



Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council

Minutes of Meeting – August 17, 2017 - Amended

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. There were approximately 75 in attendance.
2. Flag Salute.
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Greg Wood, Bill Parkman, Donna Morris, Dennis Shoffner, and Gerald Morris were present. Directors David Hernandez and Justin Wright were excused.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by Dennis Shoffner to adopt the agenda and seconded by Donna Morris. Vote was: Ayes (5) Nays (0).
5. **Approve Minutes:** A motion was made by Donna Morris to adopt the Minutes and seconded by Greg Wood. Vote was: Ayes (4) Nays (0) Abstention (1).
6. **Guest Speaker(s):**
 - A. Lorelei Oviatt (Planning and Natural Resources Department) attended the meeting and spoke at length about the Kern County Cannabis Land Use Ordinance. She advised that the Environment Impact Report (EIR) that she and her office had developed in preparation for the legalization of “Adult” cannabis and the licensing of both “Medical” and “Adult” cannabis products that commences in January 2018. The EIR analyzed two options: Option A – Repeal of all prior ordinances on medical marijuana and the current moratorium, an outright ban on all commercial cannabis activities and facilities for either medicinal or adult use cannabis, ban personal use in public, county parks and vendors at County Fair, ban outdoor cultivation of the personal 6 plants for personal use and restrict growing to indoors only, create a funded Cannabis Activity Enforcement Task Force for proactive investigation and enforcement of the ban, allow the 22 existing legal retail medical dispensaries in Kern County to operate for one year if they obtain temporary State license for medical cannabis and closing after that one year period, and all illegal medical dispensaries County-wide to close immediately. She provided a fiscal analysis of the aforementioned ban. Lorelei then addressed Option B. Option B would regulate cannabis. It would permit authorized activities with a Countywide cap. It would allow a 2,000,000 square foot Indoor Cultivation, 150 acres of Outdoor Cultivation, 500,000 square feet for Processing and Packaging, allow a total of 40 retail Cannabis Stores with no more than 2 in any unincorporated community, allow 20 Distribution and Transportation facilities and 5 Testing Facilities. She then proceeded to give a fiscal analysis for that Option. She advised that the EIR Comment Period will close on September 11, 2017 and that the Planning Commission Hearing will be held on September 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kern County Administrative Center, Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, First Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301. The Board of Supervisors meeting will presumably follow sometime in October 2017. Her presentation lasted approximately 60 minutes and she fielded questions for an additional 45 minutes.
 - B. Valerie Martinez of the California High Speed Rail Authority provided an update to the community and the Directors of the RMAC. She added that she had seen most of the attendees at previous meetings and that she would narrow the presentation down to those things where there were updates to share. Valerie did advise that the route from Bakersfield to Palmdale has not been finalized but that she would inform the Rosamond Community when the route had been determined. Their presentation lasted until 9:40 p.m. and including time for questions from the community.
7. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. Kern County Supervisor’s representative, Joshua Foster. Joshua advised that a raid was conducted on 3 illegal pot shops since last month’s meeting. In response to a question, he advised that the Board of Supervisors meet on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at 1115 Truxton Avenue (First Floor).
 - B. Kern County Fire Department – Absent.

- C. Kern County Sheriff's Office. Due to the extended amount of time taken by both guest speakers, the Sheriff's representative departed before his presentation.
 - D. California Highway Patrol (Lt John Williams). Absent.
 - E. Rosamond Community Watch (Paul and Gail Warnick): Gail discussed the graffiti that has been removed multiple times on Rosamond Boulevard adjacent to the Rosamond Gateway Apartments. On June 23rd, she noted that Kern County came out and painted the entire wall and that on July 5th, it was tagged again. On 13 July, RCWP painted the wall and on the 19th of July, it was tagged again. It remains an ongoing problem for the community. Paul advised that the monthly cleanup will be on Sierra Highway on August 19th at 7 a.m. A light breakfast will be provided to those who arrive to help with the cleanup.
 - F. Rosamond Community Services District: Absent.
 - G. Rosamond Foundation: No report. Greg Wood advised that a detailed report will be provided at September's meeting.
 - H. Rosamond Youth Football and Cheer: Mike Garrett informed the attendees that practices will be held on Tuesdays through Thursdays at Tropico Middle School. He added that the season is already underway. Mike noted that they still have plenty of room for kids that wish to join.
 - I. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce (Jack Miller): Jack provided an update on the Event Center. He noted that the Contractor had poured 33 yards of concrete for the Event Center stage. Jack also reminded everyone that the 41st Annual William M. Ketchum Memorial ARMED FORCES APPRECIATION DAY PARADE and SEPTEMBER FEST will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, 2017. The Theme this year is "Teamed for Defense". The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. from Orange Street to Diamond Street to Glendower Park. Septemberfest at the Park will run from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open Mic at 11am and 3pm with Rosamond's Got Talent at 1pm and the Parade Awards Presentation at 12pm. The Kids Contests begin at 2pm. It's a fun-filled day with Food, Vendors, Games, Bounce Houses, Prizes, Face Painting & More !!! Be sure not to wait until the last minute to register.
 - J. Southern Kern Unified School District (SKUSD): No representative in attendance, however, John Joyce informed the Council that the School District recently purchased two new buses. The new elementary school did open on time on August 5th.
 - K. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water: No representative in attendance.
 - L. Edwards Air Force Base: No representative in attendance.
 - M. Others – A small presentation was made soliciting volunteer support for the Kern County Sheriff's Department. The community was encouraged to consider volunteering for this program.
8. **Community Announcements:** None.
9. **Public Comment Period:** The Kern County-Antelope Valley Historical Society advised that they are opening for membership. Membership is \$15.00 a person or \$20.00 for a couple. They will be having a potluck BBQ at Bill Deaver's place, 2769 Jeffrey. It was noted that the KCAVHS meets monthly at the Wanda Kirk Public Library.
10. **Business Meeting** - A motion was made by Dennis Shoffner and seconded by Bill Parkman to table the Business Meeting, Old Business and New Business portion of the meeting due to the late hour relative to the guest speaker presentations less Item 11.E. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
11. **Old Business – Tabled less Item 11.E.**
- E. **Vote on letter to Congressman McCarthy via Supervisor Zack Scrivner in regard to marijuana dispensaries.** Motion made by Donna Morris and seconded by Gerald Morris. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Letter to be forwarded after receipt of all Director signatures.
12. **New Business – Tabled.**
13. **Director Agenda Referrals – None.**
14. **Director's Comments:** None.
15. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Donna Morris and seconded by Dennis Shoffner. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 pm.