

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – May 17, 2018

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. There were approximately 28 in attendance.
2. Flag Salute.
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Greg Wood, Bill Parkman, Donna Morris, Dennis Shoffner, David Hernandez, Justin Wright and Gerald Morris were in attendance.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by Dennis Shoffner to adopt the agenda and seconded by Donna Morris. Vote was unanimous.
5. **Approve Minutes:** A motion was made by Donna Morris to adopt the Minutes for April 19, 2018 and seconded by David Hernandez. An error was noted with the recording of the roll call for the April meeting and it was agreed to annotate the minutes accordingly. Vote was unanimous on the corrected minutes. Those minutes will be presented for the record at the June meeting.
6. **Guest Speaker:** No guest speaker.
7. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. Kern County Sheriff's Office - Sgt Anton reported that there were 1779 calls for service of which 721 were for Rosamond. There were 52 arrests of which 31 were associated with Rosamond. Sgt. Anton advised that the "Coffee With A COP" at Jay's Hideaway was a success and that they are looking forward to meeting with the community again in May at the "Ice Cream With A COP" at Foster Freeze.
 - B. California Highway Patrol - Absent.
 - C. Kern County Fire Department – Absent.
 - D. Kern County Supervisor's representative Michael Clark advised that the Rosamond Blvd/Eagle Way crosswalk that was proposed by RMAC is being addressed by the County. No estimated date for this work was announced. On the 35th Street West shoulder and paving issues, Mike noted that the shoulder work is in progress and he requested additional details on the areas where the pavement is in disrepair. Director Parkman noted that 35th Street West south from the traffic light to the intersection before the last subdivision is the area that needs paving repairs. On Glendower Park playground will be funded by General Services in 2018 and the work should be complete in July/August timeframe. Michael then addressed the ADA issue at the Rosamond Boulevard crossover. Director Parkman added that he has a letter from Caltrans that indicates that they and Kern County Roads will be addressing the ADA issues in 2020. He suggested that there were some elements of the work, specifically, the transitions between curbs and pavement could be ground down by a motivated group and take care of the biggest complaint residents have with the walkways on the north side of the Boulevard. Mike asked what RMAC was expecting to be done about the B52 Market. General discussion ensued regarding the existing condition of the site. Director Parkman noted that the last time he checked, the property was still in litigation between the property owner and his civil engineer. He added that it would be nice to find out if this has been resolved/litigated. Rosamond-Mojave Landfill signage has been on order since January 25th but have not been received as yet. The Bus Stop lighting at Orange Street and 20th Street West has been addressed to ensure public safety for commuters at 4:00 a.m. in the morning. A question was posed by the Chair, Gregory Wood, regarding the asphalt sidewalk paving that was supposed to be put in from United to Sierra Highway under grant. He noted that there has been nothing on this since the initial announcement of the grant in 2016/early 2017.
 - E. Assemblyman Tom Lackey – Representative absent.
 - F. Rosamond Community Watch - Paul advised that there would be a community cleanup on Sunday, May 20th, by Girl Scout Troop 2312 along 55th Street West and Holiday Avenue. They are also planning for a kids cleanup on June 2, 2018 to include the walls at Gateway. He solicited for donations of water, granola, fruit and associated items for the workers.
 - G. Rosamond Community Services District – Representative absent.
 - H. Rosamond Foundation - No report.
 - I. Rosamond Youth Football and Cheer - No update for this meeting.
 - J. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce – Jack Miller announced the new members of the CofC Council as Donna Morris, Gene Melcher and Albert Gatton.
 - K. Southern Kern Unified School District (SKUSD) – On May 23rd, an Honors ceremony for Vini Otis will be held at SKUSD meeting at 7:00 p.m. Chair Gregory Wood strongly solicited attendance by the Council and the general public.
 - L. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water – Mr. Scott advised that there will be a Watermaster/ Adjudication meeting on May 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at AVEK's office. Topics include the drought, groundwater storage agreements and carryover water credits.
 - M. Edwards Air Force Base: No representative in attendance.

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- N. Others – Tim, a representative from the AVDC, advised the Council that the medical cannabis ballot measure petition drive has been completed and that it will be on the November ballot. Albert Gatton, real estate agent with KW Realty provided a report on home sales. He noted that 33 homes were sold in the past month with an average price of \$254,000 (a 6.98% increase) showing continuing upward movement in home prices. Albert advised that there are currently 62 homes listed with an average price of \$253,733 representing an 11.21% increase. The square footage cost is currently \$146.00.
- 8. **Community Announcements:** None.
- 9. **Public Comment Period:**
 - A. None
- 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) - Gerald Morris commented on cannabis issues and the need to fix lights in the community.
 - (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). No update.
 - (5) Public Relations Committee (D. Hernandez, G. Morris, D. Morris) – No update.
- 11. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Discuss and take possible action regarding marijuana dispensaries.** RMAC is expecting additional details from the County by October 2018. It was 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.** Complete. No further action required at this time.
 - C. **Discuss and take possible action regarding shoulder repair on 35th Street West.** Discussed by the Supervisor's Representative. He needs input from the Council as to the scope of the paving repairs that are needed.
 - D. **Discuss and take possible action in regard to County increase in Park & Recreation opportunities in Rosamond.** No update.
 - E. **Update on the Community Christmas Toy Giveaway.** Progressing. It is scheduled for Saturday, December 22, 2018 and will start at 2 to 3 p.m. and conclude by 8 p.m. Some discussion regarding a Federal 503(1)c. is needed.
- 12. **New Business:**
 - A. **Discuss RMAC submitting a letter to the Kern County Board of Supervisors regarding SB54 (Sanctuary State).** Lengthy discussion regarding responsibilities Counties have to the State Government which makes it problematic to encourage the Board of Supervisors to take a stand against the State on SB54. Matter was tabled for further discussion at a later date.
 - B. **Establish a new standing committee on State and Federal Legislative Activities.** It was agreed that a committee should be formed to monitor and track legislative activities that affect the community of Rosamond and outlying areas. Unanimous agreement to establish said committee. The first Directors to man this board will be Chair Gregory Wood, Vice-Chair Bill Parkman and Director Dennis Shoffner.
- 13. **Director Agenda Referrals – None.**
- 14. **Director's Comments –** No new items.
- 15. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Donna Morris and seconded by Bill Parkman. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.