



OJAI VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

18 Valley Road, Oak View

Monday, January 27th, 2025, 7:00PM

MINUTES

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

Council Members: Marilyn Miller, Joseph Westbury, 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.

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** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
2. **Flag Salute** – The flag salute was led by Council Member Wright
3. **Roll Call** – Present were Council Members Wright, Miller & Westbury; Chair Malloy & Vice Chair Kennedy were absent.
4. **Adoption of the Agenda** – The Agenda was adopted by 3 – 0; 2 abstentions
5. **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda** –
 - a. Linda Thomas, with the East End Association, expressed concerns about Krishnamurti property being developed into a camp. She was particularly concerned about the MAC field trip to the site not being adequately noticed to the public.
6. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes of November 2024** — 3 – 0; 2 abstentions
7. **City of Ojai Planning Commission Update – Any items to share**
 - a. Jamie Bennett, Ojai Planning Commission
 - b. Moving forward with homeless camp at the Public Works yard site; the plan is in development.
 - c. Ojai Valley Inn revitalizing Topa Winery into “THE WINERY” with a Spanish revival flavor similar to the ranch house – No 2nd story being added. Planning Commission has approved the plans.
 - d. The Ojai Hotel is fully permitted and will be open by May 2025
 - e. Soule Park pickleball seems to be working
 - f. Asked about appropriate signage on the Ojai Valley Trail with county, city and the Ojai Valley Inn to make sure new traffic patterns crossing for a private business does not interfere with pedestrians.

8. **Ojai Valley Trail Update – County and Ojai agreement with maintenance of the portion within the City of Ojai.**
 - a. OVT Phase 1 – 75% complete. Fence and bollard install 2/3-2/19; Micro surface will be completed in March with Phase 3 micro-surface
 - b. Phase 2 – 50 % complete. 1/27 – 2/7. Grade, repack the trail and install hot mix. Fence and bollard install 2/20-2/24.
 - c. Phase 3 – Demo and reconstruction 2/10-3/21
9. **Meiners Oaks Park Update – County and MOP 501c3**
 - a. OVMAC happy to hear the park is coming to fruition
 - b. Eric Humel – Works for Oxnard Parks & Recreation asked to have some active recreational options at the park and asked about helping write grants and fundraising.
10. **Councilmember Comments -**

Commissioner Westbury – Kudos to whoever is cleaning out Arundo on Creek Rd from Camp Comfort past Hermosa and more.

Commissioner Miller – shared about Agora Foundation with Supervisor LaVere, Mayor Gilman and City Manager Harvey coming together for conversations. Reiterated strong opposition to camping sites at Soule Park. Recommended MAC members attend future workshops and presentations on California Fire Insurance.

Commissioner Wright – Wants more details on the Ojai Valley Trail. Clint Garman will be setting up a time for Commissioner Wright to speak with Colter Chisum, Director of Parks, to clarify.
11. **Adjournment:** 7:33pm

Next Meeting **Monday, February 24, 2024**, at 7:00pm at Oak View Community Center.