

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – October 19, 2017

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. There were approximately 20 in attendance.
2. Flag Salute.
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Bill Parkman, Gerald Morris, Donna Morris, and Dave Hernandez. Directors Gregory Wood, Dennis Shoffner and Justin Wright were excused.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by Donna Morris to adopt the agenda and seconded by Dave Hernandez. Vote was: Ayes (4) Nays (0).
5. **Approve Minutes:** A motion was made by Dave Hernandez to adopt the Minutes and seconded by Gerald Morris.
6. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. Kern County Sheriff's Office. Sgt Anton advised that applications for CCW can now be submitted online. There were 1561 calls for service in the southeast Kern area with 61 in the Rosamond area with 23 arrests.
 - B. California Highway Patrol (Lt John Williams). Lt Williams introduced Sgt. Hunt and provided a brief background on him and advised that he would be joining the CHP staff in southeast Kern (Mojave). Lt Williams also advised that there were 43 arrests in their Area of Responsibility with 24 of those coming in the Rosamond area. He noted that 1660 citations were written in September, 4 hit and run accidents, 17 collisions, 11 loose animals, and a couple of abandoned vehicles dealt with. Some good natured teasing of Lt Williams for his cat video.
 - C. Kern County Fire Department – Absent.
 - D. Kern County Supervisor's representative, John Antonaros, acting replacement for Joshua Foster. John advised that the Cannabis Report will be discussed at the 9:00 a.m., Board of Supervisors Meeting on 26 October meeting in Bakersfield. He added that those attending the meeting in Bakersfield should arrive before 8:30 a.m. because of security measures that are now in place at the Administrative Center. John noted that the Mojave facility at the Veterans Hall at 15580 O Street will be open to permit concerned and interested residents to address their opinion regarding which way the BOS should go. Turning to the Park on Glendower, John advised that "real" repairs to the Tot Lot to include new play surfacing will cost, estimate only, around \$50,000. He noted that the County currently has about \$225,000 on hand to deal with maintenance throughout the County. Bill Parkman advised John that by a parallel path, he had spoken with the Parks Department and that they had generated a work order to do repairs (lifting, cleaning and resetting tiles and spreading the bark at the swingset). He added that he did not have a start date for this work but that ultimately there needs to be a better fix there in line with what John mentioned in his comment.
 - E. Assemblyman Tom Lackey – Representative absent.
 - F. Rosamond Community Watch (Paul and Gail Warnick): Representatives absent.
 - G. Rosamond Community Services District: Representative Absent. John Joyce informed the Council that this coming Tuesday, October 24, 2017, will be meeting to discuss funding for Parks including discussion on vehicle to be used for funding, taxes or assessments.
 - H. Rosamond Foundation: No representative present.
 - I. Rosamond Youth Football and Cheer: No update for this meeting.
 - J. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce (Jack Miller): Jack Miller provided an update on Diamond Street. The dedication ceremony for the solar street lights is scheduled for 1 December 2017 and the Parade of Lights is scheduled for 2 December.
 - K. Southern Kern Unified School District (SKUSD): No representative in attendance, however, John Joyce informed the Council that the School District recently distributed 17 PRIDE awards. The District also granted a salary increase for the Superintendent.

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- L. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water: The representative advised that the reservoirs are currently at capacity. Bill Parkman asked if he had heard anything regarding the "Water Reclamation District." Bill noted that there are claims being floated that with the addition of this new asset, that the Antelope Valley will become practically self-sufficient in water resources. The representative advised that he would look into the matter for RMAC.
 - M. Edwards Air Force Base: No representative in attendance.
 - N. Others – None.
7. **Guest Speaker(s): None.**
8. **Community Announcements:** None.
9. **Public Comment Period:**
- A. Albert Gatton provided some real estate information for the meeting attendees. He noted that there had been 34 home sales in Rosamond with an average time on market of 20 days. He noted that there are currently 45 listings for the community. The average sale price was \$225,601.00.
 - B. A town resident asked if there was anything being done regarding the crosswalk at Eagle Way and Rosamond Blvd (Taco Bell/Tom's/High School). He noted that it is extremely difficult to see people crossing the street at the crosswalk in the early morning (sunrise + 2 hours) and late afternoon (1-2 hours before sunset to sunset). It is also difficult to see anyone crossing the street in that area that might be wearing dark clothing. He suggested solar panel crossing lights or flashing lights in roadway. Bill Parkman noted that it is a concern and that it was on his list of things that need to be addressed. Lt Williams, CHP, offered his assistance and will attend any meeting that is set up with Supervisor Scrivner and/or Kern County Roads.
10. **Business Meeting**
- A. **Standing Committee Reports:**
 - (1) Planning Committee (D. Morris, B. Parkman, G. Wood):
 - (a) Specific Plan Amendment #5, Map #203, Zone Change Case #20, Map #203 - Amend Land Use, Open Space and Conservation Element of the Rosamond Specific Plan as it relates to 1701 20th Street West, Rosamond, CA. This has been continued to October 26, 2017.
 - (b) Notice of Public Hearing to be held before the Board of Supervisors on October 24, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., at the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors re: Kern County Cannabis Land Use Ordinance Revision to Title 19. John Antonaros advised that the Mojave Veterans Hall will be open to permit public comment by the residents of Mojave and Rosamond to the Board of Supervisors.
 - (2) Safety Committee (G. Morris, G. Wood, J. Wright) - No update.
 - (3) Public Health and Community Welfare Committee (D. Hernandez, D. Morris, G. Morris) - No update.
 - (4) Public Works Committee (B. Parkman, G. Wood, J. Wright). As noted in the Public Comment period, there is some concern with the crosswalk at Eagle Way and Rosamond Boulevard. Another attendee at the meeting also brought up that a crosswalk is needed between the Rosamond Plaza and the Gateway Apartments. The same conditions noted for the crosswalk at Eagle Way/Rosamond Boulevard will also affect this crosswalk when it is installed.
 - (5) Public Relations Committee (D. Hernandez, G. Morris, D. Morris) - No update.
11. **Old Business:**
- A. **Discuss and take possible action regarding marijuana dispensaries.** This item will be tabled for this meeting due to the upcoming Board of Supervisors Meeting on Kern County Cannabis Land Use.
 - B. **Discuss and take possible action regarding the 14 Freeway/Rosamond Boulevard off-ramp.** Double-yellow line on Glendower Street is on hold until striping machine is repaired. Bill Parkman asked John Antonaros if it was possible for Kern County to borrow a striping machine from one of the municipalities in Kern or Lancaster, CA? John responded that he believed Kern's machine would be available soon.
 - C. **Discuss and take possible action regarding shoulder repair on 35th Street West.** No update.

- D. **Discuss and take possible action in regard to County increase in Park & Recreation opportunities in Rosamond.** Bill Parkman noted that this dovetails with planned action by the Rosamond Community Services District. He suggested that we table this matter until completion of RCSD's meeting next Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

12. New Business:

- A. **Discuss the park conditions at Glendower Park and discuss ways to expedite repairs and initiate improvements and upgrades.** Recapping John Antonaros comments from the Community Leader Reports section, Bill noted that John advised that "real" repairs to the Tot Lot to include new play surfacing will cost, estimate only, around \$50,000. John also noted that the County currently has about \$225,000 on hand to deal with maintenance throughout the County. Bill Parkman informed the attendees that, by a parallel path, he had spoken with the Parks Department and that they had generated a work order to do repairs (lifting, cleaning and resetting tiles and spreading the bark at the swingset). He added that he did not have a start date for this work but that ultimately there needs to be a better fix there in line with what John mentioned in his comments.
- B. **To maintain impartiality, should the RMAC, as a group or as individuals, be a paying or non-paying members of community organizations.** Council elected to table this matter until November's meeting.
- C. **Discuss the RMAC establishing an annual Christmas toy roundup and giveaway for our December meeting.** The Council discussed this at length and a few members of the public noted that RMAC might not be able to do such an event because it was not a tax exempt entity. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.
- D. **Discuss missing signage and fees for the Mojave / Rosamond Landfill.** Bill Parkman advised that the accumulation of trash, old furniture and mattresses, appliances and a whole host of other things is on the upswing in the desert areas of the community and within the physical boundaries of both Mojave and Rosamond. Coupled with that, he noted that there is insufficient/missing signage directing people to the landfill, specifically, there is no signage on the northbound side of the Freeway 14 indicating where Purdy Road is and that the landfill is located off that road. Bill commented that he believes there was signage at one time on both the north and southbound sides of the 14 Freeway and that they must have been removed or stolen. There is no landfill sign on the southbound side of the 14 at Purdy Road. On Sierra Highway, there is no landfill signage at Sopp Road alerting the community that a landfill is available using that route. Another troubling concern is that the landfill has been tagging people for fees to use the landfill. The landfill technician asks questions and if certain keywords are used by the respondent, they will levy the appropriate fee (\$22.00 for cars/trucks and \$100.00 for trailers). Some members of the community stated that the cost of using the landfill is supposed to be on the property tax bill. He noted that he will investigate this further and report back to the Council in November.
- E. **Discuss road conditions in and around Rosamond and develop a plan of action.** Bill Parkman will develop a report form that members of the community can use to report potholes and like items that are needed. 35th Street and crosswalks at the overpass of 14 Freeway and Rosamond Boulevard are but two examples of degraded road areas.

13. Director Agenda Referrals – None.

14. Director's Comments - None.

- 15. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Donna Morris and seconded by Dave Hernandez. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.