



**Oak View Advisory Commission (OVAC)
MINUTES**

Monday, March 10th, 2025, 6:30pm
Oak View Community Center – Kunkle Room
18 Valley View Rd., Oak View, CA 93022

Chair: Barbara Kennedy, **Vice Chair:** Elizabeth Robles, **Secretary:** Chris Anacker
Commissioners: Brian Aikens, Kristeen McKeen and Christina Pacheco

1. **Call to Order:** 6:31p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Chair Kennedy
3. **Roll Call:**
Present: Barbara Kennedy, Elizabeth Robles, Chris Anacker, Brian Aikens, Kristeen McKeen and Christina Pacheco.
4. **Adoption of Agenda:**
Motion: Moved by Commissioner Aikens, Seconded by Commissioner Anacker
Vote: Approve 6 – 0, with the modification to add pickleball to informational updates.
5. **Approval Past Minutes:** January 13, 2025
Motion: Moved by Commissioner Anacker, Seconded by Commissioner McKeen;
Vote: Approve 6 – 0.
6. **Public Comments (Items not on the agenda):**
 - a. Roger Tousignant – wants flashing speed signs by Sunset School.
 - b. OVPARC suggested to move the flashing light speed sign closer to Olive St. Representative Garman said he will take to Public Works.
 - c. Annette Garcia – Fit Camps at the OVPARC started 3/10 once a week and hoping to grow for the community.
 - d. Leanna Kennedy – commented on the HVAC system not being ready
7. **Informational Updates:**
 - a. Baseball Fields: Colter Chisum, Director of Parks
 - i. OVBL is doing well. Over 270 members. They are using numerous school fields and one private field to have enough practice space.
 - ii. Hazard trees and excess mulch and wood have all been removed.

- iii. New trees. OVBL feels there is only room to add back one or two trees. VCP will have to plant most replacement trees at other parks. There will be 2, 15' tall 4'x4' box - will be used for replacement trees. Native Oak or Sycamores are being considered. Commissioner Kennedy asked for a concept design for the new trees. Director Chisum stated he would forward when it was ready. 41 trees to be replanted.
 - iv. OVBL considering adding a second batting cage. No formal proposal has been received yet.
- b. Bike trail: bollards are to be replaced on the trail, Colter to share the design if requested.
- c. HVAC at the OVPARC: project to be finished by 4/15
- d. Foster Park: Design & opening, Colter Chisum, Director of Parks
 - i. We have requested a date for the first concept design from Melton Design Group. We should have that before the end of the month. A ground survey contract is the next step for more detailed design work to begin. The design will be shared once received.
- e. OVCC: Deferred Maintenance and Improvement Projects
 - i. Lighting Project (Cost ~\$19,000)
 - o Updates to lighting surrounding the Community Center building, repositioning of existing lighting, and the addition of one parking lot light pole.
 - ii. Outdoor Pergola
 - o Replacing with wood structure
 - o Bid for project was released to 6 contractors with existing Master Agreements with the County.
 - o Awaiting bids from interested vendors
 - o Anticipate having them by the end of next week
 - o Project goal to be completed by June 30, 2025
 - iii. Landscaping
 - o Overgrown shrubs in front of the community center and in the parking lot median planters. Considering installing drought tolerant plants and mulch to beautify space. Commissioner Kennedy again asked for a concept design when available.
- f. OVCC Playground Shade – Will investigate shade options, not part of this year's budget – may be include in 3 years.
- g. CERT: Dates & Times:
 - i. Starts Wednesday evenings, May 21st – June 25th, 2025; Final Drill Saturday June 28th, 9am – 12pm.

- h. Recreation/Pickleball: There will be an extension for the pickleball permit process, per Director Chisum with the approval for Kennedy to ask for extension.

8. Action Items:

Recommended Action: Recommendation by Supervisor LaVere to the Board of Supervisors to dissolve the OVAC, after which community members may form a new community organization called the Oak View Neighborhood Council.

Discussion: Changing the nature of the group from a County appointed group with County oversight and the and applicable Brown Act to and Oak View Neighborhood Council not subject to the Brown Act, not have County oversight.

The current board would remain until the end of the term and be re-elected at the formation of the Neighborhood Council. The new Council could meet as often as they like, and Dist. 1 office would continue to have representation at the meetings on our request.

Motion: to dissolve the OVAC and move forward to establish the Oak View Neighborhood Council with the same community members.

Moved by: Commissioner Anacker, Seconded by: Commissioner Aikens

Vote: 4 ayes: 1 nay: 1 abstention

- a. Ayes – Chair Kennedy, Secretary Anacker, Commissioners Aikes and McKeen
- b. Nays – Vice Chair Robles
- c. Abstention – Commissioner Pacheco

Questions about this change were raised by Board members and answered by District 1 Representative Clint Garman:

Q: Will the OVAC have decision making power and for what?

A: No decision-making power, just advisory and suggestion as before.

Q: Will the Neighborhood council have more authority over OVCC.

A: No.

Q: If the neighborhood council were to raise money from the community, would it need a nonprofit status.

A: Yes. Else, affiliate with another local nonprofit as needed.

Q: Will communication still be with Matt and Clint.

A: Yes, and the D1 Representative will be available once per week, free to meet with him at any time.

Q: Can the council meet more often?

A: Yes, with or without the D1 Representative needed or to approve the meetings

Q: If the Neighborhood Council doesn't work can the group switch back to the OVAC structure.

A: No.

Q: Will there be more access to the parks and recreation calendar.

A: Access will be the same as it is now.

Note: The Board of Supervisors will dissolve the OVAC on April 11th, after which the current members can restructure if and as desired.

9. Commissioner's Comments:

- a. Robles – Shared Oak View 93022 Poll results. She shared some things that were voted on multiple times and that a movie night received the most votes.
- b. Aikens – Shared about Ojai Valley Organics grand opening.
- c. Pacheco – n/a
- d. Anacker – Switching of agenda items, add the bike trail to the future agenda: add the shade sail to continue discussion to address the need for shade and not wait 3 years.
- e. McKeen – Wants recreation in Oak View.
- f. Kennedy – Would like to get put on the mailing list for future Parks Commission meeting agendas and BOS agendas when Parks projects are brought forth to them. Updates on Bike Trail, Caltrans and Hwy 33.

10. Officer/Ex-Officio Comments:

11. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Creation of a new Neighborhood Council
- b. Pickleball
- c. Shade Sails/Covering for kids in summertime
- d. Updates on Bike Trail/OVT to Informational items
- e. Updates on HWY 33/Caltrans

Adjournment 7:57 PM – Next Meeting: Monday, May 12th, 2025, at 6:30 PM

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