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REGULAR MEETING

Draft Minutes

May 28, 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 7:02 PM.

2. Roll Call

Michelle Santucci, Brianna Adams, Brian Trushinski, JL Diaz, Jane Nye are present. Quorum met.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA led by Brianna Adams.

4. Approve Minutes of April 30, 2026, Meeting

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

Minutes received.

5. Agenda Review and Approval

Agenda reviewed. Motion to approve agenda by Jane, JL seconded. Agenda received.

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

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

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 Fire Safe Council Liaison Report
 - Recommendation to Receive and File: May Oak Park MAC Tickler Log
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).

- Steven Kozel: Mr. Kozel referenced questions he raised following the previous month's meeting regarding expenses included in the Mariposa Landscaping consent report. He expressed concerns about the costs associated with pine tree removal, olive tree replacement, and hydroseeding at Golden Eagle Drive and Kanan Road. He requested information regarding oversight and monitoring of landscaping expenditures. Mr. Kozel also raised concerns about vegetation accumulation around utility easement cabinets, which he described as a potential fire hazard. Additionally, he noted that trees, branches, and leaf litter along Kanan Road near Sunrise Open Space, north of Cresthill Drive, appear to have not been maintained recently and questioned whether Southern California Edison is responsible for maintenance in the area.

- Staff indicated that Supervisor Gorell's Office would follow up regarding the concerns raised.

- Brian Hennessy: Mr. Hennessy stated that he has lived on Medea Creek Lane for 15 years and has been an Oak Park resident for 35 years. He reported that he had learned of two alleged assaults on females occurring on the Medea Creek Trail during daylight hours within the past two months. He stated that the incidents reportedly occurred between Sunny Slope Drive and Oak Hills Drive and expressed concern that the suspect had not been apprehended. Mr. Hennessy encouraged increased awareness and requested law enforcement attention to the area. He also expressed concerns regarding e-bike activity, citing a recent incident on Conifer Street in which a rider swerved in front of his vehicle, creating a traffic safety concern.

- Janna Orkney: Ms. Orkney distributed photographs of an oak tree to Councilmembers and commented on landscaping practices and associated costs.

She encouraged consideration of drought-tolerant, lower-maintenance plantings that require less water and ongoing maintenance. She suggested replacing annual plantings near the Oak Park monument sign with more permanent landscaping options. Ms. Orkney also referenced the 2004 Arborist Study and raised concerns regarding irrigation practices for oak trees, stating that current watering methods appear inconsistent with recommendations contained in the report. She expressed concern regarding tree stumps remaining after pruning activities in median areas and identified locations along Conifer Street and Smoketree Avenue where additional tree planting may be needed.

Council Discussion:

- Michelle Santucci stated that the monument planting project was discussed extensively by the MAC last fall. She noted that Mariposa Landscaping evaluated alternatives to annual plantings and selected an option that would provide color while avoiding obstruction of the monument sign. She added that the planting area was reduced to lower installation costs, maintenance requirements, and water usage. Regarding irrigation concerns, she noted that an issue may exist within the median between Tamarind Street and Smoketree Avenue and stated that a service request has been submitted.
- J.L. Diaz reported that he discussed the Arborist Study with Mariposa Landscaping and was advised that the company would consult with its arborist regarding the recommendations. He offered to discuss Ms. Orkney's concerns further and review conditions in the field. He also noted that irrigation issues along Hawthorne Drive are currently being addressed.
- Brian Trushinski referenced a January site visit with Public Works Director Greg Strakaluse and stated that the Arborist Study and its recommendations would be taken into consideration as future tree maintenance and landscaping decisions are made.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Presentation by Rondi Guthrie, Athens Vice President of Government Affairs on Athens Annual Oak Park Clean Up Day

Ms. Guthrie provided an overview of the annual Oak Park Clean Up Day and invited community members to participate in the upcoming event scheduled for Saturday, June 6, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Oak Park High School.

- Residents may drop off bulky items, electronic waste, universal waste, residential green waste, and residential construction debris.
- The event will also offer free compost and document shredding services.
- Ms. Guthrie stated that she attended the meeting to provide information about the event and to hear any comments, questions, or concerns from the community.

Council Discussion:

- Brianna Adams thanked Athens Services for organizing the event and expressed appreciation for the service provided to the community.
 - Brian Trushinski stated that the clean-up program is an incredible service for Oak Park residents. He noted that Athens provides four large-item pickups annually at no cost to homeowners associations and said he has heard consistently positive feedback from community members regarding Athens' services.
 - Rondi Guthrie noted that Athens has recycling coordinators available to provide educational presentations and outreach to community groups and residents.
 - Michelle Santucci recognized Athens recycling coordinators Mateo and Oscar for attending the Oak Park Community Garden Open House, where they educated children about recycling and composting. She expressed appreciation for their community engagement efforts.
9. Presentation by Eric Lundstrom, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD District 5) Board Member
- Mr. Lundstrom provided an update on recent activities and initiatives of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District affecting Oak Park.
- The RSRPD Board held a meeting the previous evening, which included preliminary discussions regarding the District budget and potential capital improvement projects. Community members have submitted ideas for future projects, and additional meetings are planned as part of the budget development process.
 - The next Oak Park Committee meeting is scheduled for June 10 at 6:30 PM at the Oak Park Community Center. Mr. Lundstrom encouraged community members to attend and provide feedback.

- The next regular RSRPD Board meeting is scheduled for June 3.
- Medea Creek vegetation clearing activities remain temporarily paused due to nesting birds. Work is expected to resume following the nesting season.
- E-bike safety remains a priority topic for the District. Staff continue to collaborate with law enforcement agencies and Supervisor Gorell's Office regarding enforcement efforts. Rangers are aware of areas of concern in Oak Park and patrols have been increased in those locations. Mr. Lundstrom noted that e-bike issues extend beyond Oak Park and Simi Valley and are affecting communities throughout the region. The Board is expected to receive an e-bike report in June, including discussion of potential amendments to Ordinance No. 3.
- The District is currently conducting interviews for the District Manager position. Second-round interviews are expected to take place in the coming weeks.
- The Summer Recreation Guide is now available online and at the Oak Park Community Center.
- Upcoming events include:

June 19: Movie in the Park at Oak Canyon Community Park, beginning at dusk.

July 11: Music in the Park featuring Fantastic Diamond at Oak Canyon Community Park at 6:30 PM.

Council Discussion:

- J.L. Diaz asked about concerns raised by pickleball players regarding the effectiveness of sound barriers surrounding the courts.
 - o Mr. Lundstrom explained that the barriers were required as part of the County-approved permit process to mitigate noise impacts to nearby residents. He noted that sound testing may be conducted to evaluate whether removal of two barriers is feasible. He also stated that some barriers have been subject to tampering.
- Brian Trushinski discussed recent conversations regarding e-bike enforcement and noted that some residents believe enforcement efforts may need to include parental accountability measures, including potential bike impoundment. He stated that e-bikes provide a positive recreational outlet for youth and suggested

exploring opportunities to identify land that could be developed into a dedicated riding area designed with input from local youth. He acknowledged that liability and insurance considerations would need to be addressed.

- Michelle Santucci noted that the next RSRPD Board meeting will be held on June 17 and that an additional meeting will be held in Oak Park in August to provide further opportunities for public input. She encouraged community members to participate in the budget process. Regarding e-bike safety, she referenced a recent incident involving local youth and noted that several parents were present to share concerns regarding the event.

- Brianna Adams recommended to Eric that RSPRD reach out to Thousand Oaks to see how they addressed liability concerns when funding their bike park.

Public Comment and Discussion:

- Kathryn stated that a recent incident involving youth riders was concerning and that, as a parent, she found the situation alarming. She expressed support for creating a designated area where youth can safely recreate while remaining active outdoors.

- Kate stated that a chain and sign previously located near Conifer Street discouraged off-road riding in certain areas and suggested that the barrier be reinstalled. She also recommended the installation of a camera.

- Tom Hansen asked when Medea Creek vegetation clearing is expected to resume and noted that liability concerns should be considered when discussing recreational opportunities for youth.

- o Mr. Lundstrom stated that work is anticipated to resume in August. He also indicated that he would follow up regarding the chain and sign referenced by community members. He acknowledged residents' concerns regarding youth behavior and noted that weed abatement activities have begun in the area. He further stated that maps of the weed abatement work would be provided to Supervisor Gorell's Office for distribution to the community.

- Additional community members expressed concerns regarding unsafe e-bike activity, including reports of profanity and aggressive behavior toward pedestrians. Residents requested increased patrols and enforcement efforts in areas experiencing recurring issues.

10. Presentation by Patrick Maynard, Director of Emergency Services on AB 747 and the County's General Plan Safety Elements

Patrick Maynard, Director of Emergency Services, provided an update on AB 747 and the County's efforts related to evacuation planning and the General Plan Safety Element.

- Mr. Maynard explained that AB 747, enacted in 2019, requires jurisdictions to identify evacuation route capacity and evacuation constraints. He noted that compliance can be achieved through incorporation into the County's General Plan and related planning documents.
- Mr. Maynard reported that Ventura County is currently updating its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, a process expected to be completed around this time next year. Once completed, the County can proceed with additional planning efforts related to AB 747 requirements.
- Mr. Maynard noted that while AB 747 is an important step forward, objective standards are still needed to evaluate future development projects and their impacts on evacuation capacity. He stated that incorporation of these considerations into the County's General Plan will be an important component of the planning process.

Council Discussion:

- Jane Nye thanked Mr. Maynard for the presentation and information provided.
- Brian Trushinski referenced his past experience working on hazard mitigation plans and noted that previous planning efforts appeared to involve greater interagency collaboration. He asked what efforts are being made to coordinate with the City of Agoura Hills regarding evacuation planning and proposed development projects that may affect Oak Park.
- Mr. Maynard responded that the City of Agoura Hills is currently undertaking a General Plan update and that Ventura County agencies are actively participating in that process and reviewing various evacuation scenarios. He added that establishing objective standards for evacuation planning is ultimately a matter for the Legislature and noted that Agoura Hills is conducting a comprehensive analysis.

- Michelle Santucci expressed appreciation for the presentation and stated that it was reassuring to hear that County staff are actively engaged in the planning process. She noted that many Oak Park residents remain concerned about proposed development projects, traffic congestion, and evacuation strategies.

Additional Remarks:

- Mr. Maynard introduced Battalion Chief Chad Williams of the Ventura County Fire Department.
- Chief Williams provided information regarding vegetation management and wildfire preparedness. In response to concerns raised regarding utility easements and vegetation accumulation, he stated that Southern California Edison is responsible for vegetation clearance around utility infrastructure, particularly within designated Fire Hazard Reduction Program areas. He encouraged residents to utilize Southern California Edison customer service and vegetation management reporting resources when concerns arise.
- Chief Williams reminded residents that fire season has begun and encouraged continued preparedness efforts. He also discussed the use of drones during wildfire incidents to identify hotspots and assist firefighters during mop-up operations.
- Michelle Santucci expressed appreciation for the Ventura County Fire Department's ongoing efforts to protect the community and noted residents' confidence in the Department's emergency response capabilities.

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

Crystal, representing Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Office, provided updates on County activities and community announcements.

- Residents were advised that beginning in July, street sweeping schedules will change due to the transition to a new street sweeping contractor.
 - o Part A (same service area boundaries as currently established) will be swept on the first Tuesday of each month.
 - o Part B (same service area boundaries as currently established) will be swept on the first Thursday of each month.

o Additional information regarding the contractor and updated schedule will be shared through social media and community email communications.

- Community members were reminded that Athens Services had provided educational materials and promotional items available at the back of the meeting room.

Council Discussion:

- Michelle Santucci requested an update regarding the planned e-bike stakeholder meeting.
- J.L. Diaz congratulated Supervisor Gorell's Office on giving leadership awards at Amgen and congratulated the Oak Park Community Garden for receiving a Navigator Award.

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

The Council discussed potential plans and community engagement opportunities related to Oak Park's upcoming 60th Anniversary celebration.

Council Discussion:

- Michelle Santucci reported that she recently met with Harry M., one of the authors of the Oak Park book published for the community's 50th Anniversary. They discussed various ideas for commemorating Oak Park's 60th Anniversary, including planning and execution considerations for a community celebration.
- Michelle Santucci suggested that County staff issue an invitation to community members interested in participating in planning efforts and utilize existing community contacts to help generate interest and involvement.
- J.L. Diaz stated that he has several ideas for potential anniversary activities and emphasized the importance of establishing a timeline for planning efforts. He noted that if public interest in serving on the planning committee is limited, the Council should be prepared to engage community partners to help move the effort forward. He suggested identifying a committee chairperson and announcing that individual at a future MAC meeting.

- Michelle Santucci suggested that the anniversary could include a series of activities leading up to a main celebration event. While no specific date has been identified, she suggested exploring dates between the present and spring of next year, including consideration of significant milestones in Oak Park's history. She also proposed using social media engagement campaigns, such as "Did You Know?" historical features, to promote community participation and awareness.
- Jane Nye suggested that anniversary-related events and activities be documented and preserved as part of Oak Park's historical record.

Direction to Staff:

- Supervisor Gorell's Office will share information with community members and organizations to gauge interest in participating in the planning and coordination of Oak Park's 60th Anniversary celebration.

13. Oak Park MAC Consolidated Elections for 2026 – Overview of the process and procedures for certifying the 2026 OP MAC election, scheduled to take place on Nov 3, 2026.

Crystal Stratton provided an overview of the process and procedures for the 2026 Oak Park MAC election.

- Ms. Stratton stated that the election packet, including the Notice of Election, Resolution, and Election Timeline, was included in the agenda packet and posted on the Oak Park MAC website.
- She announced that three Oak Park MAC seats will be up for election in 2026. The terms of J.L. Diaz, Brian Trushinski, and Michelle Santucci are scheduled to expire on December 4, 2026.
- Ms. Stratton explained that the nomination period will open on July 13, 2026, and close on August 7, 2026, at 5:00 PM.
- Prospective candidates may contact the Ventura County Elections Division to obtain nomination papers, candidate filing packets, optional candidate statement forms, and filing instructions.
- Ms. Stratton noted that the Chair would be required to sign the election resolution following the meeting.

Council Action:

- Jane Nye made a motion to approve the resolution and election timeline.
- Brianna Adams seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously. Motion passes.

14. Written Comments from the Public & MAC Member Discussion

Written Comments Received:

- Brianna Adams reported receiving correspondence from Alice Hismith regarding the Las Virgenes Unified School District lawsuit and enrollment projections.
- J.L. Diaz reported receiving correspondence from Eric Steiner regarding landscaping improvements and project timelines for the Hawthorne Drive and Bowfield Street area.
- Brian Trushinski reported receiving correspondence from Eric Steiner regarding landscaping improvements and project timelines for the Hawthorne Drive and Bowfield Street area.
- Michelle Santucci reported receiving correspondence from Barbara Johnson regarding safety concerns associated with e-bike activity and bicycle jumps within the community.

Council Discussion:

- Michelle Santucci provided an update regarding the Kanan Road and Lindero Canyon Road shopping centers. She reported that improvements have been completed at the southeast shopping center, including restriping of parking stalls and resurfacing work within the parking lot. She noted that asphalt repairs have not yet been completed and that she has been in communication with County planning staff regarding the remaining work. Regarding the second shopping center, she stated that discussions between property management and the County are ongoing and that property management is obtaining contractor estimates while working to address outstanding violations.
- Michelle Santucci also reported that the Oak Park Community Garden Open House was well attended and congratulated the Oak Park Community Garden for receiving an Environmentalism Award at the Amgen Awards ceremony. She

expressed appreciation for the volunteers who support the garden and provide educational opportunities for the community.

- J.L. Diaz provided an update on the Ron Stark Memorial Bench fundraising campaign. He reported that the campaign launched last month and that approximately \$110 had been raised to date. He encouraged Councilmembers and community members to continue sharing information about the campaign and stated that additional outreach would be conducted through social media channels.

15. Oak Park MAC Liaison Reports:

a. CSA 4 Landscape Liaison (J.L. Diaz)

- J.L. Diaz reported that he recently participated in a landscape tour with Mariposa Landscaping and Ventura County Public Works staff. He expressed optimism regarding future landscape improvements and noted that recently completed hydroseeding projects have established well and are providing effective ground cover. He suggested considering similar treatments during future budget discussions.

- Mr. Diaz stated that he would like to focus on addressing ongoing landscaping concerns and ensuring that identified issues are resolved in a timely manner.

Council Discussion:

- Michelle Santucci asked about next steps regarding concerns raised by Janna Orkney related to landscaping and irrigation practices.
- J.L. Diaz stated that he plans to meet with Ms. Orkney to better understand her concerns and will subsequently discuss those issues with Mariposa Landscaping.
- Brian Trushinski expressed concern regarding delays associated with landscaping improvements along Hawthorne Drive. He stated that the project took considerable time to complete despite repeated discussion at MAC meetings and acknowledged Supervisor Gorell's efforts in helping move the project forward. Mr. Trushinski expressed concern regarding irrigation maintenance issues and asked what additional measures could be taken to improve responsiveness and accountability.

- Michelle Santucci noted that expectations should be managed regarding future landscaping projects and stated that repairing existing irrigation infrastructure should occur before additional planting is undertaken.
- Crystal Stratton provided an update regarding ongoing coordination related to water service and infrastructure issues affecting the apartment complex area and County-owned facilities.

b. Legislative Liaison (Michelle Santucci and Brianna Adams)

- No report.

c. Oak Park Fire Safe Council Liaison (Brian Trushinski)

- Report was included in the agenda packet.
- Brian Trushinski reported that he attended a Firewise Captains training event and participated in educational presentations regarding wildfire preparedness. He stated that he is working with the Oak Park Fire Safe Council and neighboring homeowners associations to encourage additional Firewise Community designations.

d. Oak Park Unified School District Liaison (Brianna Adams)

- Brianna Adams reported that schools have adjourned for the summer.
- Ms. Adams recognized the legacy of Adam Rauch and announced that a Celebration of Life will be held on June 13 at the Moorpark High School Baseball Field.

e. Triunfo Water & Sanitation District Liaison (Jane Nye)

- Jane Nye reported that Oak Park students submitted 15 entries to the Metropolitan Water District calendar contest.
- Triunfo Water & Sanitation District hosted a booth at the Oak Park Community Garden Open House and engaged with approximately 115 attendees.

- Ms. Nye reported that the Pure Water Project is expected to be operational in 2030 and is projected to increase the amount of locally supplied potable water from approximately 30 percent to 50 percent.

16. Announcements and Future MAC meeting's agenda items

- June 25, 2026, agenda items:
 - Thousand Oaks PD – E-Bike Safety (advertise)
 - Discussion of 2026 work plan and assignments
 - 60th anniversary
- July 30, 2026 agenda items:
 - Various agencies present on wildfire protection and VC Emergency

CLOSING

17. Adjournment at 9:17pm

Next Oak Park MAC Meeting June 25, 2026, 7:00 pm OPHS G-9, 899 Kanan Rd,
Oak Park