



OJAI VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

18 Valley Road, Oak View
Monday, May 20, 2024 - 7:00PM

Chair: Grace Malloy, **Vice Chair:** Barbara Kennedy

Council Members: Chris Cohen, Joseph Westbury, 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.

Option 2 – IN PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT - If you wish to make a comment in-person, you must be present at the meeting location and provide your comment prior to the close of the public comment period for the item you wish to speak on. Each meeting will have sign-in sheets to participate in Public Comment at the meeting location for in-person comments.

1. Call to Order of the Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:02.

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call

*Members Cohen, Kenney, and Malloy present.
Members Westbury and Wright absent.*

4. Adoption of the Agenda

*Chair Malloy moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Member Cohen.
Approved 3/0.*

5. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comment No. 1 - Ron Solorzano

Regional librarian for the Ojai Valley. The Summer Reading Program "Read, Renew, Repeat" started a week ago. At our Ojai Library on Thursday, May 30th, will have lives animals at 3:3. We will have the same event at our Oak View Library on June 6th also at 3:30. The Summer Reading Program ends on August 4th. You can find out more at www.vencolibrary.org. There are different prizes available based on different thresholds of minutes read.

There is also an Adult Reading Program – and you can be entered into Starbucks gift card drawings based on the number of books read. There is also a "lunch at the library" program happening this Summer at the Oak View library – this is similar to the school lunch program and will provide lunches to

school aged youth through the Summer – lunches will be provided 11:30 – 1:00PM, Monday through Thursday. Lastly, Sheriff Fryhoff will be coming to the Ojai Library on May 29th at 10:30AM as part of our “Today’s readers, Tomorrow’s leaders” reading program.

6. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2024 – DRAFT MINUTES ATTACHED

*Vice Chair Kennedy moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Chair Malloy.
Approved 3/0*

7. City of Ojai Planning Commission Update [SEE ATTACHED EMAIL]

8. Information Item – Ojai Valley Trail Update

Receive an informational presentation from the County Executive Office regarding the ARPA funded Ojai Valley Trail maintenance project.

Total funding allocated to the maintenance project is \$3.125 million for the repaving of the trail from Foster Park to Soule Park. We are nearly 90% done with the construction drawings for the entire project. Construction anticipated to commence around September 2025.

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Public Comment No. 1 – Brian Aikens

The Ojai Ride is scheduled for October 12th and should be accounted for in the future scheduling, as well as work with NHS (Nordhoff) who uses the trail for their track/cross country.

9. Announcements and Updates

Member Kennedy - June 1st we will be hosting a playground-build effort at the Oak View Parks and Resource Center. We are raising funds for this effort – additional funds can be donated by going to our website at www.ovparc.org

10. Councilmember Comments

Oak View Community Survey underway for additional activities and programming that is requested to be held at the Oak View Parks and Resource Center. Survey will conclude at the end of May and can be shared with the public.

Staff still working with CHP for future E-Bike presentation before the OVMAC and potential partnership with the City of Ojai. TBD.

Assemblymember Bennett allocated \$500K to the future Meiners Oaks Park. District 1 office has requested \$1 Million from Congressman Carbajal for additional funding. Awarding still TBD.

Supervisor LaVere is currently interviewing candidates to replace Mr. Cohen on the OVMAC. A selection is anticipated to be confirmed prior to the June 17th OVMAC Meeting.

11. Adjournment: MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:32PM