

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – January 18, 2018

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. There were approximately 25 in attendance.
2. Flag Salute.
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Greg Wood, Bill Parkman, Donna Morris, David Hernandez, Gerald Morris, and Justin Wright. Director Dennis Shoffner was excused.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by Justin Wright to adopt the agenda and seconded by Dave Hernandez. Vote was unanimous.
5. **Approve Minutes:** A motion was made by Bill Parkman to adopt the Minutes and seconded by Greg Wood. Vote was unanimous.
6. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. Kern County Sheriff's Office - Sgt Anton reported that there were 1555 calls for service of which 921 were for Rosamond. There were 41 arrests of which 23 were associated with Rosamond.
 - B. California Highway Patrol - Sgt Robert Foss advised that there were 13 arrests, 3 suicide, 37 accidents of which 10 were hit and run.
 - C. Kern County Fire Department – Absent.
 - D. Kern County Supervisor's representative - John Antonaros provided an update on Landfill signage and status of the RMAC business cards.
 - E. Assemblyman Tom Lackey – Representative absent.
 - F. Rosamond Community Watch (Paul and Gail Warnick) - Representatives advised that there would be a community cleanup (graffiti abatement) at Gateway Apartments this coming Saturday. Approximately 400 feet of block wall needs to be painted.
 - G. Rosamond Community Services District – Director Olaf Landsgaard of RCSD strongly encouraged people to vote on Measure 'A' which is a mail-in ballot. He added that a YES vote is needed on the March 6th ballot so that funding can be obtained to maintain existing parks and build new parks.
 - H. Rosamond Foundation - No representative present.
 - I. Rosamond Youth Football and Cheer - No update for this meeting.
 - J. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce – Absent.
 - K. Southern Kern Unified School District (SKUSD) – Mario Gutierrez provided an update on the schools. He noted that Rosamond currently has a 3760 student count with 10-20 new students arriving each month. 7 more portables are being installed at Westpark and another 6 at Tropico. He added that we are approaching capacity at all the schools.
 - L. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water – Mr. Scott is absent.
 - M. Edwards Air Force Base: No representative in attendance.
 - N. Others – None.
7. **Guest Speaker(s):**
 - A. **Mark Nations, Kern County Counsel.** He provided a handout and advised on the current status of the marijuana facilities in the Rosamond and outlying community areas. In response to questions, he advised that the County is working hard to get unauthorized and unlicensed facilities closed. He solicited input from the public regarding things they have seen occurring at the facilities. Photography of unlawful activities would be appreciated.
 - B. **Aurora Rush, Kern County Public Works.** Aurora provided a briefing on Waste Management services including landfill fees. She introduced Lisa Trigger, Operations Manager, to the community. Aurora noted that there are 7 landfills in the county. She fielded questions from the community regarding the levying of fees on users of the landfill. She stated that residents are not charged for use of the landfill unless the trash contains construction materials, excessive amounts of wood, or banned materials. There was some discussion regarding transfer stations in the southeastern portion of the County but it was noted that there was not one in Rosamond. Aurora did advise that a 60-day waste recovery pass could be issued to an industrious party(ies) that want to institute some type of cleanup in the back areas of the community. She also noted that the County would also pick up any trash/furniture/mattresses that are brought out to the roadside from within the area they were disposed. She added that they could not venture onto the property to pick these items up. Aurora did advise that, at some point in the

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future, the County will be implementing recycling at the homeowner/tenant level and that additional details will be forthcoming soon.

8. Community Announcements: None.

9. Public Comment Period:

- A. Albert Gatton provided some real estate information for the meeting attendees. He noted that sales continue their upward climb.

10. Business Meeting

A. Standing Committee Reports:

- (1) Planning Committee (D. Morris, B. Parkman, G. Wood) – No update.
- (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). Bill Parkman noted that a narrative report with photographs has been provided to John Antonaros for delivery to Kern County Roads and other interested parties to address what is perceived to be a dangerous, unsignaled crosswalk at the east end of Rosamond High School at Eagle Way.
- (5) Public Relations Committee (D. Hernandez, G. Morris, D. Morris) – Gerald Morris was replaced on this committee by Dennis Shoffner.

11. Old Business:

- A. **Discuss and take possible action regarding marijuana dispensaries.** Discussed during the presentation by Mark Nations, County Counsel.
- B. **Discuss and take possible action regarding the 14 Freeway/Rosamond Boulevard off-ramp.** Double-yellow line on Glendower Street has been installed and signage at B Street and Glendower Street has been installed. Bill Parkman advised that marking on the intersection of the 14 Freeway offstreet and Rosamond Boulevard has been placed at various points in the intersection leading him to believe that the work associated with this area is nearing.
- C. **Discuss and take possible action regarding shoulder repair on 35th Street West.** Bill Parkman advised that photographs had been taken of this area and a narrative written and given to John Antonaros for further delivery to Kern County Roads. John thanked Bill for the information.
- D. **Discuss and take possible action in regard to County increase in Park & Recreation opportunities in Rosamond.** Measure "A" will be on the March 6th mail-in ballot. If approved by the voters, will provide funding for maintaining existing parks/facilities and future parks.

12. New Business:

- A. **Discuss RMAC establishing an annual Christmas Toy Roundup and giveaway for the needy children in the community.** Greg Wood read a proposed letter regarding this initiative. He advised that he had not gotten the flyer put together yet but that it would soon be available. The Council voted unanimously to proceed with this effort. A meeting of volunteers will be scheduled for March 7th at Hummell Hall at 7:00 p.m. to establish the committee and get the planning started.
- B. **Discuss missing signage and fees for the Mojave / Rosamond Landfill.** Bill Parkman advised that a point paper with photos on the signage has been provided to John Antonaros detailing the concerns previously discussed on this topic.

13. Director Agenda Referrals – None.

14. Director's Comments – Bill Parkman requested that Landfill Transfer Station for Rosamond be added to the February 2018 meeting agenda.

15. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Justin Wright and seconded by Gerald Morris. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.