

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – October 18, 2018 Meet & Greet - Candidates 2018 General Election

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.** There were approximately 130 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute.**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Greg Wood, Bill Parkman, Donna Morris, Gerald Morris and Dennis Shoffner 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 Gregory Wood. Vote was unanimous.
5. **Approve Minutes:** The Minutes for the August 16, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved by vote on motion from Bill Parkman that was seconded by Dennis Shoffner. The Memorandum of Event (Non-Quorum) for the September 20, 2018 session was discussed and accepted for the administrative record.
6. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. Kern County Sheriff's Office: Sgt Anton reported that there were 1763 calls for service of which 624 were for Rosamond.
 - B. California Highway Patrol: Lt Williams provided an update on the Ricky Chapman hit and run. In addition, he advised that they are seeking information on a 9 September 2018 incident relative to a 2013-2016 dark red Hyundai Elantra Sport from members of the community.
 - C. Kern County Supervisor's representative: Michael Clark attended on behalf of Zack Scrivner. He read a letter from the Kern County Public Works Department that provided notification of shoulder improvements on 90th Street West from Avenue A to Rosamond Boulevard. Construction is anticipated to begin shortly with an expected completion in November 2018. A copy is provided as an attachment to these meeting minutes.
7. **Candidates Forum:** An opportunity for the public to hear from all candidates running for office on November 6, 2018 convened.
 - A. **Candidates running for State Assembly.** Challenger Steve Fox, Democratic Candidate and Incumbent Tom Lackey, Republic Candidate, spoke to the community regarding their backgrounds and experience.
 - B. **Candidates for Kern County Supervisor.** All four candidates for this position attended the session. Supervisor Whitney Weddell, Michael Biglay, Dalmar "Dal" Bunn, and Incumbent Zack Scrivner, provided a snapshot of their background and experience.

A ten-minute recess was called at this point to permit individual questioning of the candidates. The meeting resumed after the recess.

- C. **Antelope Valley College Board of Trustees.** All three candidates for the Board of Trustees were in attendance. Dr. Miguel Coronado, Steve Buffalo and Byron Glennan each spoke about their background, experiences and what they can bring to the AVC Board of Trustees.
- D. **Southern Kern Unified School District (SKUSD).** Five of ten candidates for the Southern Kern Unified School District (Long Term) attended the Meet & Greet Forum. Elizabeth Aqenenni, Robert Vincelette, Jr., Naomi Novak, Linda Brandts and Incumbent Mario Gutierrez spoke to the community about their vision for the school district and schools and their background and qualifications. Two of three candidates for the Southern Kern Unified School District (Short Term) also attended the Meet & Greet. Carol Robinson and Mark Notterman provided a brief synopsis of their background, their relatable experience, and the District's needs.
- E. **Rosamond Community Service District (RCSD).** Four of six candidates for the Rosamond Community Service District were in attendance at the Meet & Greet. Wade Hatcher, Ben Stewart, Greg Wood, and Morrison "Ed" MacKay spoke about their background, qualifications and the needs of the community in this era of water constraints.
- F. **Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council (RMAC).** Four of five candidates for the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council (RMAC) attended the Meet & Greet. Lisa Checkley and Brennan Riley spoke of their background, number of years that they have been part of the community, and their desire to make Rosamond a better place to live. Incumbent Bill

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Parkman provided a background sketch of his life and community experiences. He noted that Rosamond has three large challenges ahead and that he wanted to be a leading part of finding solutions. Incumbent Dennis Shoffner recapped his background for the community including that he was the first Chairman of the newly constituted Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council (RMAC) in 2006. He advised that he came back to run for the Council to be of service to the community.

A fifteen minute recess was called at this point to permit individual questioning of the candidates. The meeting resumed after the recess.

8. Community Announcements: None.

9. Public Comment Period: None.

10. Business Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

A. Planning Committee (D. Morris, Parkman, Wood) - No report.

Purpose: Provide fair and accurate feedback on proposals to the Kern County Planning Department.

B. Safety Committee (G. Morris, Shoffner, Wright) - No report.

Purpose: Improve public safety through coordination with local agencies.

C. Public Health and Community Welfare Committee (Hernandez, D. Morris, G. Morris) - No report.

Purpose: Promote public health in conjunction with County Agencies.

D. Public Works Committee (Parkman, Wood, Wright) - No report.

Purpose: Optimize roads and other public works projects in conjunction with Kern County Departments of Roads, Engineering and Survey Services.

E. Public Relations Committee (Hernandez, Shoffner, D. Morris) - No report.

Purpose: Promote Rosamond to the public and the media.

11. Old Business:

A. Discuss and take possible action regarding marijuana dispensaries.

Report: Pending outcome of Kern County Measure(s) J and K.

B. Discuss/report on status and take possible action on California SB 1421 and AB 931.

Report: Proposed letters submitted.

C. Discuss and take possible action in regard to County increase in Park & Recreation opportunities in Rosamond.

Report: No report.

D. Discuss and take possible action on writing a letter to the Kern County Board of Supervisors regarding addressing an access road to the east side of Rosamond.

Report: Directors Wood, Shoffner and Parkman have initiated a review of the existing roadways (10th Street West and Patterson Road) and spoken with various parties regarding the feasibility of installing an improved graded road (aforementioned roads) to provide an alternate route for emergency vehicles and an alternate bypass in the event the railroad crossing at Rosamond Boulevard becomes fouled (train malfunction, train/vehicle accident, malfunctioning signaling equipment, etc.). Questions exist as to whether right-of-way and easements are in place to permit such an action to move forward and are being studied.

12. New Business:

A. Accept Resignation Letter from Director David Hernandez. Directors discussed David Hernandez's service to the community as a Director on the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council. In view of the hardships that Director Hernandez is dealing with, the Council accepted the resignation with regret. The Directors also proposed the preparation of a Letter of Appreciation for David's service to the community. Director Parkman will prepare a draft letter for the consideration of the Kern County Board of Supervisors. The Council also agreed to consider a Letter of Appreciation to Justin Wright for his service to the community.

13. Directors Comment: Directors Shoffner, Parkman, D. Morris and G. Morris had no comments to add. Director/Chair Greg Wood noted that his term with the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council (RMAC) is coming to a close and that, if elected, to the Rosamond Community Services District (RCSD), he will make every effort to serve the residents of Rosamond in that new capacity to the best of his ability.

14. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Parkman and seconded by Dennis Shoffner. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm. The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Hummel Hall.