



OJAI VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

18 Valley Road, Oak View
Monday, March 18, 2024 - 7:00PM

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

Council Members: Barbara Kennedy, Grace Malloy, Terry Wright

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1. Call to Order of the Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by Vice Chair Westbury

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call

Members Wright, Kennedy, Malloy, and Vice-Chair Westbury Present. Chair Cohen Absent.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

*Moved by Member Kennedy to approve as presented. Seconded by Malloy.
Approved 4-0*

5. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comment No. 1 – Ron Solorzano – Regional librarian for the Ojai Valley.

Ojai Library in partnership with Ventura Works has Career Coaching – Thursdays 2-4pm – it's free and drop-in service. There is also Story Time Wednesday mornings, and a Ukulele Jam Session on Mondays at 10AM – all skills welcome. Email ron.solorzano@ventura.org for more information.

Meiners Oaks Library status - still coming together – benches have been received for the outdoor area – we are looking to opening in May.

6. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2024 – DRAFT MINUTES ATTACHED

Moved by Member Wright to approve as presented. Seconded by Vice-chair Westbury. Approved 3-0, Member Malloy abstained.

7. City of Ojai Planning Commission Update – Vice Chair, John Trent Present for Update.

At the prior PC meeting, they reviewed an ordinance regarding tiny homes, looking at how they are inspected and utilizing 3rd party inspectors, and assessing how they are evaluated. We also reviewed our Housing Element – Housing Action Plan, looking at our currently subjective code to making it more objective to have be it be consistent with certain state legislation requirements. This upcoming Wednesday we will be reviewing the S. Montgomery Development project per the Becker agreement.

8. Announcements and Updates

Member Malloy requested an update on E-Bikes and how law enforcement is tackling. Executive Officer Clensay will contact CHP to see if an update can be given at a future OVMAC Meeting.

OVMAC requested an update on the Ojai Valley Trail resurfacing project. Executive Officer Clensay will have CEO Staff present an update at a future OVMAC meeting re: the ARPA funded maintenance project.

Member Wright expressed concern regarding the current Demonstration Project and the bike lane that has taken over a parking lane. OVMAC collectively requested an update from Caltrans regarding the Demonstration Project at a future meeting. Executive Officer Clensay stated she would reach out to Caltrans with this request.

OVMAC discussed the pending Camino de Salud transitional housing project, whether or not the applicant conducted further community outreach, and had questions about the entry system. Executive Officer Clensay stated she would inquire with Planning staff about these questions.

OVMAC also requested an update on the Ventura Ranch Project - a farmworker housing project located adjacent to the City of Ventura city-limits. While not in the OVMAC input area, Executive Officer Clensay remarked she would provide an update as to this project at the next meeting.

9. Councilmember Comments

Member Kennedy announced a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00AM. Children 0-12 are free.

10. Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57PM