



**Oak View Advisory Commission (OVAC)
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, January 8, 2024, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Oak View Community Center – Kunkle Room
18 Valley View Rd., Oak View, CA 93022

Summary of Motions/Votes/Decisions/Action Items

- **Motions:** Board re-election. Officer's positions remain the same for 2023. Chair Velma Lomax, Vice-Chair Barbara Kennedy and Secretary Chris Anacker
 - **Action item:** Supervisor LaVere will attach the Lease Agreement to the Agenda issued for the next regular meeting on March 11, 2024
 - **Decision:** Approval of September 2023, November 2023 and January 2024 minutes will happen on March 8, 2024, meeting
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1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** 6:35 pm

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – led by Commissioner Lomax

3. **Roll Call**

Commissioners:

- **Present:** Aikens, Anacker (6:40 arrival), Burg, Kennedy, Robles, Lomax
- **Absent:** McKeen
 - Alternatives Present: Christina Pacheco
 - Alternatives Absent: Suzanne Farmer

Also in attendance:

- Supervisor District 1 Representative: Clint Garman; District 1 County Supervisor Matt LaVere

4. **Adoption of Agenda** Motioned by Kennedy; seconded by McKeen

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

- a. Kathy Moore – help with voting and collections
- b. Gina Brasslet (sp) - OVBL had 115 kids signed up to play
- c. Ray Morris – asked about IT infrastructure (works for the county)
- d. Christina Pacheco – Cal Fire insurance and other options

6. **Approval of Past Minutes** – tabled to March 11, 2024, meeting.

7. **Informational Items**

- **Update: Ad Hoc Meeting Findings/Summary/RFP Status** (Velma/BK) – Chair Lomax gave an update, saying the Ad Hoc committee of Sierra, Mrs. Stallings, Chair Lomax, Vice Chair Kennedy, and Commissioner Aikens met and gave the recommendations to Supervisor LaVere, and that all items were discussed, and Supervisor LaVere implemented some of the recommendations.
- **Update: Oak Dell Park** – Colter let us know of updated signage, park host meeting with Colter to happen this week and walk through of fields with OVBL Board. Supervisor LaVere said he is pleased with the Lease Agreement wording. The idea of local community control of the park ideally will be discussed in a future OVAC meeting.
- **Update: Oak View Community Center** – Commissioner Kennedy updated the Board on the CUP of pickleball, about the neighborhood being informed.
 - **Update: Oak View Park and Resource Center** – A member of the public asked about skateboarding and the OVPARK. Vice Chair Kennedy informed him the county will not insure anything with wheels.
- **Update: Pickleball OVCC** – Commissioner Kennedy said the pickleball project under consideration will be discussed and reviewed this month by the OVMAC. She said the Ojai Valley Lions club is involved with the CUP to build it
- **2024 OVAC Goal Setting** – Some Commissioners said they are looking at different projects they wish to work on and bring them to the commission for discussion at the next regular meeting to be on March 8th, 2024.

8. Commissioner Closing Comments

- **Aikens** – Informed all that he was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for Historic Preservation, that he was the 12th person to receive and the 1st from Oak View
- **Anacker** – Asked Supervisor LaVere if the Lease Agreement can be shared with the public, in the interest of the Open Meetings Laws. LaVere said he would attach them for the next regular OVAC meeting. Suggested that the Updates on Oak Dell Park and Ojai Valley Trail (particularly in the Oak View area) remain on the agenda for the longer term. Also agreed to work with District 1 Rep Garman to review outstanding minutes for final review and approval.
- **Burg** – Shared about the Sanitary District working on the trail connected to OVT (??) -- - spell this out. Mentioned that the trail width is expected to be between 8' and 10' in various places, and fence post repair work is expected to take place this Summer.
- **Kennedy** – Shared about CUP and pickleball going to OVMAC.
- **Lomax** – No comments
- **McKeen** – Bench given to the Girl Scouts to put on property and poster is put up in the kiosk on the trail.

- **Robles** – No comments

Executive Officer Closing Comments/Next Meeting (3/11/2024) Updates

- **New Park Host roles and responsibilities; operational changes** – Colter and team meeting with hosts and additional changes at all parks
- **Signage** – Parks working on new and updated signage.
- **Oak View Parks Portfolio Brief – Oak Dell** – OVBL has been made aware of fields needing to be opened on Sundays and non-use times unless conditions warrant closure. VC Park host and maintenance will have keys.
- **OV Park** – CUP renewal underway. BKE has latest information and shared.
- **Casitas Vista** – Is open and no issues.
- **Ojai Valley Trail** – Repairs are happening at Prospect Grade. Grinding first week of January and paving week of 1/15/2024 depending on temperatures. Working with Sanitary District. Equestrian – waiting on Parks to see if there will be additional work outside of the repave specific to horses, ebikes, etc;
 - **Public Comment on Items**
 - **Jim Stallings** – concerned on the Monte Via area dirt trail for the horses and OVT

10. Future Agenda Items

- Pickleball project status
- Higher Internet speed for the community
- Information on the defined roles and responsibilities of the Park Host
- Skatepark in Oak View

11. Adjournment – Next Meeting: **Monday, November 13, 2023, at 6:30 PM**

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