00 pm OPHS G-9, 899 Kanan Rd, Oak Park (The MAC is dark with no scheduled meeting in August)