



**OJAI VALLEY
MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

**18 Valley Road, Oak View
Monday, October 16, 2023 - 7:00PM**

Chair: Chris Cohen, **Vice Chair:** Joseph Westbury

Council Members: Barbara Kennedy, Grace Malloy, Terry Wright

Public Comments FOR IN PERSON MEETINGS may be provided using the following TWO options:

Option 1: E-MAIL PUBLIC COMMENT- If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment to the Executive Officer at ovmac@ventura.org for that item via email by 3:30 p.m. the day of the meeting to ensure your letter is received and entered into the record. PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN YOUR EMAIL: (A) MEETING DATE, (B) AGENDA ITEM NUMBER, (C) SUBJECT OR TITLE OF THE ITEM, (D) YOUR FULL NAME. DURING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA ITEM SPECIFIED IN YOUR EMAIL, YOUR COMMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD. Please limit your written correspondence to 300 words or less.

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1. Call to Order of the Meeting -

Meeting called to order at 7:07PM

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call –

*Chair Cohen, Member Wright, and Member Kennedy present.
Vice Chair Westbury and Member Malloy absent*

4. Adoption of the Agenda -

Moved by Chair Cohen, seconded by Member Wright, approved 3/0

5. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comment No. 1 – Ron Solorzano - Regional librarian for Oak View, Meiners Oaks, and Ojai Valley Libraries. We had about 300+ people at our “Solito” celebration event on 9/30 at Cal State University – Channel Islands. Please note there is story time on Tuesday afternoons and Art Salons for adults on Saturdays at our Ojai Library. In regard to the Meiners Oaks library, the construction is moving along, albeit slower than anticipated. We hope to be open by the end of December.

6. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2023 – DRAFT MINUTES ATTACHED

[Minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum with two abstentions. Will be on November 2023

agenda for approval.]

7. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2023- DRAFT MINUTES ATTACHED

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8. City of Ojai Planning Commission Update

No Planning Commissioner was present for the update.

Informational Items:

- 9.** Receive an informational presentation from CHP regarding their newly developed “Community Oriented Police Services” [COPS] team and local involvement with the Ojai Valley Community.

Officer Ferguson and Public Information Officer G. Alfaro provided a presentation on past enforcement efforts in the Valley (ATTACHMENT), and how they are changing their approach with policing and wanting to be more engaged with the community outside of enforcement activities. CHP is down 1,000 officers state-wide, and are trying to do more with less. CHP had a speed feedback trailer installed which wasn't just about hitting someone's pocket book, but was more about showing we have presence in the valley.

Officers are pushing up frequency of driving through the communities to show presence. Also distributed QR code to assist with more community engagement (ATTACHED).

Public Comment from Teena Broumand re: Creek Rd. and asked for more presence in this corridor. Alfaro noted he would put trailer out once or twice a week with officer and will relay to Officer Byrd. He asked about specific locations on Creek Road where it would be the best of use. Ms. Broumand provided and also noted timeframes after events/concerts in Ojai would be critical.

10. Announcements and Updates -

Executive Officer Clensay announced the State of the County event on November 2nd and that people could watch live online.

11. Councilmember Comments

Member Kennedy informed the OVMAC about the Trunk or Treat Event at the Oak View Parks and Resource Center on October 27th. CHP PIO Alfaro noted he would be there and provided a business card to Member Kennedy for coordination.

- 12.** Adjournment: Next Meeting will be held on Monday, November 27 at 7:00PM IN PERSON at the Oak View Community Center

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

