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# REGULAR MEETING

## Draft Minutes

**April 30, 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 7:01 PM.

### 2. Roll Call

Michelle Santucci, Brianna Adams, Brian Trushinski, JL Diaz, Jane Nye are present. Kelly Sheng new Student Rep in attendance. Quorum met.

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

### 4. Approve Minutes of March 26, 2026, Minutes

Motion to approve made by Jane Nye, seconded by Brian Trushinski.

Minutes received.

### 5. Agenda Review and Approval

Agenda reviewed. Motion to approve agenda Brianna, Jane seconded. Agenda received.

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

Motion to approve Consent Items made by Jane. Motion seconded by JL.

Motion passes.

- Recommendation to Receive and File: Ventura County Sheriff's Office Report
- Recommendation to Receive and File: California Highway Patrol Report
- Recommendation to Receive and File: Ventura County Fire Department Report

- Recommendation to Receive and File April 2026 CSA4 Report from Public Works & Landscape Company Mariposa
  - Recommendation to Receive and File: Oak Park Street Sweeping emails, public comments and attachments
  - Recommendation to Receive and File: Oak Park Speed Studies
  - Recommendation to Receive and File: Oak Park Fire Safe Council Liaison Report
  - Recommendation to Receive and File: Benefit Assessments Guide
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).
- Carolyn Cass Barton, Oak Park resident (47 years) stated that Oak Park faces significant evacuation challenges and expressed concern that it is among the worst areas in the state for evacuation. She announced a peaceful protest/rally scheduled for Saturday at Agoura Road and Kanan Road from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM organized by PRISMM in opposition to locations identified by The City of Agoura Hills for development along Kanan Road.
  - Tom Hansen stated that he has been writing articles for the Acorn, noting that his work is intended to provide insight and factual information rather than opinion. He explained that the editor requests quotes from individuals, and he records discussions to accurately capture those quotes. He stated that articles are drafted, shared with the Supervisor's Chief of Staff, and then submitted to the editor. Mr. Hansen expressed his belief that the editor may have an editorial perspective they wish to convey.
  - Steven Kozel invited the community to attend the Oak Park Community Garden Open House on Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. He noted the event will include a plant sale, resource tables, participation from local organizations, and garden tours. The event is open to the public.
  - Ashley Orozco introduced herself as a candidate for Ventura County Supervisor, District 2, in the upcoming election. She invited community members to attend a meet-and-greet event scheduled for Saturday and directed attendees to her website for additional information.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

8. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments – Brief Announcements and Report on County Activities

- Supervisor Gorell is brought forward a measure in partnership with Sheriff Fryhoff to explore what more can be done to address bike and e-bike safety in Ventura County. This is a growing concern in our communities—especially with youth riders and school commutes—and while there has already been strong work locally through education and enforcement, this effort is about taking a closer look at what additional steps may be needed.

The approved measure calls for the County to evaluate policies and best practices from other jurisdictions and consider what could be effectively implemented here to improve safety for everyone on our roads and trails.

- Over the past three years, homelessness has decreased by 28%, reflecting a focused, collaborative approach to addressing one of our most complex challenges.
- Ventura County has also been recognized as the safest large county in California, a testament to the strong partnerships between our public safety agencies and the community.
- And just recently, the Board passed historic permitting reform, led by Supervisors Gorell and LaVere, to streamline processes, reduce red tape, and make it easier for businesses, families, and farmers to move projects forward.
- Together, these efforts reflect a broader commitment to practical, results-driven leadership—keeping our communities safe, supporting economic opportunity, and continuing to improve how local government serves our residents.

9. Presentation by Supervisor Jeff Gorell and Joan Araujo, Public Works Central Services Director on Community Service Area 4 Oak Park Financial Outlook.

A presentation was provided regarding the financial outlook, steps for an assessment increase and timeline for CSA4 in Oak Park. The slide deck is available at:

<https://s47360.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Oak-Park-Assessment-Presentation.pdf>

Council Discussion:

- Supervisor Jeff Gorell stated that the MAC should provide formal direction to the County regarding the preferred governance model (CSA vs. Community Services District).

- Brianna Adams indicated that she was prepared to make a motion following the presentation.
- Brian Trushinski thanked staff for the presentation and acknowledged the importance of communicating that current tax revenues are insufficient to sustain desired service levels.

Public Comment:

- Tom Hansen asked whether pursuing this approach would eliminate consideration of a Community Services District (CSD).
- Supervisor Gorell clarified that providing direction would allow the County to move forward with a governance model and that Public Works requires direction to proceed with next steps, including development of an assessment increase proposal and initiation of an engineer's report.
- Additional public comments included questions and discussion regarding property tax structures, including flat-rate versus variable assessments. It was noted that assessments are typically structured as a flat rate, though provisions such as cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) may be incorporated over time.

#### 10. Discussion and Recommendation by the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) on Oak Park Governance Model Options

The Council discussed governance model options, including continuing with CSA4 and pursuing a Community Services District (CSD).

- Michelle Santucci stated that sufficient information had been provided to the MAC since January to take a position and asked if any council member wanted to make a motion

Brianna Adams made a motion to pursue an assessment increase under CSA4 and to continue with the CSA4 governance model and not pursue formation of a Community Services District (CSD).

- Jane Nye seconded the motion.

Council Discussion:

- Brian Trushinski expressed support for addressing CSA4 funding needs but stated that he views the CSD discussion as a separate issue. He noted that additional funding would be required regardless of the governance model.

- JL Diaz stated that the situation represents a financial urgency and emphasized the need to ensure adequate funding for upcoming years. He expressed support for moving forward and initiating an engineer's report.
- Brianna Adams noted that Public Works would require direction from the MAC to proceed with next steps related to CSA4 or a CSD.
- Jane Nye asked whether an engineer's report would include consideration of cost-of-living adjustments (COLA).
- Joan Araujo stated that an engineer's report would assess funding needs, but Public Works does not have authority to proceed without formal direction from the MAC.

Vote on Motion:

- In Favor: Brianna Adams, Jane Nye, JL Diaz, Michelle Santucci
- Opposed: Brian Trushinski

Motion passed (4–1).

The MAC established its position to continue moving forward with the CSA4 process and pursue an assessment increase.

#### 11. Presentation by John Faucher, Oak Park Fire Safe Council Board Chair

Mr. Faucher provided an overview of the Oak Park Fire Safe Council (OPFSC), including its mission and current initiatives.

- OPFSC's mission is to educate the community on fire safety, home hardening, and fuel reduction.
- Education: OPFSC offers pre-paid home assessments available through its website ([OPFSC.org](http://OPFSC.org)), where residents can sign up to have a firefighter evaluate their property for wildfire preparedness. Mailers were distributed in January to provide information on wildfire risks and available resources.
- Home Hardening: Additional resources are available on the OPFSC website to assist homeowners in hardening their homes against wildfire.

- Zone 0: Emphasis was placed on maintaining a defensible space within the first five feet of the home (“Zone 0”).
- Firewise Communities: OPFSC encourages the formation of Firewise communities, which require meeting specific criteria. Residents in designated Firewise communities may be eligible to request insurance rate considerations.
- Fuel Reduction: OPFSC promotes fuel reduction efforts throughout the community and has received grant funding to support vegetation clearing efforts, including work in Medea Creek.
- OPFSC recently received additional grant funding for vegetation abatement and expanded educational outreach.

#### Council Discussion:

- Brian Trushinski expressed appreciation for OPFSC’s work, noting that the organization represents “residents helping residents” and drives community-level engagement. He also emphasized the importance of protecting native species when implementing fuel reduction methods such as goat grazing.
- Brianna Adams thanked OPFSC for its efforts, stating that the work is impactful and inspiring for the community.
- JL Diaz asked how many Firewise communities currently exist in Oak Park. Mr. Faucher responded that there are seven established communities, with one additional community in progress.
- Kelly expressed appreciation for OPFSC’s work.

#### Public Comment and Discussion:

Community members engaged in discussion regarding Zone 0 requirements, wildfire risks, resilience of open space lands, landscape modification practices, annual vegetation clearing, and related state legislation and enforcement considerations.

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

Mr. Lundstrom provided an update on recent activities and upcoming events for the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD).

- The next RSRPD Board meeting is scheduled for May 6. A recent meeting included presentations from Strathearn Historical Park and the train depot. Community members were encouraged to visit these local resources.
- The Board recognized a young lifeguard for lifesaving actions involving the resuscitation of a community member.
- RSRPD has engaged a facilitator to conduct a Board retreat focused on governance, including clarifying roles and boundaries between Board members and staff, and promoting organizational health and accountability.
- A Budget Priorities meeting is scheduled for May 20, which will include discussions on funding, revenue, expenditures, and increasing transparency.
- The District has completed the formal recruitment process for a new District Manager. The Board will review applications and identify candidates for interviews.
- Medea Creek: Vegetation clearing efforts are currently underway but have been paused due to nesting birds. Work is expected to resume between August and February, following the nesting season.

- Upcoming Events:

June 19: Outdoor movie night at Oak Park Community Park featuring The Greatest Showman at dusk

July 11: "Music in the Park" featuring Fantastic Diamond (Neil Diamond tribute band) at 6:30 PM

Council Discussion:

- Michelle Santucci commended Mr. Lundstrom for his handling of a recent e-bike-related incident involving local youth, noting the positive impact of his interaction.
- Jane Nye expressed appreciation for the ongoing partnership with RSRPD.
- Brian Trushinski commented on concerns related to e-bike activity and environmental impacts in the area. He noted the importance of providing appropriate recreational opportunities for youth and suggested consideration of barriers to prevent damage. He also commended Mr. Lundstrom's handling of the situation.

- JL Diaz thanked Mr. Lundstrom for the presentation and inquired about the status of the Oak Park Planning Committee meeting. Mr. Lundstrom indicated that a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Public Comment and Discussion:

Community members participated in discussion and asked questions related to RSRPD updates and activities.

13. Review and discussion of 2004 Arborist Study and June 2005 Recommendations to Oak Park MAC

The Council reviewed historical documents related to tree maintenance and management in Oak Park.

- Michelle Santucci noted that this item was deferred from the January meeting. She stated that a memo and letter referencing the 2004 Arborist Study and 2005 recommendations were previously presented to the MAC. She emphasized that, although the study is over 20 years old, it remains a useful reference document. She also noted that community members have expressed concerns that trees should be properly maintained and not removed unless absolutely necessary. The materials have been shared with Mariposa Landscaping for consideration.
- JL Diaz stated that he will be meeting with Mariposa Landscaping to further discuss the study and its recommendations.
- Brian Trushinski referenced a previously damaged olive tree and noted that Public Works has been involved. He stated that Mariposa Landscaping is expected to develop an approach informed by the recommendations in the study.

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

This item was deferred from the January meeting.

- Brian Trushinski made a motion to approve the revised Oak Park MAC 2025 Achievements and 2026 Work Plan.
- Jane Nye seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

15. Update on the Ron Stark Memorial Bench

- JL Diaz reported that a flyer and community message have been shared and posted. He noted that coordination is underway with the Library Foundation website. The goal is to unveil the memorial bench during Oak Park's 60th anniversary celebration.

Council Discussion:

- Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the progress made and conveyed strong support for the project, noting its significance to the family and the community.

16. Discussion of March and April 2026 Oak Park MAC Tickler Log

17. Review of effectiveness of the MAC Request Tickler Log

The Council discussed the ongoing use and effectiveness of the MAC Request Tickler Log, which has been in use for approximately three years.

Council Discussion:

- Brianna Adams stated that the tickler log is valuable for maintaining historical records and supports continuing its use.
- JL Diaz expressed interest in incorporating charts or visual summaries to better track updates and progress.
- Brian Trushinski noted that the tickler log provides transparency to the community regarding ongoing issues and serves as a helpful tool for tracking follow-up on items that are not addressed in a timely manner. He suggested periodic public updates from the Public Works Agency on the status of open items.
- Jane Nye stated that the tickler log is a beneficial and effective reporting tool.

18. Oak Park's 60th Anniversary Acknowledgement and Ad-hoc Committee Oversight

Council Discussion:

- Councilmembers expressed interest in coordinating a community event in conjunction with the Ron Stark Memorial Bench unveiling.
- It was noted that the effort will require formation of an ad-hoc committee consisting of Councilmembers and members of the public.

- The Council expressed interest in identifying a community member to help lead the effort and emphasized the importance of involving local organizations and youth, including participation through the Oak Park High School National Honor Society volunteer program.

19. Written Comments from the Public & MAC Member Discussion  
Michelle – City of Agoura Hills evacuation discussion

20. Oak Park MAC Liaison Reports:

- CSA 4 Landscape Liaison (JL Diaz)
- Legislative Liaison (Michelle Santucci and Brianna Adams)
- OP Fire Safe Council Liaison (Brian Trushinski)
- Oak Park Unified School District Liaison (Brianna Adams)
- Triunfo Water & Sanitation District Liaison (Jane Nye)
- OPHS Student Liaison
- CSA4 Landscape Liaison (JL Diaz): JL Diaz reported that he visited several areas of concern or locations that may require improvement. He noted that these items will be addressed during the upcoming Mariposa Landscaping tour.
- Legislative Liaison (Michelle Santucci and Brianna Adams): Michelle Santucci and Brianna Adams reported that they met with Supervisor Jeff Gorell. They also noted that an e-bike safety measure was approved at the Ventura County Board of Supervisors meeting on April 28.
- Oak Park Fire Safe Council Liaison (Brian Trushinski): A report was included in the agenda packet.
- Oak Park Unified School District Liaison (Brianna Adams): Brianna Adams reported that at the April meeting, crossing guard funding was capped at \$230,000, resulting in a reduction to 11 crossing guards. She also noted that the school district conducted an e-bike usage analysis, which indicated a relatively small number of students ride e-bikes to and from school.
- Triunfo Water & Sanitation District Liaison (Jane Nye): Jane Nye reported that ground was broken on April 10 for a new water purification facility in Agoura Hills. The facility is expected to provide approximately 30% of the area's water supply and is anticipated to be completed in 2029.

- OPHS Student Liaison (Kelly): Kelly introduced herself as a sophomore and expressed enthusiasm for being involved in the community. She noted that AP testing begins May 4 and that class president elections were held.

21. Announcements and Future MAC meeting's agenda items

- May 28, 2026, agenda items:
  - Athens Annual Oak Park Clean Up presentation
  - E-Bikes and Community Safety Concerns

**CLOSING**

22. Adjournment 9:51pm by Michelle Santucci

Next Oak Park MAC Meeting May 28, 2026, 7:00 pm OPHS G-9, 899 Kanan Rd,  
Oak Park