

Oak View Advisory Commission

Monday, January 30th, 2023 – 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Rescheduled from January 9th, 2023

Oak View Community Center – Kunkle Room

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- Chair Lomax called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm
 - **Present:** Christopher Anacker, Barbara Kennedy, Velma Lomax, Kristeen McKeen, Christina Pacheco, Brian Aikens (arrived at 6:42pm)
 - **Absent:** Randy Burg, Elizabeth Robles
 - **District 1 Staff:** Clint Garman, Ana Melgoza

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Led by member Lomax

3. Approval Minutes of the meeting held November 14, 2022

- Initially deferred until the arrival of member Aikens
- Motion to approve by member Anacker, seconded by member Kennedy. Approved unanimously 6/0.

4. Annual Organizational Elections of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

- Per the commission bylaws election of a chair, vice chair, and secretary shall occur at the first meeting of the year.
 - Member Kennedy nominated current chair Lomax to continue as chair, seconded by member McKeen. Approved unanimously 6/0.
 - Chair Lomax nominated member Kennedy to continue as vice chair, seconded by member Anacker. Approved unanimously 6/0.
 - Member Kennedy nominated member Anacker to continue as secretary, seconded by member McKeen. Approved unanimously 6/0.

5. Public Comments (*comments for items not on the agenda*)

- Sharon Dykstra, Library Supervisor at the Oak View Library – shared they are hiring a new homework coordinator and shared a flyer with more information. Also shared an additional flyer with the library activities schedule, ***see the flyers attached.***

6. Update on Little League Discussion

- Chair Lomax gave a summary of a meeting she and member Kennedy had on November 28th with Supervisor LaVere, his staff, and staff of the General Services Agency Administrative and Parks Department staff. At this meeting amongst other topics discussed was the little league application process for use of the Oak View baseball fields. There was a discussion about the current lease/permit held by another organization set to run through July 31st, 2023. It was noted by the Parks Department director present, Colter Chisum, that there was only one application received for consideration, hence why the

lease was extended to the current organization managing the baseball fields. It was noted there is no date yet determined for an RFP for the next baseball season, however, it was again noted that the current lease/permit is set through July 31st and suggested the Oak View Group have their proposal/application forms ready well before that date, the rough estimate given by Mr. Chisum of mid-June.

7. Presentation by County Parks Department on Parks and Recreation

- PowerPoint presentation of County Parks Department overview by Parks Director Colter Chisum, *see PowerPoint presentation attached.*
- Member McKeen expressed interest in obtaining grants for the playground at the community center. Mr. Chisum encouraged the group to write and apply for grants and noted Parks could support them by providing a letter of support.
- Member Anacker asked for various State and Federal Websites for available grants, Mr. Chisum would email links to Ana Melgoza for websites best for finding grant opportunities, Ana will share with the chair Lomax and the group.
- Member Kennedy suggested the striping of the high-use areas of the Ojai Valley trail.
- Member Anacker requested signage that speaks to sharing the trail and for bicyclists to alert people ahead of them with a bell or a shout-out to let people know they are coming up behind them.
- Member Anacker suggested the group come up with 3-4 suggested grant opportunities for Oak View.

8. Discussion regarding grant funds from Lions Club for pickleball court

- Member Kennedy introduced the new Ojai Valley Lions Club President, Brian Burg. Mr. Burg gave an overview of the concept to build a pickleball court on the community center grounds with funding donated by the Lions Club. The dollar amount to be donated is unknown, there is the potential to fund the project partially or fully. Mr. Burg requires more information, i.e. ADA requirements, fencing requirements, noise mitigation, and lighting requirements, to draft a complete proposal. Mr. Chisum recommended beginning with a concept sketch, decide a location of where this is to be built, and made the group aware of the potential for noise concerns from nearby neighbors. Suggested garnering public support from neighbors and conduct a neighborhood survey. Chair Lomax suggested forming a subcommittee to pursue plans for pickleball court, member Kennedy and member Pacheco agreed to be on subcommittee and work with Mr. Burg on next steps. Mr. Burg will send sketch to Mr. Chisum, subcommittee's next steps: schedule a walkthrough and engage neighbors checking for community buy-in.
- Subsequent discussion about playground improvements/expansion at the community center. Expansion may not be possible with the potential of pickleball court, limiting space. Decision to shift focus to playground at OVPARC, playground there in need of improvements. Pursue different sources of funding for each park.

9. Update on Crossing Guard at Sunset

- Chair Lomax gave a summary of her email exchange with Eric Reynolds as VUSD and Tomas Gaeta, the Sunset School Principal, ***see the attached email correspondence***. Chair Lomax will go out to crosswalk at Larmier and Vine and observe, contact may be necessary with the neighbor at 291 Sunset. It was suggested to garner support from parents and community volunteers for a crossing guard. Speed bumps/humps suggested as possible mitigation to speeding, will need to consult with VC Fire Dept. Clint will reach out to VC Fire.

10. Update Monument Sign

- Member Kennedy gave a summary and history of The Oak View monument sign, with plans to add service organization signs, ***see photo attached***.

11. Commissioner Comments

- Member McKeen expressed the desire to move forward with playground improvements at OVPARC. Requested to add Recreation Activities in Oak View to the next meeting agenda.
- Member Kennedy provided a status update on work with CPA on new roof, solar panels, and backup generator at OVPARC via grants. Expressed the desire to see ADA and playground improvements as well.
- Chair Lomax requested adding follow-up items on the next agenda for baseball lease agreement/RFP from parks, playground improvements to both sites, possibility of adding a sidewalk to connect the community center to the OV trail. Ana to add to future agenda/s

12. Future Agenda Items

- March 2023 – Farmers Market & Ojai Trolley Service Update
- TBD – Casitas Water & Neighborhood Sustainability

13. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm
- Next Meeting: **Monday, March 13th, 2023, at 6:30 PM**

For General Information and to be placed on the email meeting notice list email: oakviewadvisorycommission@ventura.org or call (805) 654-2703

<https://www.ventura.org/board-of-supervisors/district-1/ovac/>

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Aprendizaje temprano para niños desde el nacimiento hasta 5 años y sus mayores



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Todos los sábados, 11am-1pm



STEAM Lab

2do miércoles, 3:00pm

Actividades de ciencia y arte
para estudiantes en grados 3-6

11 de enero - 08 de feb. y marzo

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Artes y manualidades para niños,
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2do sábado, 11am-1pm

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colaborativa.

14 de enero - 11 de feb. y marzo



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County Parks Overview – Oak View



General Services Agency

David J. Sasek, P.E. – Director

J. Colter Chisum, P.E. – Deputy Director – Parks

Jeri Cooper, MPA – Parks Manager

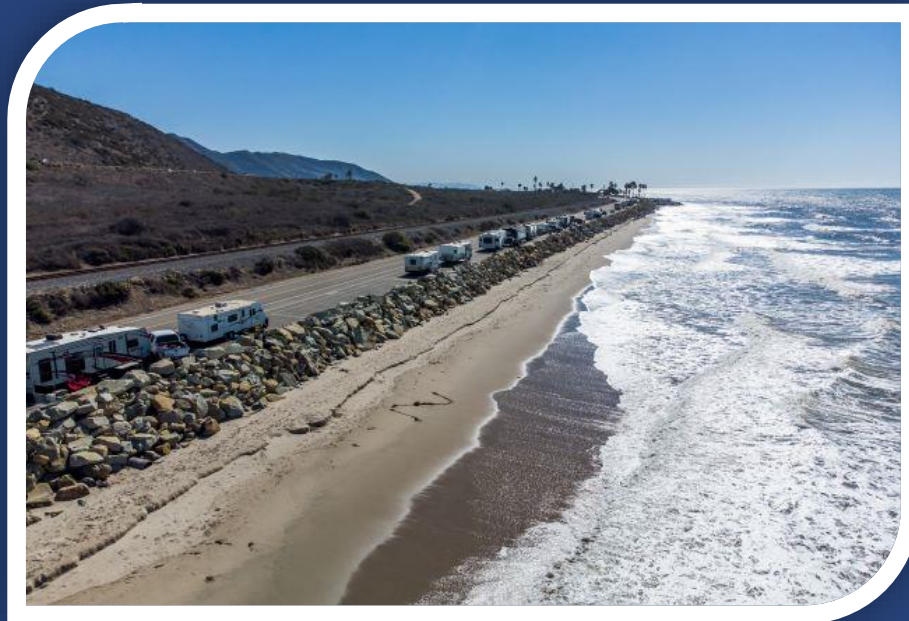


COUNTY of VENTURA



County Parks' Mission

” To enhance the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Ventura County through the equitable provision and promotion of quality recreational facilities and park lands. To improve physical and mental health through outdoor recreation while fostering partnerships to expand community activity opportunities.



Parks Department

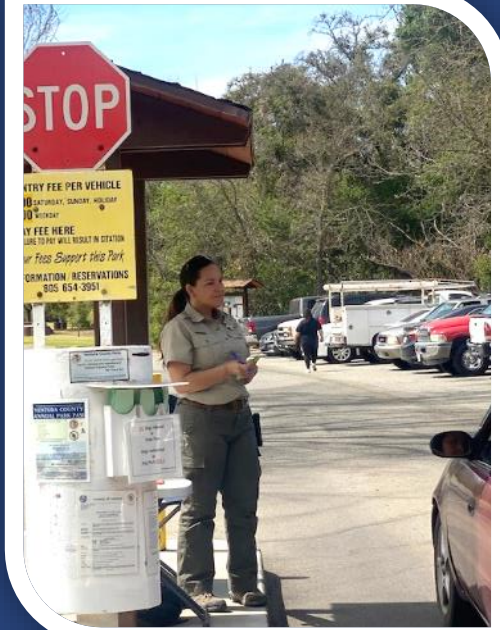
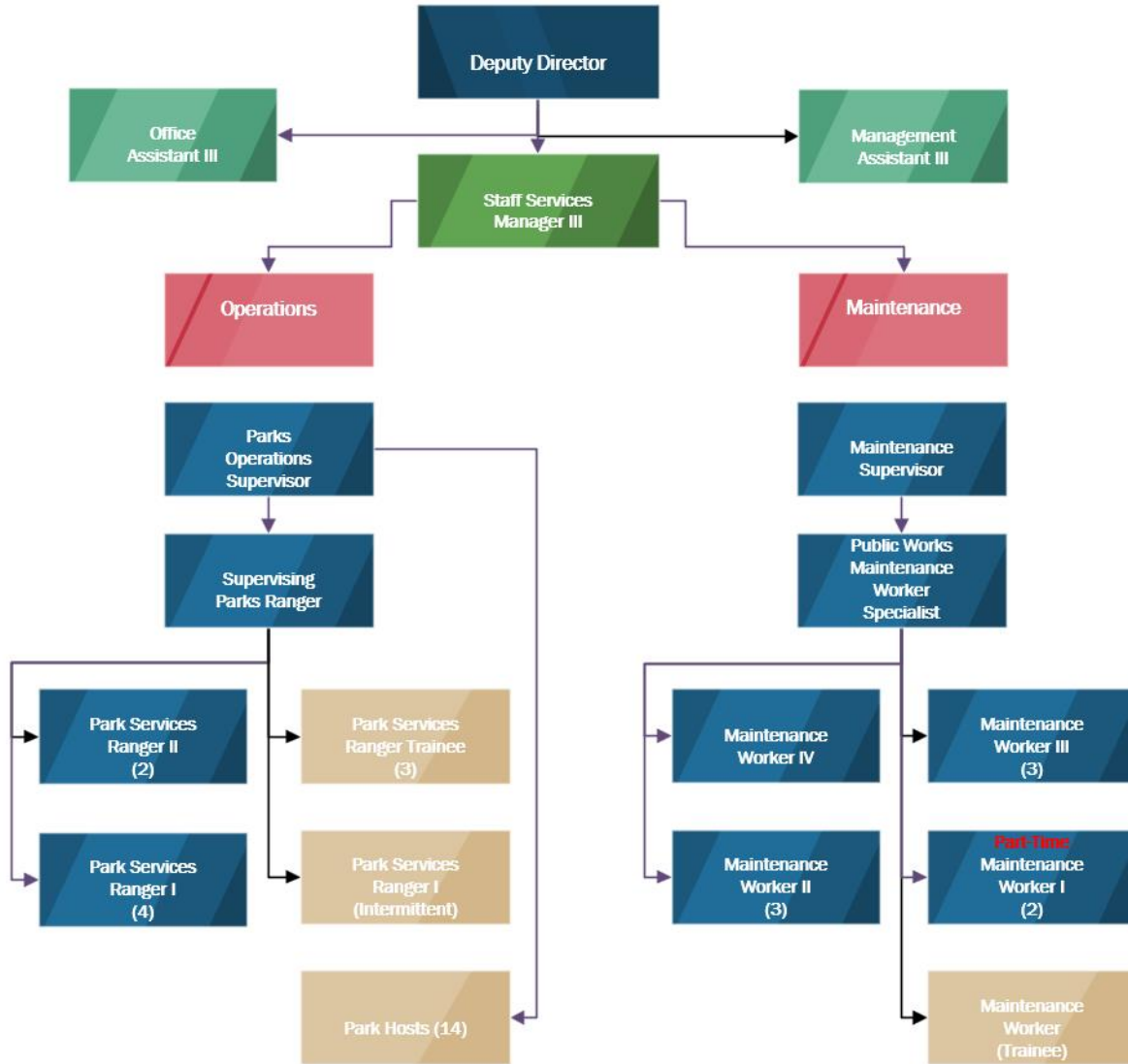
- Annual O & M budget: \$6.4M
- Enterprise Fund
- 15 regional parks (466 camping spaces)
- 1 leased park (Steckel KOA)
- 4 regional trails
- 6 local parks and 1 skate park
- 3 leased golf courses
- 5 community centers
- 3 historic properties
- 5,321 acres and 23.25 miles of trails
- Staff: 5 Admin, 7 Park Rangers, 10 Maintenance Workers



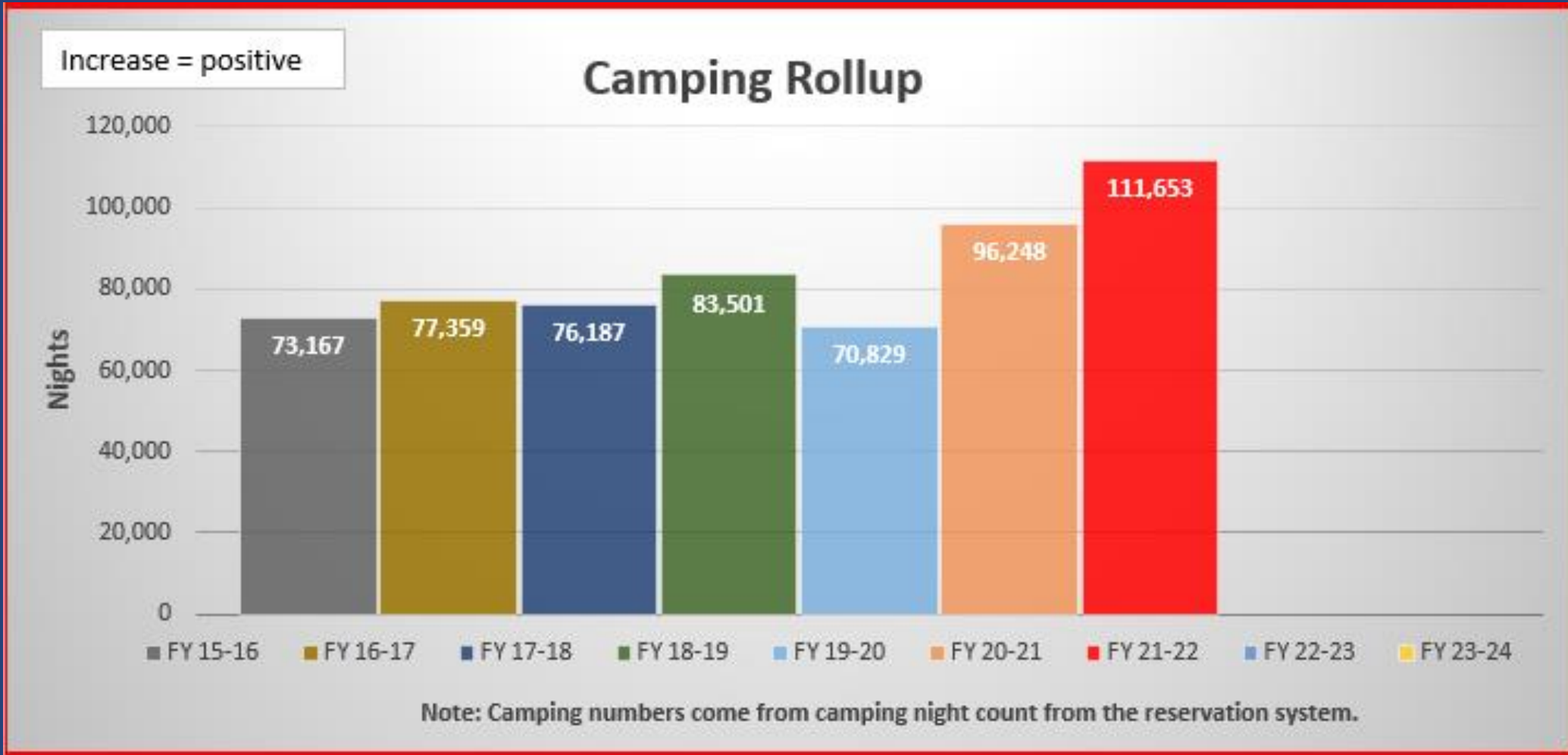
Photos: Camp Host Program(left);
Hobson Beach (right); Coastal
Clean-Up Day Volunteers(bottom)



General Services Agency Parks Department



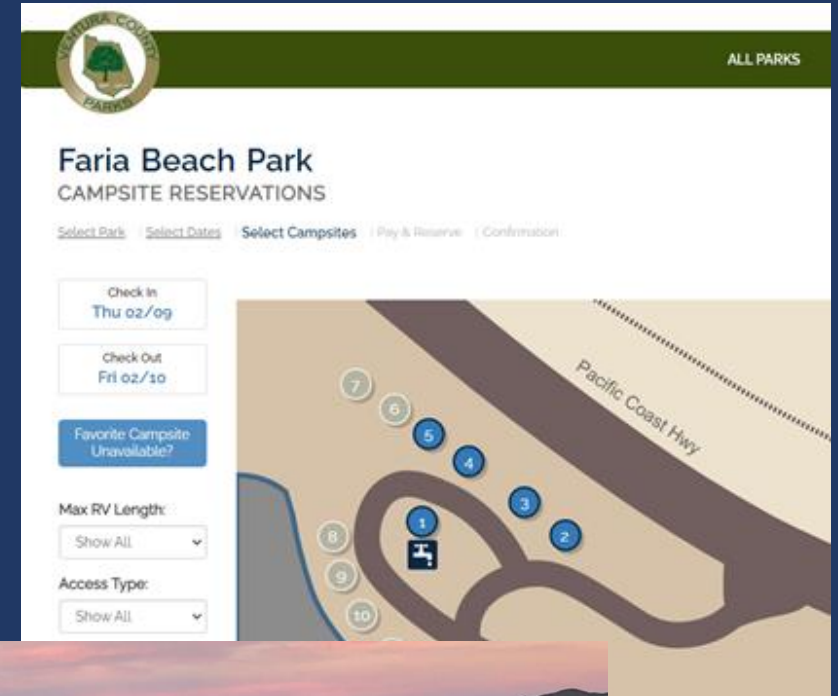
Camping Use Numbers



Note: Camping numbers come from camping night count from the reservation system.

Recent Notable Accomplishments

- New Reservation System and Business Software
- Rincon Beautification Project – Phase I Seawall Mural
- Grants and supplemental funding
 - Nyeland Acres Community Center \$10M
 - Saticoy Park \$5M
 - Oak Park Campground - \$1.7M
 - Lewis Road Park \$300,000
 - Soule Park \$358,400
 - Jose Flores CC - \$900K
 - OVT Repaving - \$3.25M



Recent Projects – Oak View

- New Roof on CC – 20 year warranty – January 2023
- Large Encampment Removal – December 2022
- Tree Maintenance – December 2022
- Boys and Girls Club Permit – April 2022



Questions?



Good morning Velma,

I had a feeling you would stay involved. I am cc'ing Tomas so he is in the loop. The city police department is no longer involved with crossing guards, I do work with the city public works department on this and other traffic safety issues. You are correct though, Sunset would not be in there jurisdiction. As of now, VUSD pays about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the costs for the current crossing guards.

I went out to Sunset this am (7:30-8:00) and this is what I found and recommend.

Overall the traffic at Sunset was orderly and not too bad.

Drivers are aware and are on the lookout for students, parents, etc., and speed limits were pretty well observed.

There were 25 people who used the crosswalk at Vine and Sunset today, with 7 of those being adults. Approximately half of the groups crossing were supervised by an adult.

Cars consistently stopped for people wanting to use the crosswalk.

The County installed sidewalks, crosswalks and signage a few years back with a SRTS grant. I believe the signage is good, see attached. If Tomas is willing to ask the neighbor at 291 Sunset to trim her palm tree, visibility would be better (she uses the crosswalk with her child).

Recommendations:

Send home a traffic safety reminder focusing on:

Reminding parents to drive slowly and watch for pedestrians.

Remind parents to watch and be ready to stop at the crosswalk.

Remind parents to arrive early (the rush happens after 7:50).

Under no circumstances should students jaywalk across Sunset by themselves (I did not see this happen, so that is good).

Many parents parked opposite the school jaywalked on Sunset with their students. I would recommend discouraging this practice by encouraging parents to arrive on the same side of the street as the schools so kids can just get out of the passenger side of the car.

Encourage people who park on Vine to use the crosswalk and not to jaywalk.

Send home a recommended traffic pattern route.

Sincerely,

Eric Reynolds, CPCU, ARM-P, AIC, Director, Risk Management
Ventura Unified School District

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Thank you Eric and Velma. I have sent ParentSquare messages specifically related to traffic and safety concerns around the drop off/pick up areas. I'm grateful that our parents, for the most part, responded well but there are still some improvements I'd like to see. I'm going to include a reminder in the next message I'll be sending out tomorrow evening.

Eric, I know we previously spoke regarding getting some additional cones/barriers for our parking lot. Would you have some time soon to come up and brainstorm what those could look like? Thanks again and Velma don't be a stranger, we appreciate the continued support for our school.

Tomas Gaeta, Principal
Sunset School K-8

