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# **REGULAR MEETING Draft Minutes**

**October 30, 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, including High School Representative Carter Licht
3. Pledge of Allegiance — Led by Carter Licht
4. Approve Minutes of September 25, 2025, Oak Park MAC Meeting
  - Steven Kozel, member of the public, corrects the agenda from September 25 with spelling on the Items 14 and 15 with the words glufosinate/glyphosate
  - Motion to approve the Minutes from September 25, 2025, as amended by Brian Trushinski, Second by Jane Nye. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Agenda Review and Approval for October 30, 2025, Oak Park MAC Meeting Agenda
  - Brian Trushinski moves to change the proceeding order of the agenda, with Item 13 to precede Item 7.
  - Motion to approve the Agenda for October 30, 2025, by Brian Trushinski, Second by Jane Nye. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Approve Consent Items
  - a: Recommendation to Receive and File: Ventura County Sheriff's Office Report
  - b: Recommendation to Receive and File: California Highway Patrol Report
  - c: Recommendation to Receive and File: CSA 4 Landscape Committee Report
  - d. Recommendation to Receive and File CSA4 Report from Public Works & Landscape Company Mariposa:

1. Updates on Oak Park MAC's October 2025 Tickler Log Action Items
2. Update on Kanan Road/ Lindero Canyon Shopping Center Landscaping
3. Update on Open Irrigation Trench on Golden Eagle Drive
4. Update on Landscape Irrigation Timing Along Hawthorne Drive
5. Update on Lindero Canyon Road Landscaping Complaint (North of Yerba Buena Elementary School)
6. September & October 2025 Pesticide Use in Oak Park by Mariposa Landscape

e: Recommendation to Receive and File: October 2025 Oak Park MAC Tickler Log

f: Recommendation to Receive and File: Ventura County Fire Department Report.

- Brian Trushinski pulls Items 6a and 6d to be addressed before the Regular Agenda.
- Motion to approve Consent Items 6b. and 6c by Jane Nye, Second by JL Diaz. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Community Feedback to 6(d)(6)

- Deena Parry, member of the public: Pesticides can cause acute illness, and she sees this as a medical professional with her clients. Oak Park has seen pesticides used over 70 times the government regulations, and we don't know where exactly the applications are being made throughout the community. As citizens, we should be entitled to know what pesticides are being used and locations of applications. These chemicals go into the water cycle, down the watershed and out to the Pacific Ocean. These harmful chemicals also get into our bodies. We need to know, and maybe the Ventura County Board of Supervisors can make requests to the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner's Office that they make public each month the names, amounts and locations of pesticide applications in Oak Park and throughout unincorporated Ventura County.
- Ashley Bautista: Supervisor Gorell's Office can report back or have the Agricultural Commissioner come and speak to this at the next MAC meeting.
- Brian Trushinski: Suggested that the Agricultural Commissioner's Office staff make a presentation at a MAC meeting.
- Ashley Bautista suggested amending the CSA 4 landscaping contract with Mariposa Landscapes Inc. as a fully descriptive monthly report of use and location is not a mandatory requirement by the County Agricultural Commissioner's regulations.
- Steven Kozel, member of the public: It's incredible that over 200 thousand oz of chemicals have been sprayed in the County in non-agricultural areas (i.e., urban communities). These are carcinogens. Last month, the MAC and public learned from Mariposa's monthly CSA 4 report that they are spraying for weed and pest control permission from Mariposa but are not being followed.

## 7. Public Comments

- Deena Parry: She observed a drone last night 30 feet above her home. She discovered it is owned by a neighbor on the street behind her. She asked the owner not to fly the drone, and the person told her to, "call the police". Parry wants to know what the rules and regulations are pertaining to the operation of drones in neighborhoods, parks and open spaces.
  - Jane Nye stated there may be rules for drones in parks, but unsure on neighborhoods.
  - Michelle Santucci stated that she would like the Office of Supervisor Gorell to find out the legality.
  - Ashley Bautista stated that the Resource Management Agency has more details on their website. You can view the document [HERE](#)

## 8. Written Public Comments & MAC Member Discussion

### A. Letter to Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District from Oak Park Resident Dale Thomas

- Brian Trushinski reads 8a aloud.
- Motion made by Brian Trushinski, recommendation for Supervisor Gorell to request a written letter of apology from Mr. Dan Paranick, District Manager of Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District to the citizens of Oak Park, the Oak Park MAC, and Oak Park MAC Chair Brian Trushinski called for the vote. Second by Michelle Santucci. Abstentions by JL Diaz, Jane Nye, and Brianna Adams. The vote was 2 yes, 3 abstentions, therefore, the Motion failed to pass.
- Supervisor Gorell said that he spoke with the Chair and another Board member of RSRPD. Supervisor Gorell ends his discussion with a reminder to pump the breaks in the conflict of divisiveness between the communities of Oak Park and Simi Valley and bring the relationship closer.

### B. Letter from Mr. Eric Steiner regarding the status of MAC approved landscaping and irrigation project on Hawthorne Drive

## 9. Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Liaison (RSRPD Board Member: District 5 - Eric Lundstrom

- Eric Lundstrom apologies to the MAC on behalf of the RSRPD regarding the October 3, 2025, situation pertaining District Manager Dan Paranick. The Board has acted in Closed Session, but as it is an internal issue, he cannot speak on the details. Oak Park is a special place to him; he appreciates all engagement with the Oak Park MAC. Having Oak Park neighborhood council meetings may be appropriate to have citizens' voices better heard by the RSRPD Board. He wants to bridge the disconnect between Simi Valley and Oak Park, the two communities that RSRPD serves.
- Next RSRPD Board meeting is November 5. California Department of Fish and Wildlife is finishing with a RSRPD Alteration to Streambeds Agreement Permit for the removal of palm trees and invasive plant species along Medea and Lindero creeks. Once the Permit is approved by the State collected and projects begin,

the District will continue to seek funding for the creek work. Medea Creek will also undergo brush mitigation that is within 100ft of buildings for wildfire protection.

- JL Diaz stated that all interactions with Lundstrom have been positive. Looking forward to working with Lundstrom more. The neighborhood council is a great idea. Consulting the MAC with the budget is appreciated.
- Brianna Adams: Expressed appreciation for coming to the meetings and she appreciates his work.
- Michelle Santucci: Expressed appreciation for pushing forward the Medea Creek work. Appreciates his professionalism considering the recent controversy between Oak Park MAC and RSRPD.
- Jane Nye: Expressed appreciation for showing us how partnership works.
- Brian Trushinski: The RSRPD Oak Park Planning Committee, which was seated by Oak Park residents, was disbanded by the RSRPD Board of Directors. The Board felt that at times, some of the Committee members did actions that were not in keeping with the purpose and procedures of the Committee. Brian said that the citizens of Oak Park deserve to have their voices returned and heard in how their parks, trails, open spaces and District landscaping in Oak Park should be planned, managed and maintained. He suggested that the Committee be reestablished with clearer guidelines on procedures and expectations concerning membership performance so that it can be successful. The MAC also works with the County of Ventura Public Works Agency and there is a need to find ways to improve the working relationship so that landscape projects get implemented in a reasonable timeframe rather than being delayed for months and months. . Brian praised the excellent working relationship and professionalism of PWA Assistant Director Jeff Palmer on the Medea Creek project. Mr. Palmer is providing great customer service and has a positive and collaborative working approach with the MAC and Oak Park community groups on the long-term management of Medea Creek.

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

##### a. CSA 4 Landscape Committee: (Brian Trushinski)

- Oak Park community involvement in addressing landscape issues
  - The landscaping project along Hawthorne Drive (Bowfield Street to Kanan Road) has been stagnant for almost 8 months. PWA attended all the monthly CSA 4 Landscape Committee meetings with Trushinski and Supervisor Gorell's staff. Every month, the landscape contractors (Enhanced Landscapes & Mariposa Landscapes Inc.) have not provided the requested planting and cost estimate details about the MAC's Y2025 landscaping project priority. Soil testing is now being undertaken by Mariposa to determine what plant species can survive along the hillsides and boulevards of Hawthorne Drive. The Council will discuss the details of the contract, including the specific foliage that will be planted at the November 20<sup>th</sup> MAC meeting.
  - For the Kanan Road monument sign and Tamarind Street community sign planting projects, some MAC members said that low maintenance foliage would be

appropriate for viewing the signs. Ongoing maintenance costs should be included in Mariposa's cost estimate. Roses are not ideal. Annuals are preferred for the Kanan monument. Colorful annuals will look nice with rocks.

- The Council agreed to designate Michelle Santucci to oversee this and attend the November CSA 4 Landscape Committee site visit.
- Mariposa Landscapes Inc. Proposed Planting & Cost Estimates for 2025 Landscaping Projects (Hawthorne Drive, Kanan Road Oak Park Monument, Kanan Road/ Tamarind Street Community Sign)
  - The report includes plants and labor. We have annuals or perennials.
- b. Legislative Committee (Michelle Santucci): There have been three Ventura County Board of Supervisor's Meetings since the last Oak Park MAC meeting. Wildfire Prevention Zone zero was on the last BOS agenda and this has been a hot topic item in Oak Park.
- c. Oak Park Unified School District Liaison (Brianna Adams): Expressed appreciation for last month's crossing guard presentation. An Oak Park emergency response plan has been drafted for all campuses in Oak Park.
- d. Fire Safe Council Liaison (JL Diaz): Attended Oak Park Fire House Open House and it was a great community event. Local CERT attended, a Fire Safe partner. Two more Firewise communities are coming soon within Oak Park. A training firefighter can assess your house to make recommendations for hardening your home against fire. This month is Fire Hazard Awareness month.
- e. Triunfo Water & Sanitation District Liaison (Jane Nye): Attended Oak Park Fire House Open House. So many good booths including Supervisor Gorell's booth, the library mobile library, Athen's trash truck, and Triunfo vehicle. Monday Triunfo board meeting awarded the calendar contest art competition.
- f. OPHS Student Liaison (Carter Licht): Homecoming a few weeks ago. Football game tonight. No school tomorrow. Oak Park is a great school to be at.

#### 11. Announcements and Future Oak Park MAC Meeting Agenda Items

- Jane Nye asked if a gate on Deerhill Park could be unlocked for evacuation access. The VCFD owns the gate, and it stays locked. Would like the fire department to come to the November MAC meeting to discuss this gate as an access to an evacuation route.
- Michelle Santucci sent a letter opposing the City of Agoura Hills housing developments as it will affect Oak Park evacuation negatively.
- JL Diaz stated that something is necessary to celebrate 60 years of Oak Park. The community of Oak Park will be 60 years old in 2026, and we can plan a celebration for next year. Presentation on next month's agenda for this.
- Brian Trushinski: At the corner of Kanan and Golden Eagle, there is a hillside that Mariposa Landscapes Inc. stated they would have a plant list and a cost estimate prepared by the November MAC meeting. This should be a November 20<sup>th</sup> agenda item. Brian Trushinski asked that the November MAC agenda include a discussion by the MAC and public on the MAC's 2025 Achievements and 2026 Work Plan.

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

- California State Zone 0 Fire Regulations
  - The County of Ventura takes an official opposition to the current draft of zone zero. More local control, more input on plants in the five-foot perimeter. No mechanism for VCFD to inspect thousands of VC homes. People don't have the funds to make modifications. Sacramento is rushing to help prevent wildfires, but it is not one size fits all. We need more input from knowledge-based stances. LA county and other jurisdictions are following suit. Other fire chiefs in the state have reached out to VCFD to reference our verbiage in opposition.
- Amgen Campus Expansion Ribbon Cutting — Amgen Unveiling.
- Met with Agoura Mayor to talk about traffic and evacuations.

### **Regular Agenda**

13. Presentation from Oak Park Community Garden & Commendation

- Gardeners from the Oak Park Community Garden give a presentation on the history of the garden, and their current operations in Oak Park.
  - Carter Licht suggested that the Garden taps into the High School for students to get community service hours, as well as other forms of community collaboration.
  - JL Diaz thanks the Garden.
  - Brianna Adams gives her appreciation to the people that run the Garden.
  - Jane Nye thanks the Garden for all their work in the community.
  - Michelle Santucci thanks the Garden for educating the community on Monarch butterflies at their inaugural annual Monarch Waystation Show and Tell event in August.
  - Supervisor Gorell commends the Garden and presents them with a certificate.

14. MAC Discussion on 2025 Oak Park MAC Achievements and Suggestions for the 2026 Work Plan

- Brian Trushinski: Discussed with the Council, and requests in November for another discussion. Michelle and Brian will draft the achievements and work plan reports which will be available for MAC/ public discussion at the January 2026 MAC meeting.

### **CLOSING**

15. Adjournment 9:20 PM, Brian Trushinski

Next Oak Park MAC Meeting November 20, 2025, 7:00 pm OPHS G-9, 899 Kanan Rd, Oak Park.