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REGULAR MEETING Draft Minutes

September 25, 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 – 7:00 PM, Brian Trushinski
2. Roll Call – All present
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Brian Trushinski
4. Approve Minutes of the July 31, 2025 Oak Park MAC Meeting
 - Brianna Adams noted livestream reference should be removed, as the meeting was not live streamed.
 - JL Diaz clarified that Page 6, Item #9 should reflect the Oak Park Fire Safe Council attended the Concert in the Park, not JL.
 - Motion to approve as amended: Michelle Santucci; Second: Jane Nye; All in favor.
5. Review and Approve the September 25, 2025 Oak Park MAC Meeting Agenda
 - Brian Trushinski requested a correction: update “MAC Member Comments” to read “Written Public Comments Received and MAC Member Discussion” on all future Oak Park MAC Agendas. These two items should be combined as Agenda Item 9.
 - Motion to approve as amended: Jane Nye; Second: Brianna Adams; All in favor.
6. Approve Consent Items
 - 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 Reports (August & September 2025)
 - Consent Item D: Recommendation to Receive and File – Ventura County Fire Department Report (August & September 2025)

Consent Item E: Recommendation to Receive and File – Oak Park MAC Request Tickler Log

- Michelle Santucci requested to pull Consent Items A, B, and E for discussion. E. Discussion included in regular agenda portion of the minutes.
- J.L. Diaz requested that Consent Item A include CHP attendance for discussion. Discussion included in regular agenda portion of the minutes.
- Motion to receive and file Items C and D: Jane Nye; Second: Brianna Adams; All in favor.

7. Public Comments

- Caren Yarnell : 27-year resident of Regency Chamborg. Reported being stuck for 20 minutes after a car accident on Deerhill due to inaccessible emergency road. Noted mixed signage and asked who is responsible for ensuring access.
- R.L. Miller: Oak Park resident since 1993. Witnessed the Deerhill accident where two parked cars were struck. Reported Bishop's Gate Lane is padlocked and only accessible to the Ventura County Fire Department. Requested an alternate exit for residents and suggested red zones on Deerhill to prevent parked cars narrowing the roadway.
- Ben Caldwell: Requested installation of a crosswalk at Bowfield and Lindero to improve pedestrian safety.
- Brittney Lewis: Reported a broken sprinkler at Bowfield and Lindero, located on private property.

Written Public Comments

- Craig Kronfeld: Followed up on July 31 comments regarding speeding and electric bike riders. Reported contact with CHP officers.
- Eric Steiner: Requested more information regarding weed abatement efforts on Hawthorne. He stated that since the Hawthorne and Bowfield landscaping is already prioritized by the MAC and Public Works as a 2025 landscaping project in Oak Park, he has been waiting optimistically for the work to begin. His understanding is that Mariposa Landscapes, Inc. will be removing plants in poor condition/ dead and then installing new drought tolerant plants in Fall 2025 so that the plants can establish themselves during the winter. He asked when the work will commence.

8. MAC Member Discussion on Written Public Comments

- Brianna Adams: Expressed concern about safety on Deerhill near the pickleball courts and parking. Requested a Public Works safety survey.
- Brian Trushinski: Supported Eric Steiner's written comments regarding landscaping and weed abatement on Hawthorne for Fall 2025 and said that the MAC determined earlier this year that this would be a top priority for

landscaping.

9. Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Representative Comments

- Eric Lundstrom, RSRPD Director for District 5 - Budget committee meeting scheduled for October 23, 2025, 5:30 PM at Oak Park Community Center to review assessment allocations.
- District received the District Transparency Excellence Award for exceeding State of California standards in accessibility.
- Installed new water bottle station at Deerhill Park.
- Tennis courts resurfaced at Mae Boyar and Indian Springs parks.
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and CAL FIRE awarded \$3.3 million for Medea and Lindero Creek restoration (removal of dead vegetation, invasive species, and palm trees).
 - Phase 1: Kanan to Oak Hills – in bidding process.
 - Phase 3: In environmental and permitting stage.
 - Includes fire mitigation with 100-foot weed abatement around 75 homes near Medea Creek.
- Fall & Winter Recreation Guide released with new activities.

Community Feedback and Discussion

- J.L. Diaz: Asked whether the October 23 meeting will include discussion about property tax assessments.
- Residents are encouraged to email feedback and attend Rancho Simi Board meetings; more than 70 projects are active, and resources are limited.

10. Oak Park MAC Committee and Liaison Reports:

A. CSA 4 Landscape Committee (Brian Trushinski): Provided updates. Tickler Log is updated monthly and included on the Consent Agenda of every Oak Park MAC agenda. The Tickler allows the public to see what the MAC is working on as well as the organization responsible for implementation (for accountability). Brian's Committee report was presented in Consent Item C in tonight's MAC packet.

B. Legislative Committee (Michelle Santucci & Brian Trushinski): No update as the BOS meeting on 9/16/25 had no agenda items relating to Oak Park. Michelle attended the August 30 Oak Canyon open space watering/mulching of baby oak trees and the August 3 Community Garden butterfly exhibit.

C. Oak Park Unified School District Liaison (Brianna Adams): Schools returned August 5. OPHS ranked 40th statewide. Requested meeting on evacuation/fire response plans the school has plans that they would like to review with the City of Agoura and the County of Ventura. Supervisor Gorell's Office arranged a

meeting with the Office of Emergency Services and the School District.

D. Fire Safe Council Liaison (J.L. Diaz): Encouraged viewing of County's 'Zone 0' video. JL thanked VCFD for Open House. No further updates.

E. Triunfo Water & Sanitation District Liaison (Jane Nye): Reported website improvements, and a Pure Water Beer tasting event on October 30 at 5:30 at 14 Cannons in Westlake Village and Pure Water project news. More information at <https://www.triunfowsd.com/>.

11. Announcements and Future Oak Park MAC Meeting Agenda Items

- Brianna Adams: Announced Oak Park PTA community event on October 4, 3-6 PM, at Oak Park High School. Requested future agenda item on Deerhill Pickleball Court traffic safety.
- Brian Trushinski: Suggested October agenda includes a discussion by MAC Members and the public on the MAC's 2025 Achievements and what projects should be undertaken in the 2026 Workplan. Requested Oak Park Community Gardens update.

12. Supervisor Gorell or a representative from his office for remarks

- Crystal Stratton (District Staff): Announced Annual Supervisor Gorell County and Community Services Open House at Oak Park Fire Station: Saturday, October 25, 11 AM - 3 PM.
- Provided update on 'Zone 0 Town Hall'; full video available online, Board of Forestry still accepting public feedback. Information at: <https://conta.cc/3KaxcEY>.
- Highlighted Ventura County's participation in the 2nd Annual Government & Disability Summit.
- Shared Supervisor Gorell's update from the Ventura County Transit Commission: five new accessible buses will join the fleet.

Regular Agenda

Brian Trushinski brought back Consent Items A, B and E for MAC discussion.

- Consent Item A Request that the monthly Sheriff report include the type of crimes reported, not just the total.
- Consent Item B Request that the monthly CHP report include information specifically related to Oak Park, and if there are no OP related enforcement actions during the reporting period, please explicitly state such in the report.
- Consent Item E The OP MAC Tickler Log is not intended to record and track all requests, such as those that are reported via the Public Works app, but those items requiring either the MAC or Supervisor Gorell's office's attention or follow-up.

13. Oak Park Unified School District Update on 2026 Crossing Guard Funding - OPUSD

Representative (Time Certain 7:15 pm)

- Presentation by Adam Rouch and Brad Benioff, Director of School Safety.
- Discussed rising costs of crossing guards and potential alternative funding (grants, OPEF fundraising, reducing low-use guard sites).
- OPUSD preparing RFP for next year to ensure fiscal responsibility.

14. Presentation from Ventura County Public Works Joan Araujo and Alyssa (Mariposa Landscape) (Time Certain 7:30 pm)

- Discussion covered irrigation, pine tree needle cleanup, cost-saving options for the Kanan Road "Welcome to Oak Park" monument plantings, tree removal analysis, pesticide/ herbicide reporting, and budget updates. Mariposa to provide alternatives and costs associated with more frequent removal of pine needles and monument plantings.
- Brian Trushinski said that it is State law that all commercial businesses that use pesticides/ herbicides must complete and submit monthly written reports of all applications to the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. Brian requested that Mariposa's monthly reports also be provided by County Public Works to Supervisor Gorell's office, and staff will include the monthly reports in the Oak Park MAC's monthly meeting packets as a new Consent Item for MAC and public awareness. Crystal Stratton agreed to arrange this with Public Works.
- \$40k allocated to Green Streets will be reallocated to the CSA4 in the new budget cycle.

Community Discussion:

- Dina Mabry: Would like an update about the corner of Hollytree and Kanan's landscaping and maintenance.

15. Medea Creek: Presentation from Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Palmer

- Presentation by Jeff Palmer, Public Works Deputy Director, with Dr. Earthea Nance, Watershed District Director.
- Reported on August 21 Medea Creek site visit (attendees included County Public Works and Watershed Protection District, Ventura County Fire Department, RSRPD, Supervisor Gorell's staff, and Oak Park MAC Member Brian Trushinski). Emphasized that the long-range management plan for the Creek will be based on a balanced approach that provides flood protection, wildfire protection, invasive species removal, protected vegetated buffer areas on both sides of the Creek, and enhancements that provide habitat preservation.
- The next site visit planned will be in early October with County Public Works

and Watershed Protection District, Oak Park Friends of Open Space, Supervisor Gorell's staff, and Brian Trushinski.

Community Discussion:

- Steven Kozel: Supported invasive species removal and the direction to achieve a balanced design in the long-range management plan. Raised concerns about use of herbicides at Mae Boyar Park; suggested stormwater runoff prevention measures to protect the environment and Medea Creek.
- Brian Mattson: Praised the MAC's online Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping for Oak Park [PWA Supervisorial District 2 Utility Map](#) and Mariposa Landscapes, Inc.' regular reports; requested clearer communication of Mariposa's work schedules; raised irrigation infrastructure and runoff issues; and reiterated the need for a crosswalk at Bowfield and Lindero.
- Janet Jackson: Expressed concern about high-maintenance trees adjacent to Los Arcos homes and properties. She said that these pine trees are on County property and are contributing to loss of fire insurance for the affected property owners. Recommended removal of unsafe trees and praised Mariposa's recent improvements.

CLOSING

16. Adjournment 9:00 PM, Brian Trushinski

Next Oak Park MAC Meeting: October 30, 2025, 7:00 pm Oak Park High School G-9, 899 Kanan Rd, Oak Park