

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – July 19, 2018

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.** There were 27 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute.**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Greg Wood, Bill Parkman, Donna Morris, Dennis Shoffner and Gerald Morris were in attendance. Directors David Hernandez and Justin Wright were excused absences.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by Dennis Shoffner to adopt the agenda and seconded by William Parkman. Vote was unanimous.
5. **Approve Minutes:** An error was noted with the reporting of the California Highway Patrol's information in the June report. A motion was made by Dennis Shoffner to defer approval of the Minutes for June 21, 2018 session until corrected. This motion was seconded by Donna Morris. Vote was unanimous.
6. **Guest Speaker:** Lorelei Oviatt from Kern County Planning and Greg Fenton from Kern County Public Works provided an indepth update on the status of Cannabis in the County. It was noted that a total of 29 medical cannabis facilities were open in the County. Seven facilities in Rosamond are in process of obtaining a state permit with five businesses having applied for their building permits. It was noted that there are more than seven businesses in operation in Rosamond. The role of Code Compliance was also discussed at length as it relates to the businesses and what measures they can and can not take. Lorelei and Greg both encouraged the community to keep the County apprised of any new businesses or practices that are not conducive to the public order.
7. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. Kern County Sheriff's Office: Sgt Anton reported that there were 2657 calls for service of which 849 were for Rosamond. There were 90 arrests of which 34 were associated with Rosamond. There were 231 reports written of which 78 were for Rosamond. Sgt. Anton strongly encouraged the community to support the initiative to increase the sales tax by 1 percent so that staffing and critical needs for the Sheriff could be met as well as other funding issues in the County.
 - B. California Highway Patrol: Officer Nelson provided statistics for the month of June 2018 of 14 DUI, 16 collisions, and 3 hit and run.
 - C. Kern County Fire Department – Absent.
 - D. Kern County Supervisor's representative: Michael Clark was in attendance but did not have an update on pending items.
 - E. Assemblyman Tom Lackey – Representative advised that State Ballot Propositions 47 and 57 need work.
 - F. Rosamond Community Watch – July cleanup has been canceled.
 - G. Rosamond Community Services District: Olaf Landsgaard advised that the District has funding for Graffiti Abatement regardless of what may have been communicated by others.
 - H. Rosamond Foundation - No report.
 - I. Rosamond Youth Football and Cheer - No representative was in attendance. It was reported that Mike was stepping down from the program and that a new person would be taking it over soon.
 - J. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce – Jack Miller advised that the Community Center was progressing well. He also provided an update on the remodeling of the Chamber of Commerce building.
 - K. Southern Kern Unified School District (SKUSD) – No representative in attendance. It was noted that Mr. Hargess would be assuming the Superintendent's role on an interim basis while a replacement is being sought. It was noted that there is a 2.5 million dollar shortfall in the District's budget.
 - L. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water – No report as Mr. Scott was not in attendance.
 - M. Edwards Air Force Base: No representative in attendance.
 - N. Others –Albert Gatton, real estate agent with KW Realty provided a report on home sales. He noted that 70 homes are currently up for sale with 50 pending sale. 47 homes closed escrow in the month of June. The average sale price is \$251,601.00 with the average house size being 1691SF (4.35% increase in size). This works out to an average square foot price of \$156.66.
8. **Community Announcements:** There was a discussion of the Antelope Valley Homeless Coalition including encampments in the area of Rosamond. Tim Blake of AVDC also provided an update on the organization of the Kern County Legal Non-Conforming Cannabis Coalition. He advised on the discussions at the Board of Supervisors regarding the two measures on the ballot dealing with Medical Cannabis and Tim encouraged to read both ballot measures before voting in November.
9. **Public Comment Period:**
 - A. None
10. **Business Meeting**

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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). General discussion on the Rosamond Boulevard/Eagle Way crosswalk but no update is available on actual status.
- (5) **Public Relations Committee** (D. Hernandez, G. Morris, D. Morris) – No report.
- (6) **State and Federal Legislative Activities Committee** (G. Wood, B. Parkman, D. Shoffner) - No report.

11. Old Business:

- A. **Discuss and take possible action regarding marijuana dispensaries.** Update provided under Community Announcements. It was noted that a new cannabis dispensary called “The Plug” on 2947 Sierra Highway in Rosamond is preparing to open for business.
- B. **Discuss/report on status and take possible action on California SB 142 and AB 931.** Director G. Morris expressed concern regarding the proposed Peace Officer release of records and criminal procedures relative to use of force. After a brief discussion this item was deferred to the August RMAC meeting.
- C. **Discuss and take possible action in regard to unsignaled crosswalk at Rosamond Boulevard and Eagle Way.** Michael Clark advised that there is no update on this subject.
- D. **Discuss and take possible action in regard to lack of ADA accessibility on Rosamond Boulevard Overpass Walkways.** Bill Parkman advised that while CalTrans, in correspondence, has assigned an access request number (#10494) and advised that non-compliant sections of the overpass will be removed and replaced by January 2020, he remained concerned about elements of that work at the west side frontage road that could be addressed immediately. He advised that a small crew could take care of this in less than an hour thus helping the physically limited that are using motorized and non-motorized chairs and scooters.
- E. **Discuss and take possible action in regard to County increase in Park & Recreation opportunities in Rosamond.** No change in status.
- F. **Update on the Community Christmas Toy Giveaway.** Progressing. No change in status.

12. New Business:

- A. **Discuss and take possible action on writing a letter to the Kern County Board of Supervisors regarding the need for an access road to the eastside of Rosamond when Union Pacific is blocking Rosamond Boulevard.** Gregory Wood advised that he is in process of setting up a meeting with Union Pacific regarding the Rosamond Boulevard crossing and the need for an access road. He is expecting more information by the August meeting. The biggest obstacle to resolving this access problem is obtaining funding for the road and improvements.

13. Director Agenda Referrals – None.

14. Director’s Comments – Dennis Shoffner advised that he would solicit a guest speaker from Edwards Air Force Base for next month’s meeting.

15. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Donna Morris and seconded by Dennis Shoffner. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm. The next meeting will be held on August 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Hummel Hall.