

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – April 19, 2018 - Corrected Copy

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. There were approximately 25 in attendance.
2. Flag Salute.
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Greg Wood, Bill Parkman, Donna Morris, and Gerald Morris in attendance. Directors Dennis Shoffner, David Hernandez, and Justin Wright were excused.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by Bill Parkman to adopt the agenda and seconded by Gerald Morris. Vote was unanimous.
5. **Approve Minutes:** A motion was made by Donna Morris to adopt the Minutes for February 15, 2018 and seconded by Gerald Morris. Notes for the March meeting were received for the record. Vote was unanimous.
6. **Guest Speaker:** Danny Bazell, Executive Director of the Flight Test Historical Foundation provided a presentation on the new Air Force Flight Test Museum which will be built outside the west gate (Rosamond gate) of Edwards Air Force Base. Danny provided a display board that highlighted the size and layout of the new building. He noted that they are working diligently to raise the capital funds they need for this project.
7. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. Kern County Sheriff's Office - Sgt Anton reported that there were 1876 calls for service of which 759 were for Rosamond. There were 71 arrests of which 28 were associated with Rosamond. He warned the community that reports of scams were on the rise such as the typical IRS phone demand for payment. The Sgt advised that seniors are the preferred target of these scam artists. Sgt. Anton advised that the "Coffee With A COP" was a success last Tuesday and that they are looking forward to meeting with the community again in May at the "Ice Cream With A COP". He also spoke regarding the school safety issues that have been in the news lately including an incident that occurred in Rosamond. Sgt. Anton advised that they were prepared to act in the event a situation developed.
 - B. California Highway Patrol - Sgt Matt Hunt advised that high winds had been forecasted for this week and he encouraged community residents to drive safely during those events. The Sgt. also updated RMAC on the Explorer Program and advised that the public response has been very encouraging. He requested that the community keep promoting the program to the youth of Southeast Kern.
 - C. Kern County Fire Department – Absent.
 - D. Kern County Supervisor's representative - Michael Clark/John Antonaros advised that the redistricting suit had been settled and a new map has been developed. Districts 1 and 2 remain and District 4 has been created. The District 3 Supervisor will be running for the seat in November. There was also discussion of recognizing the role of aviation in the valley and its importance to the County. There is an Assembly Bill (AB1234) dealing with Veterans property taxes that is also in process. Turning to Cannabis, the representatives advised that the black market is on the rise.
 - E. Assemblyman Tom Lackey – Representative absent.
 - F. Rosamond Community Watch (Paul Warnick) - Paul advised that there would be a community cleanup on March 24th (Sierra Highway cleanup) this coming Saturday. He advised that there will be a four truck crew on 25 March to round up discarded items in the community. Paul also noted that there will be another one day event like this in June. They are also tentatively planning for a kids cleanup on June 2, 2018 to include the walls at Gateway.
 - G. Rosamond Community Services District – Representative absent.
 - 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) – No representative present.
 - L. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water – Mr. Scott provided an update on a new Water Bank in the Valley. He added that there will be a Watermaster/Adjudication meeting on May 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at AVEK's office.
 - M. Edwards Air Force Base: No representative in attendance.
 - N. Others – None.
8. **Community Announcements:** None.
9. **Public Comment Period:**

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- A. Tim with AVDC announced that they will be starting a signature collecting drive for all Kern residents regarding Cannabis.

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 advised Michael Clark that he would provide copies of pending items of concern to the community at the May 2018 meeting.
- (5) Public Relations Committee (D. Hernandez, G. Morris, D. Morris) – No update.

11. Old Business:

- A. **Discuss and take possible action regarding marijuana dispensaries.** Brief discussion on this topic regarding a legal remedy which is in progress. RMAC should have the details by October 2018. Gerald Morris suggested that the County Counsel should be invited to our next meeting to provide the Council a comprehensive update.
- B. **Discuss and take possible action regarding the 14 Freeway/Rosamond Boulevard off-ramp.** Work has been completed and the public is getting used to the changed traffic flow.
- C. **Discuss and take possible action regarding shoulder repair on 35th Street West.** Bill Parkman noted that the shoulder repair is in progress but that the paving repairs are still pending.
- D. **Discuss and take possible action in regard to County increase in Park & Recreation opportunities in Rosamond.** Measure “A” on the March 6th mail-in ballot was defeated. It is the Board's understanding that the Rosamond Community Services District (RCSD) will be relinquishing control of the parks to County Parks and Recreation.

12. New Business:

- A. **Discuss RMAC submitting a letter to the Kern County Board of Supervisors regarding SB54 (Sanctuary State).** Greg Wood initiated discussion of this topic and then asked his fellow Directors how they felt about this matter. Greg noted that it was his opinion that the State is making a very grievous mistake directing that California Law Enforcement is not to cooperate with Federal Authorities regarding the holding and turnover of undocumented persons arrested during the course of police activities. He added that he did not see this as an immigration issue but rather that the State is attempting to usurp the authority of the Federal Government to handle immigration matters. Bill Parkman noted that this action by the State could have long-term deleterious effect on the relationship between the State and the Federal Government. He added that he believed the effect of the Sanctuary State law will be to force the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to conducting raids in the communities and, possibly, causing more problems. He noted that he does not support the idea of putting ICE in the position of having to do their own raids because it allows the casting of a wider net. The Federal Government is not and should not be interested in arresting grandmothers and grandfathers. Donna and Gerald Morris concurred in the assessment by both Directors Wood and Parkman. It was agreed that a letter should be generated and sent to the Board of Supervisors encouraging them to take a stand against the State on SB54. Bill Parkman agreed to develop the draft letter and will present it at next month's meeting for discussion.

13. Director Agenda Referrals – None.

- 14. **Director's Comments** – Bill Parkman requested that the B52 Market be added to the May 2018 agenda for discussion of possible action against the property owner. He added that he would also like to add an item for discussion of procuring a location for the RMAC Office. Michael Clark advised that they will be providing keys for Hummell Hall for this purpose. It was noted that Vidi Otis of the School Board will be leaving at the end of May 2018.

- 15. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Parkman and seconded by Donna Morris. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.