

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES of Meeting, July 27, 2010
The Oak Park MAC held an official meeting Tuesday, July 27, 2010, 7:00 P.M.
Oak Park High School G-9, 899 N. Kanan Rd., Oak Park

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by *Chair Mike Green* at 7:01 P.M. MAC members Michael Paule, Mike Green, and Derek Ross were present. Members Jay Kapitz and Mike Mc Reynolds, and Student Liaison Anisha Rajavel, were absent.

2. Flag Salute

VCSD Captain Brent Kerr led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The adoption of the agenda passed 3-0, on a motion by *Michael Paule* seconded by *Derek Ross*.

4. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

There were none.

5. Approval of amendment to the minutes of May 25, and of the minutes of June 22

Michael Paule made a motion seconded by *Derek Ross* and passed by the MAC 3-0 to approve the minutes of May 25. The approval of the June 22 minutes was made on a motion by *Michael Paule* seconded by *Mike Green* and passed 3-0 by the MAC.

6. Public comments

Assisted by daughters *Shosanna* and *Eviva*, *Harry Medved* invited the public to participate in August 29 and September 26 events sponsored by the CHEVRE Club to help clean up trails in Oak Park.

Rabbi Schlomo Bistrizky expressed his appreciation and that of his congregation to the MAC for the time MAC members had spent considering the Oak Park Chabad's application for permits. He also spoke about a recent incident of graffiti put onto the Oak Park Chabad facility on Conifer Street, and his confidence that the incident did not reflect on Oak Park. He emphasized that Oak Park is a wonderful community that thrives on good neighbors and a diversity of people. He said that the one person who created the graffiti would not affect the pride felt by the Chabad in the community. *Mike Green* offered his apology for what had happened, and said he condemned the action. *Michael Paule* expressed his appreciation to the rabbi for coming to the MAC meeting, and said that the Chabad was very open and sincere in its commitment to the community. He said that the Chabad was an important part of Oak Park, and that the press and others should be careful to avoid inflammatory statements regarding the graffiti incident. He said that he hoped everyone would respect the decision made later that week by the Ventura County Planning Commission on the permit applications of the Chabad. He said that the rights of everyone should be respected. In conclusion, he commented that he felt saddened for the community, and in particular for its children.

Derek Ross said he wished to apologize for whoever it was that made the graffiti. *Captain Brent Kerr* said that the Sheriff's Department had no leads on who put the graffiti on the building. He said that often the best part of the healing process in such cases was to paint over the graffiti quickly. He said speculating on who was responsible for the incident could be counterproductive. He said that by State criminal codes the graffiti was not a hate crime.

7. Council Comments

Derek Ross said that he had spoken with *Captain Anthony Romero* of VCFPD Station #36 on Deerhill Road, and that beginning in September the Fire Station would be sending a representative to MAC meetings. He encouraged participation in a new CERT training class that was set to begin in October.

Michael Paule expressed appreciation to *Mike Green* on his service with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, saying that there was good responsiveness and coordination with respect to Landscape Committee requests. He spoke about Triunfo Sanitation District news, including the new water tank environmental documents planned for release in the coming month. He raised the question of whether the MAC would be reviewing the document in a MAC meeting. He noted that 4 seats would be open on the TSD Board, and that the filing period for candidates was currently open.

Mike Green said that on August 24 from 2-4 pm there would be a meeting at OPUSD District offices with various agencies to try to resolve student parking issues.

Officer Steve Hunsaker noted that there had been cars parking in a red zone at Churchwood Drive and Monte Leone Avenue, but that Transportation Director *David Fleisch* said the zone had not been painted by his department. He said that six traffic tickets had been written that day, in particular for running stop signs at Conifer Street and Medea Creek Lane. He expressed appreciation for an e-mail received from an Oak Park community member extending sympathy and gratitude to the CHP, which had lost five officers in the previous month. Officer Hunsaker also noted that CHP patrol cars would be equipped with cameras in the near future.

Captain Brent Kerr introduced *Sergeant Jeff Miller* of the Sheriff's Department.

8. Information items

There were none.

9. Written Communications

There were none.

10. Action items

a. Standing Landscape Committee update and recommendations

Michael Paule noted that there had been no walk through and meeting by the Committee that month.

11. Adjournment to 7:00 P.M., September 28, 2010

Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm until September 28, 2010.