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REGULAR MEETING Minutes

March 26, 2026, 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

Michelle Santucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

Michelle Santucci, Brianna Adams, Brian Trushinski, JL Diaz, Jane Nye are present. Student Rep not in attendance. Quorum met.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA led by Brian Trushinski.

4. Approve Minutes of January 29, 2026, Meeting

Motion to approve made by JL Diaz, seconded by Jane Nye.

Motion passes.

5. Agenda Review and Approval

Agenda reviewed. A correction was noted to the numbering sequence of the agenda items.

Motion to approve agenda Brian, Jane seconded. Agenda received.

6. Approve Consent Items - Reports were included as part of the final agenda packet.

Brian Trushinski requested Item 6.e be pulled.

Motion to approve Consent Items made by Brianna. Motion seconded by Jane Nye.

Motion passes.

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: Ventura County Fire Department Report

- d. Recommendation to Receive and File February 2026 and March 2026 CSA4 Report from Public Works & Landscape Company Mariposa
 - e. Recommendation to Receive and File: 2025 Roads and Transportation Report
 - f. Recommendation to Receive and File: 2014 Countywide Sustainable Sidewalk Maintenance Program with Exhibits
 - g. Recommendation to Receive and File: 1968 County of Ventura Tree Trimming Policy Board Resolution
 - h. Recommendation to Receive and File: RSRPD Budget Calendar
7. Public Comments on issues not on the agenda - Citizen presentations regarding Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
- Tom Seedman –Concerned with speeding and e-bikes on Conifer St between Kanan and Medea Creek. Speed limit is 35 mph, only one sign posted – would like more speed signs posted due to speeding cars and e-bikes. Concerned about safety and paths along parks.
 - Michelle – Speed studies were done in fall of last year. Unsure of the results but it was done because of residential complaints about speed. Requested staff to obtain and provide results from speed studies.
 - Eric Steiner – Concerned about county issues reporting and lack of responsiveness as he reports a public works ticket, and he does not get an acknowledgment or update. Would like to know who to talk to about this. If there are specific tickets that have not been acted on, what are the steps to take?
 - Michelle – Mixed experiences shared, have used ticket system. Not consistent. Has reached out to Supervisor Gorell's office, then goes back into ticket to add a comment. Crystal is point person.
 - JL – If a ticket is open, what is the county's response time?
 - Brianna – helpful if acknowledgement of receipt.
 - Jane – Depends on department, has submitted issues and gotten immediate follow up.
 - Brian– Was told that when a ticket is submitted agency standard is 3 days to say received. Would like to see a unified standard across all public works departments.
 - Carolyn – Question about sidewalk maintenance program receive and file. Would like to discuss trees and sidewalks. Concerned about the Kanan and Smoketree

tree that was removed. Recommends arborist report and community discussion before trees are removed.

- Michelle – Sharing with community the policies for future. Will cover the removed tree in the tickler log discussion
- Steven Kozel – On April 25 from 9am-12:30pm a Gold Spotted Oak Borer event at Community Center is planned, followed by National Honors Society Program to create awareness. Will be posted online and shared. May 16th Oak Park Community Garden Open House.
 - Debbie – Will be putting out signage

REGULAR AGENDA

8. County of Ventura Commendation to Eugene Molnar, Senior Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District

9. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities

- Great news – Countywide Point in time count, homelessness decreased 3rd year in a row to 28%. Down in all 10 cities. Highlighted many county services available to those in need, including Thrive Grove.
- Continue to roll out a comprehensive modernization process of county government to make government more transparent. Permitting process will be customer service friendly.
- Mountain fire happened 16 months ago. 6 families will be moving back into their homes and are being rebuilt.
- Council discussion –
 - JL – Modernization/process improvement: would like for it to include improving the service ticketing processes.
 - Gorell – Accella application will be rolled out countywide.
 - Brian – Would like a future MAC item discussion about fire insurance.
 - Gorell – Legislative agenda to move insurance commissioner to make homeowners insurance more affordable and accessible to constituents.

10. Presentation by Joan Araujo, Public Works Central Services Director on CSA4 2025/2026 budget review (including spend-to date/through February 2026) and 2026/2027 budget priorities

Presented PowerPoint about sources of income, fund balance estimate.

- Gorell – Discussed things we can do to reduce expenses and are updating the budget. There is a plan, we are working on this. No more VIP, savings of \$25,000. We can cut street sweeping to once a month and cut that expense in half.
- Council discussion –
 - Jane – Recommendation for flat fee for crossing guard is generous, would be open to being more conservative.
 - Brian – Echo's Janes statement and offer less funding. Believes it would be important to have LAFCo attend the April MAC and make a presentation on the regulatory process by which an increase in Oak Park property assessment for CSA 4 could be on the November 2028 election ballot. Believes community members could start paying more per household to increase fund balance. Agrees that LAFCo process is the way to go to increase annual assessments.
 - Brianna – Lucky that county has managed CSA 4 so well, agrees with Brian that an annual special assessment increase would be worthwhile to maintain current level of services. Points out that school district conducted an RFP as well as a crossing guard study in good faith and are willing to reduce service by two crossing guards. Recommends a 230k allotment from CSA 4 for crossing guards. Also, it points out that if an assessment passes to maintain CSA 4 services it is less likely a school bond measure would also pass leaving OPUSD with less additional funds to work with and making the crossing guard funding even more necessary for them.
 - JL – Change of fund management that needs to be addressed. There needs to be increases in annual assessments.
 - Gorell to meet with LAFCo to discuss timeline and a process of property tax assessment and possibly have MAC create a community meeting to discuss with community members. Not enough time to get it in this November. Next election cycle would be March 2028 and would not go into effect until January 2029 This must be on a county ballot, cannot be a mail-in.
 - Joan – LAFCo would require Financials with amortization of what it would take to become solvent and balanced revenue expenses going forward to ensure the plan is sustainable and will analyze financials to come up with a per-unit amount.
 - Michelle – Agrees with OPUSD proposal and Brianna that the reduction of funds for crossing guards would not compromise children and safety of pedestrians. Street sweeping – would like to see if we could reduce services but change when street sweeping happens.

- Community discussion
 - Tom Hansen– Public Works could come with a realistic number that will make an impact and suggested that a number for the potential increased Assessment be proposed.
 - Stuart Craner – Property taxpayer – a jump on the assessment to \$50 is not a problem. Concerned about vehicle mileage tax and excessive property tax.
 - Thomas Eidman – Could Assessment increase include a yearly COLA increase?
 - Gorell – A LAFCo question
 - Steven Kozel – a \$50 increase is appropriate, would keep up with inflation
 - Debbie – would like to have all providers come together to discuss community impact
 - Tony Fotay – Discussion about the interest rate and who manages funds, wondering if we could get a higher interest rate yield.
 - Carolyn – Question about landscaping and rounded shrubs,
 - JL – Will look into Carolyn’s landscaping concern
 - Eric – Assessment would be approximately \$59 in addition to current assessment would zero out

Motion to reduce crossing guards’ budget from \$276.2K to \$230K max for coming year – Brianna motioned, JL seconded. Jane votes No, Brian votes No, Brianna Michelle and JL vote Yes, motion carried to reduce budget to \$230K maximum

Motion to reduce Street Sweeping services from \$118.7K to \$59K or 50%. Brian motioned, Jane seconded, Brianna voted Yes, JL voted yes, Michelle voted Yes. Motion carried with unanimous vote to reduce Street Sweeping services

12. Presentation by Eric Lundstrom, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD District 5) Board Member

Lundstrom provided an update on recent activities and initiatives of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District affecting Oak Park.

- Upcoming Board meeting on April 22nd. Working on a list of Q&A from the last meeting to share with residents. Presentation by Jennifer Santos on Medea Creek Cleanup. Currently in Phase 1 process. \$3.3 million dollars’ worth of grants used to clean dead vegetation up. Phase 2 will be Doubletree to Conifer, bidding process for this phase is underway. Phase 3 will be Lindero Creek area.
- Recently had Oak Park Planning Committee meeting that is part of Rancho Simi committees. Will give a presentation of what they are doing, share what is going out for bid and results. Informal opportunity for residents to come out and discuss

concerns. Debbie Sharpton gave a presentation at last meeting on Friends of Oak Park Open Space.

- Fund 70 is a special fund specific to Open Space. Looking to create a masterplan with assistance of community.
- OP Wellness festival was hosted on March 21
- Upcoming Egg Scramble for kids is scheduled for April 4 at Mae Boyer Park. Free Easter egg hunting starts at 9:30am.

Council Discussion:

- Brian – attended some of the meetings and was on the original OP planning committee with JL. Was hoping the new committee had a representation from the MAC. Wondering if the make-up of planning committee is complete.
 - Eric – This is an approved committee that is on the committee list. There was an official motion made and was approved.
- JL – Wondering if there is any update on any assessment increases on OP
 - Eric- No discussion on future assessments at this point. Wants to build trust with the community with transparency of budget broken out appropriately. Would have to go out for an assessment if an increase was desired.
- Michelle attended the first OP Committee meeting on February 19, which was very well attended by community members. Also attended the Rancho Board meeting on March 18. Regarding the Medea Creek Cleanup project. Community members are seeing progress.

13. Discussion of MAC representation on the new RSRPD OP Planning Committee

- JL – There is an opportunity for everyone to attend meetings and comment. Would like to informally appoint a liaison to attend to regularly attend to communicate information back to MAC.
- Brianna agrees with JL that it is an open committee, no need to nominate a specific person to attend
- Brian – Does not think there is a need to appoint any person to attend as there is no seat on the committee
- Michelle – Eric attends MAC meetings and as he is the board member representing Oak Park, he is providing information to the MAC and the community currently. To have a liaison from the MAC is redundant, however, encourages all MAC members to attend.

14. Approval of the Oak Park MAC 2025 Achievements and 2026 Work Plan

- Work plan needs to be updated

- #5 – Lindero monument cannot be covered by CSA4 budget, as it is for maintenance only and not for new projects. Needs to be removed.
- #6 – Emergency Operation carryover from past years. Last year OES covers this. It is not in the jurisdiction of the MAC. Need to be removed.
- 2026 Work Plan and 2025 Achievements to be pushed to April meeting. Staff to resend documents

15. Update on the Ron Stark memorial bench and discussion of potential locations

- JL – Identified location and amount and how to receive money. We need to fundraise. Will provide update next month

Due to maximum meeting time being reached, Brian motions to defer agenda items 16-20 to next meeting to April 30th meeting. JL seconds. All agreed.

16. Discussion of March 2026 Oak Park MAC Tickler Log

17. Review of effectiveness of the MAC Request Tickler Log

18. Oak Park's 60th Anniversary acknowledgement and ad-hoc committee oversight

19. Written Comments from the Public & MAC Member Discussion

20. Oak Park MAC Liaison Reports :

- a. CSA 4 Landscape Liaison (JL Diaz)
- b. Legislative Liaison (Michelle Santucci and Brianna Adams)
- c. OP Fire Safe Council Liaison (Brian Trushinski)
- d. Oak Park Unified School District Liaison (Brianna Adams)
- e. Triunfo Water & Sanitation District Liaison (Jane Nye)
- f. OPHS Student Liaison

20. Announcements and Future MAC meeting's agenda items

- April 30, 2026, agenda items:
 - Oak Park Fire Safe Council presentation
 - Review and discussion of 2004 Arborist Study and June 2005 Recommendations to Oak Park MAC
 - Brian would like agendized item for April on LAFCo process of increasing special annual tax increase.
 - Discussion of March 2026 Oak Park MAC Tickler Log
 - Review of effectiveness of the MAC Request Tickler Log

- Oak Park's 60th Anniversary acknowledgement and ad-hoc committee oversight
 - Written Comments from the Public & MAC Member Discussion
 - Oak Park MAC Liaison Report
- May 28, 2026, agenda items:
 - Athens Annual Oak Park Clean Up presentation

CLOSING

21. Adjournment at 10:00pm by Michelle Santucci

Next Oak Park MAC Meeting April 30, 2026, 7:00 pm OPHS G-9, 899 Kanan Rd, Oak Park.