

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – November 16, 2017

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. There were approximately 16 in attendance.
2. Flag Salute.
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Gregory Wood, Bill Parkman, Donna Morris and Gerald Morris. Directors Hernandez, Shoffner and Wright were excused.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by Bill Parkman to adopt the agenda and seconded by Gerald Morris. Vote was: Ayes (4) Nays (0).
5. **Approve Minutes:** A motion was made by Donna Morris and seconded by Gerald Morris. Vote was Ayes (4), Nays (0).
6. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. Kern County Sheriff's Office. Sgt Anton advised that 1842 calls for service were received with 798 of them being for the Rosamond area. Of these, there were 28 arrests, 497 routine calls, 87 calls for 911, and 205 were officer initiated.
 - B. California Highway Patrol (Lt John Williams). Absent.
 - C. Kern County Fire Department – Absent.
 - D. Kern County Supervisor's representative, John Antonaros, acting replacement for Joshua Foster: John advised that the double-striping of Glendower were occur during the Thanksgiving weekend. He added that the missing signs on the 14 Freeway for the Landfill will be addressed with the Road Department. Supervisor Scrivner will be participating in an Kern County Economic Update session (Diversification Study). John also advised that the Board of Supervisors had voted 4 to 1 for the Option A on Cannabis operations.
 - E. Assemblyman Tom Lackey – Representative absent.
 - F. Rosamond Community Watch (Paul and Gail Warnick): Representatives excused.
 - G. Rosamond Community Services District: Representative Absent. John Joyce informed the Council that RCSD was working on a proposal for a 3% parcel tax and that a meeting will be held on December 5, 2017 at 7:00p.m. to discuss its merits.
 - H. Rosamond Foundation: No report.
 - I. Rosamond Youth Football and Cheer (R. Burgess): Of the four teams in the playoffs, two continued through but lost in the Regional Finals.
 - J. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce (Jack Miller): Jack Miller provided an update on Diamond Street. The dedication ceremony for the solar street lights is now scheduled for 7 December 2017. Zac Scrivner will attend the dedication. On the event center, Jack advised that the stage had been poured and that the framing and canopy will be installed this coming weekend. There will be no Chamber meeting in the month of December.
 - K. Southern Kern Unified School District (SKUSD): SKUSD Representative Mario Gutierrez in attendance.
 - L. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water (Mr. Scott): It was reported that Mr. Scott received an award from the STEM Academy.
 - M. Edwards Air Force Base: No representative in attendance.
 - N. Others – Albert Gatton: Albert advised that there had been 31 sales (residential) with a total value of 8.1 million. The average sales price was \$262,599, a 15.4% increase of which the majority were larger homes of about 1994 SF rather than the average SF of 1587. There are 45 homes on the active listing with 25 pending sales. The average price per square foot dropped slightly from \$146.00SF to \$144.00SF. He addd that there has been a steady upward trend in sales and prices.
7. **Guest Speaker(s): None.**
8. **Community Announcements:** None.
9. **Public Comment Period:** None.

10. Business Meeting

A. Standing Committee Reports:

- (1) Planning Committee (D. Morris, B. Parkman, G. Wood): No report.
- (2) Safety Committee (G. Morris, G. Wood, J. Wright) - No report.
- (3) Public Health and Community Welfare Committee (D. Hernandez, D. Morris, G. Morris) - No report.
- (4) Public Works Committee (B. Parkman, G. Wood, J. Wright). No report.
- (5) Public Relations Committee (D. Hernandez, G. Morris, D. Morris) - No report.

11. Old Business:

- A. Discuss and take possible action regarding marijuana dispensaries.** The Board of Supervisors met and voted 4-1 for Option A (Ban Cannabis Commercial Activities and Sales). Ban should go into effect on January 1, 2018.
- B. Discuss and take possible action regarding the 14 Freeway/Rosamond Boulevard off-ramp.** Teresa advised that there was only one company that makes traffic signs for the County. Once received, the work order will be released and work start in three months. The striping should happen very soon.
- C. Discuss and take possible action regarding shoulder repair on 35th Street West.** No update from the County. John Antonaros asked for an email with photos of the problem areas. Director Parkman advised that he will provide.
- D. Discuss and take possible action in regard to County increase in Park & Recreation opportunities in Rosamond.** A plan to institute a special tax with a 3-percent escalator clause is being considered and it will be discussed at the December 5 meeting of the RCSD board. This will go on the ballot to be held on March 6, 2018.

12. New Business:

- A. Discuss the park conditions at Glendower Park and discuss ways to expedite repairs and initiate improvements and upgrades.** No update.
- B. To maintain impartiality, should the RMAC, as a group or as individuals, be a paying or non-paying members of community organizations.** Matter was discussed with public input. A motion was made by Director Gerald Morris and seconded by Director Donna Morris to permit individual Directors to join the Chamber but for the RMAC not to be a member as an entity. Vote was Ayes (4) Nays (0).
- C. Discuss the RMAC establishing an annual Christmas toy roundup and giveaway for our December meeting.** The Council discussed this at length and it was agreed to establish a committee to develop and implement a community based effort to help the less fortunate members of the community at Christmas. This committee would seek to consolidate all of these activities in time for the 2018 Holiday season. The Council voted unanimously for establishment of the Committee.
- D. Discuss missing signage and fees for the Mojave / Rosamond Landfill.** No change in status. Bill Parkman advised that he would contact Kern Waste Management to see what can be done about landfill fees.
- E. Discuss road conditions in and around Rosamond and develop a plan of action.** Bill Parkman developed a report form that members of the community can use to report potholes and like items that are needed. He provided sample forms to fellow Directors for their review and comment.
- F. Discuss working with Planning Department to better inform the public of upcoming projects:** Dennis Shoffner wants to see better front loading of this items so that RMAC has sufficient time to review and provide feedback.
- G. Discuss and take action on whether to cancel the December meeting.** The December meeting, if held, would be on December 21, 2017. Everyone was in general agreement that this was too close to the Holiday. It was proposed by Director Donna Morris and seconded by Director Parkman to cancel the December meeting and to meet anew on January 18, 2018. Vote was: Ayes (3), Nays (1).

13. Director Agenda Referrals – Directors would like a guest speaker from the District Attorney's office for discussion of Megan's Law (notification and molester) and Section 8 Fraud and Abuse. An effort will be made to get someone from the Kern County Counsel's Office to speak at the January 18, 2018 RMAC Meeting.

14. Director's Comments – Business cards are in progress.

15. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Donna Morris and seconded by Gerald Morris. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.