

Oak View Advisory Commission (OVAC)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 13th, 2023, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Oak View Community Center – Kunkle Room

18 Valley View Rd, Oak View, CA 93003 – 805.654.3934

Meeting started: 6:31 pm;

1. Call to Order/Roll Call - Commissioners
 - Present: Brian Aikens, Christopher Anacker, Barbara Kennedy, Velma Lomax, Kristeen McKeen, Elizabeth Robles
 - Absent: Randy Burg
 - Alternates: Suzanne Farmer: present; Christina Pacheco: absent;
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval Minutes of the meeting held on July 10th, 2023 – Yes: Motions: Kennedy; Anacker (2nd)
4. Approval Minutes of the meeting held on September 11th, 2023 – Tabled for review at next meeting, scheduled for Monday, January 8. .
5. Approval Minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 19th, 2023 – Tabled for review at next meeting, scheduled for Monday, January 8.
6. Approval for 2024 Calendar – Dates approved; suggestion to add street address of the Kunkle room location.
7. Oak View/Oak Dell Park
 - a. Appoint ad hoc committee – Approved: Motions: Kennedy; Robles (2nd) All commissioner present were in favor.
 - b. Committee members selected:
 - i. Motions for selecting members:
 1. For Lomax: Kennedy, Robles (2nd);
 2. For Aikens: Robles, McKeen (2nd);
 3. For Kennedy: Anacker; Robles (2nd)
 4. All commissioner present were in favor.

Public Comment:

* Desiree Stanley said she would like to be among public members of the Ad Hoc Committee

* Sierra Chavez said she would like to be among public members of the Ad Hoc Committee

* Roger Gray said he would like to be among public members of the Ad Hoc Committee

* Suzi Taylor requested the letter from the OVAC to LaVerne on the subject be made available to the public.

* Several Oak View Community members commented and made a range of points, such as the Park was always open to the public; families would use the barbecues; children would play on the merry-go-round and swings that were once there. One member said he was part of the group that originally obtained the park as \$1 was paid to the

Railroad company that owned the land; that the Oak View Civic Council was involved and agreed to let the Oak View Little League use the park, to improve it, to maintain it, to rebuild it as needed; the Park needs to stay within local control and not the County control.

- * Mike Salerno spoke on helping build the snack bar and worked on the field
- * Suzanne Farmer spoke on the Oak Dell Community Park
- * Frances Frazier spoke on helping construct the snack shack and the baseball fields. Resident since 1947

c. **ACTION ITEM:** Commissioner Kennedy and Parks Director Chisum said they will make the original deed available to the public.

d. **ACTION ITEM:** Parks Director Chisum said the intention is to keep the Park open to community use. Commissioner Lomax said she would like to see in writing these things for clarity and reference.

8. Trees Maintenance – Parks Director Chisum said the County is responsible for the trees and that a removal and replacement plan has not yet been formed. He said he can speak about the hazard / safety issues in a couple months, after a departmental study is completed.
9. Horse Trail/Bike Trail – Parks Director Chisum said the repair of the area located past Foster Park is not being done by Ventura County. Otherwise, the trail within the Oak View area will be revised and made new within the year. Lomax asked how volunteers can help. He said via the adopt-a-trail program.
10. Public Comments (comments not on the agenda) – Someone from the public asked if this agenda item can be located further up the agenda. No decision was made.
11. Community Recreation Survey – The results of the in-person survey was presented by Cathy Stallings. Kennedy read a sample of the activities mentioned from among the 90 respondents. Parks Director Chisum said it is okay to run the survey online, that it doesn't have to be only in-person, since the number of people per item mentioned doesn't necessarily mean that activity will be approved.
12. Dog Park – Kennedy said there is no specific location determined for the dog park at this time. Parks Director Chisum said having a dog park doesn't trigger code issues, so it is easy to get. He said there is some consideration for having it in the empty land area directly west and across the trail from the most north baseball field in the Oak Dell Park / Oak View Community Park. Yet, the County is not pursuing this currently.
13. Pickleball – Per Kennedy, the Ojai Lion's Club paid for the application fee. For a community survey on having the court, Stallings said they went door-to-door. It was mentioned that the indoors court of the Community Center is used for basketball and volleyball, but it is not suitable for pickleball. Stallings said the pickleball court will not have night lights. Anacker asked whether the County will do their own survey within the surrounding neighborhood. Chisum said that since it's a CUP amendment, they will ask to do a Sound Study.
14. Commissioner Comments
 - a. Anacker said that it would be nice to divert the baseball field night lights, so they don't shine so brightly in the surrounding neighborhoods.

- b. Kennedy thanked everyone in the audience for attending this meeting and for those who offered comments.
 - c. Lomax agreed and thanked everyone, too.
 - d. Robles was interested to know how and when the two non-OVAC persons from among the Oak View community would be selected.
 - e. McKeen spoke to the Girl Scouts poster, and Chisum and Garman asked her to send them the poster.
15. Future Agenda Items
- a. Aikens noted that an agenda item about the levee on the east side of the river was on the September agenda but not yet address. ACTION ITEM: Garman will see about this subject.
 - b. Garman mentioned a re-organization of the OVAC is in the works. He said Oak View resident Nora Davis might become a Commissioner.
16. Adjournment – Aikens; Anacker 2nd. All commissioners present were in favor.

Next Meeting; Monday, January 8th, 2024

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