



OJAI VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

18 Valley Road, Oak View
Monday, April 15, 2024 - 7:00PM

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

Council Members: Barbara Kennedy, Grace Malloy, Terry Wright

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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 7:05 PM

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call

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

4. Adoption of the Agenda

*Moved by Kennedy to adopt as presented; seconded by Chair Cohen.
Approved unanimously 4/0.*

5. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comment No. 1 - Ron Solorzano

Quiet time at the library right now, but by the next OVMAC meeting (around 5/15) our Summer Reading program will start – called “Read, Renew, Repeat”. You can track your reading online as well as on paper logs. There will be a grand prize and book giveaways. This program will be at the Oak View Library and is for kids under 18. There is also a summer reading program for adults, but those are logging books instead of minutes. The Meiners Oaks Library is getting closer, we have one more thing with the façade, but its continuing along. Any questions please contact Sharon at the Oak View Library or Ron at the Ojai Library.

6. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2024 – DRAFT MINUTES ATTACHED

*Moved by Wright to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Malloy.
Approved 3/0, with one abstention (Cohen)*

7. City of Ojai Planning Commission Update

Commissioner Judy Murphy provided the following update:

City continuing to make progress on their RHNA numbers. The project at 510 E. Ojai by the Skate Park is coming to Planning commission. It is proposed to be remodeled with a restaurant and will add two buildings with 13 apartments (5 will be affordable). This is the 2nd time the Planning Commission will review. It will keep the existing façade and the water tower will be brought out front and incorporated into the overall aesthetic/design. Last hearing the Planning commission approved 15 units (apartments) on Montgomery Street. The Planning commission is absent one member, and three members' terms will come up in May.

8. Formal Action Item – Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2024 year

Chair Cohen announced his resignation from the OVMAC. Supervisor LaVere is actively looking for a recruitment.

Elections for Chair and Vice Chair were held.

Member Wright moved to elect Member Malloy as Chair, and Member Kennedy as Vice Chair. Seconded by Cohen.

Approved unanimously – 4/0.

9. Formal Action Item – June 17th OVMAC Meeting Date Rescheduling to June 10th or 24th, 2024

Member Kennedy moved to continue with the June 17th meeting date and Executive Officer Clensay will ask Staff member to host this meeting in her absence. Seconded by Wright.

Approved unanimously 4/0.

10. Announcements and Updates

Executive Officer provided information and updates pursuant to the requests summarized below:

- An update regarding the Ojai Valley Trail project will come before the OVMAC on 5/20.*
- The Ventura Ranch Housing project is not within the sphere of influence of the OVMAC, but more information could be found on the county's website: <https://vcrma.org/en/ventura-ranch-housing>*
- Working with CHP for an informational presentation regarding E- Bikes. Timing TBD.*
- Oak View Demonstration Project is underway – neighborhood outreach meeting planned for late Summer/Early Fall from Caltrans*
- Camino Salud project is approved, but questions/concerns can be addressed to County Planner jennifer.butler@ventura.org. Additional community outreach did occur after the November 2022 OVMAC meeting.*

11. Councilmember Comments

Kennedy received new playground equipment at the OVPARC. We will have a community build out project in May. There is a Chamber Mixer planned for April 25th. We also have the HVAC units ready for installation. Waiting for bids to be approved.

12. Adjournment:

Next Meeting will be held on **Monday, May 20, 2024** at 7:00PM IN PERSON at the Oak View Community Center

Meeting adjourned at 7:41PM