



Oak View Advisory Commission (OVAC)
Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 4th, 2024, 6:30pm
Oak View Community Center – Kunkle Room 18
Valley View Rd., Oak View, CA 93022

Chair: Barbara Kennedy, **Vice Chair:** Elizabeth Robles, **Secretary:** Chris Anacker
Commissioners: Brian Aikens, Randy Burg, Kristeen McKeen & Christina Pacheco

1. **Call to Order:** 6:34 pm Chair Kennedy
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice Chair Robles
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Chair Kennedy, Vice Chair Robles, Secretary Anacker, Commissioner McKeen. Absent: Commissioners Burg, Aikens, Pacheco
4. **Adoption of Agenda:** Chair Kennedy requested, and Board approved move of OVCC/OVPARC Usage to be item 7.e; noted correction to 7.d. to be Oak View Community Survey request for community feedback.
5. **Approval Past Minutes:**
 - a. **July & September**
 - July minutes approved by Board members present.
 - September minutes unable to be approved as Commissioners Robles and McKeen were not at that meeting. *Chair Kennedy doesn't approve of not listing the community members' names of those who spoke during Public Comments about the increase in fees for the Old Time Fiddlers.*
6. **Public Comments (Items not on the agenda):**
 - * Otto Havelaar updated the Board on the speed control efforts on Mahoney Ave. He reported that Public Works plans to install a speed meter that shows drivers their speed. He was told by the PW official that one reading showed someone drove around 100 mph. Havelaar said he would like to see the data.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Supervisor LaVere told Otto that he'll get the data to share with him and the Board.
 - * Leanna Kennedy spoke about five items:
 1. the Oak trees in the Oak Dell Park needing to be cut down and is afraid they will fall and hurt someone.
 - Parks Director Coulter informed her a contractor is set to deal with them soon enough after the baseball season is over. He mentioned there is consideration of replanting more trees than are slated to be removed.
 2. OVPARC's large community room has no heat or air conditioning and has not had it for the past three years.
 - Parks Director Coulter informed her the heating and a/c equipment will be installed soon.

3. Community Announcement: FoodShare is available each second Thursday at OVPARC
4. The Trunk or Treat event had high attendance.
5. An Oak View Community Sale and Car Show is slated to occur November 23 and will include vendors (e.g., boutique); vendor spots are up for sale now.

* Jim Stallings requested the accounting records of the OVPARC going back the past five years, showing both income and expenses.

→ **ACTION ITEM:** Supervisor LaVere offered to ensure this information is made available to the public by putting a link to the account online at his District Supervisor's Website.

* Lorena R reported a need for speed control along Santa Ana Blvd, between Shell gas station and Monte Via Rd, for the safety of pets and families; she reported that a dog was killed by an automobile recently, and a family of five shared with her they're almost hit.

→ **ACTION ITEM:** Supervisor LaVere said he will investigate it.

* Teena Broumand spoke about unsafe traffic occurring on Creek Rd, Santa Ana, and Mahoney, saying a capacity shortage exists. She believes accidents are not being reported to CHP. She suggested solutions, such as roundabouts, curb cuts, and more.

7. Informational Updates:

a. Sheriff Report – Chief Trina Newman

* Sheriff Newman: a coordinator has been hired to help address with the workload; spoke of reports of illegal parking of houseless folks, said there's a difficulty in proving an illegal overnight stay; mentioned a full-time 'retail theft' task force has been created; have received a grant for a FLOCK camera at points of entry and exit through the area as an aid to catch thieves.

- Chair Kennedy reported that overnight parking has been occurring at the corners of Apricot and Santa Ana, and Prospect and Santa Ana.

- Business owner Greg Webster of Greg Rents located along SR33 stated he has installed license plate readers near his business and can assist with tracking thieves, as needed.

b. OVPARC Tax Assessment District – Colter Chisum, GSA Parks Director

* Parks Director Colter presented facts about the Oak View School Preservation and Maintenance District (aka Tax Assessment District or TAD) including: \$240k spent last year on acquisitions and maintenance; OVPARC has leases; Barbara Kennedy Enterprises has the management contract; some of the expenses include Ventura County accounting staff charges; yearly rental and concession income is \$65k; the HVAC is on a 'procurement pathway' where final quotes have been received and the decision deadline is 'soon;' roof repair/replacement is next on the maintenance list.

- Commission Anacker asked about having a Citizen's Oversight Committee for

the TAD; Chair Kennedy suggest the OVAC can do that.

→ **Action Item:** Parks Director said for now, he can inform the OVAC ahead of time of the TAD topic being on the Ventura County Board of Supervisors meeting agenda.

c. Pickleball Court Project - Colter Chisum, GSA Parks Director

* Parks Director Colter gave a brief history of the pursuit to have pickleball be available within Oak View. He spoke to several issues:

a) the donation amount towards the cost of constructing a court near the OVCC as being too low per the County CEO's office.

b) the placement near the OVCC would likely remove 20 spaces for parking,

c) his staff's in-person survey of neighbors to the site found some felt pressured to agree; that the overall objective is find the most acceptable place to community members; that there's a need for a survey of the nearby residents that would certainly not appear in any way to be biased in one way or another, and this could be done online and with a mailer notification. The survey would take into consideration an evaluation of sound issues: the Soule Park pickleball court being 1,300 feet from neighbors still draws complaints.

d) the BBQ area that exists on the north side of the OVCC doesn't allow for gates that would keep people out of a pickleball court if it existed nearby.

Colter noted that Casitas Lake offers pickleball to those who have a \$150 yearly lake entrance pass. He also noted that indoor pickleball is available in the OVCC recreation room where a basketball court exists and available to rent with drop-in hours until 9 am on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday.

→ **ACTION ITEM:** Parks Director to follow up to inform on the indoor pickleball rental cost

d. Oak View Community Survey Results – Commissioner Anacker

* Commissioner Anacker introduced a draft version of an Oak View Community Survey, having been worked on by the Subcommittee; handed out a paper copy of the current 10 questions proposed; provided an email address on the document for community members to provide their input. Supervisor La Vere was given a copy for his review.

- Public comment: suggestion to add a question about volunteering
- Public comment: to add a QR code that takes a person directly to the survey URL.

e. OVCC/OVPARC Usage – Chair Kennedy

* Commissioner McKeen asked for a way to know what time slots are available at the OVCC so people can plan for what's available.

→ **ACTION ITEM:** Supervisor La Vere offered to make available online the information about 'standing' reservations.

8. Action Items:

a. 2025 Meeting Calendar – Approval/Changes:

* All present Commissioners approved.

9. Commissioners Comments:

* Commissioner Robles comments:

- a) thanked Supervisor La Vere for the work on Riverside Road.
- b) requested an update on Foster Park be put on the agenda for next meeting; reiterated that the Trunk or Treat event was successful and would like to see the event expanded to include vendors and perhaps a carnival.
- c) spoke about heavier traffic occurring in the area, due to Caltrans' roadwork, concern about being able to get out of the Valley quickly if needed, and a need to coordinate; asked if there is an update on the SR33 project coming soon; that would be good to survey the business owners along the SR33 project involving the bike lane layout as some business owners say it's lowered their customer level.

→ **ACTION ITEM:** Supervisor La Vere offered to speak with CalTrans about their work scheduling and about an update on SR33.

* Commissioner Anacker comments: none

* Commissioner McKeen comments: none

* Commissioner Aikens – not present

* Commissioner Burg – not present

* Commissioner Pacheco – not present

* Commissioner Kennedy comments: asked Supervisor La Vere about the status of the illegal pop-up vendors along SR33

■ Supervisor La Vere: the County committed \$2 million to the issue although none is being spent on the Oak View area, yet.

→ **ACTION ITEM:** Supervisor La Vere will find out when monies will go to address the issue in the Oak View area.

10. Officer/Ex-Officio Comments:

None.

11. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Reorganization of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary – 2025 Elections
- b. Update on Foster Park renovations
- c. Santa Ana speeding issue
- d. HVAC issue at OVPARC
- e. Oak tree concerns at Oak Dell Park (baseball park area)

12. Adjournment – Next Meeting: Monday, January 13th, 2025, at 6:30 PM

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