

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – December 20, 2018

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.** There were approximately 85 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute.**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Greg Wood, Bill Parkman, Donna Morris, and Dennis Shoffner were in attendance. Directors Gerald Morris and Justin Wright were excused absences. Seat of David Hernandez is vacant.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by Donna Morris to adopt the agenda and seconded by Bill Parkman. Vote was unanimous.
5. **Approve Minutes:** The Minutes for the November 15, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved by vote on motion from Dennis Shoffner that was seconded by Donna Morris.
6. **Comments from Outgoing Directors:** Dennis Shoffner extended his appreciation to the community for allowing him to serve. He noted it was a close election between Bill Parkman and him for the final seat. The outcome remained in suspense until the final certification. Bill Parkman was declared the winner by three votes. Dennis emphasized to the community that this shows just how important everyone's vote is especially in local, off-election year contests. Greg Wood also expressed his appreciation to the community and noted that he would still be involved in community affairs but from the dais of the Rosamond Community Services District. He added that it was his sincere desire to get all of the local government entities to work together for the betterment of the community.
7. **Swearing in of Newly Elected Board Members by Second District Supervisor Scrivner:** Supervisor Scrivner administered the oath of office to Brennan Riley, Gregory Washington, Lisa Checkley and Bill Parkman.
8. **Comments by Supervisor Scrivner:** Zack expressed his appreciation for the community's support in the November election. He added that as a resident of Tehachapi, the communities of Rosamond, Mojave, California City and others are very important to him and that he follows the events in each of them. He noted that the concerns of the communities is being heard and he encouraged them to continue to be actively involved both locally and at Bakersfield. Supervisor Scrivner presented letters of appreciation to Gregory Wood, Justin Wright and David Hernandez for their service to the community on the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council. He expressed his appreciation and encouraged each of them to stay actively involved.
9. **Election of Board Officers:** The Directors elected Bill Parkman as Chair and Brennan Riley as Vice-Chair. Donna Morris was re-elected as Secretary.
10. **Guest Speakers:**
 - A. **Raceway Solar Project Status:** Lorelei Oviatt spoke to the community on the Raceway Solar Project. She noted that the opportunities for public comment on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) earliest release is estimated to be July - August 2019. It is not currently scheduled. The earliest it will appear at the Kern County Planning Commission Hearing will be October 2019. Final consideration of the project by the Kern County Board of Supervisors is not currently scheduled but would not be earlier than December 2019. She encouraged the community to send comment letters to Janice Mayes, Staff Planner at mayesj@kerncounty.com. Comments on the EIR can start during the public review phase. She encouraged attendance at the Planning Commission hearing when it is scheduled for this item. Lorelei advised that Commissioners can not express a position on the project until the EIR is released and review. She also added that the community should also attend the Board of Supervisors hearing when it is scheduled. She noted that the earliest any hearing would be scheduled, if the project moves forward, would be October 2019. Lorelei added that arrangements would be made to accommodate the community by opening the remote CCTV site so that interested parties could attend and comment without having to make the trip to Bakersfield. She fielded numerous questions from the community before she turned the floor over to Jo Ellen Alexander.
 - B. **Raceway Solar Project Opposition:** Jo Ellen Alexander spoke in opposition to the Raceway Solar Project. She reiterated all of the points that she previously addressed during a previous RMAC meeting in which S-Power was the guest speaker. Lorelei Oviatt noted her concerns and advised that the Environmental Impact Report has not yet been generated. She encouraged Jo Ellen and the "Concerned Citizens over the 'Raceway Solar Project'" to continue their contacts with the Planning Commission as they have been doing.
 - C. **Cannabis and Retail Operations in Kern County:** Lorelei Oviatt then provided an update to the community on the status of Cannabis and Retail Operations in the County. She advised that everything is still on track for the current organizations to cease operations in 2019. Lorelei noted that a ballot initiative which did not make the cutoff prior to the November 2018 election will be placed on the ballot for the 2020 election. She added that numerous raids had

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been accomplished on the non-compliant (illegal) cannabis sales establishments and as they come become aware of any attempts to reopen or new businesses to start that they will be dealt with promptly.

11. Community Leader Reports:

- A. Kern County Sheriff's Office: Sgt Anton reported that there were 1800 calls for service of which 600 were for Rosamond. There were 90 arrests of which 36 were in Rosamond.
- B. California Highway Patrol: No representative in attendance.
- C. Kern County Supervisor's representative: See Zack Scrivner's comments above.
- D. Assemblyman Tom Lackey: No representative in attendance.
- E. Rosamond Community Watch: No Saturday cleanups until after the start of the new year.
- F. Rosamond Community Services District: Greg Wood advised that he had been sworn in and elected as Chair of the Rosamond Community Services District. He spoke of establishing committees and getting participation from the community on some of them.
- G. Rosamond Foundation: No report.
- H. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce: No report.
- I. Rosamond Football and Cheer: No representative in attendance.
- J. Southern Kern Unified School District: Mario Gutierrez informed the community that the District has experienced a 17-percent increase in student enrollment in 2018.
- K. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water: Scott advised the ramp down to 400 acre feet over the next five years will begin soon.
- L. Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB): No representative in attendance.

12. Community Announcements: Lisa Checkley advised that the VFW is still seeking food donations (ham, turkey and chicken) for needy veterans and their families in the community. She added that they are still 70 meat items short.

13. Public Comment Period: A gentleman from TVC (Tanner Vest Collective) solicited the support of the community for his business (Cannabis) and asked for community's patience and understanding.

14. Business Meeting - By unanimous vote, the Council elected to skip the Standing Committee Reports, Old Business and New Business due to the extended time required for the swearing in and seating of the new Council and guest speaker presentations.

13. Directors Agenda Referrals: None.

14. Director's Comment: Director Parkman advised the Council to review the Committees and to be prepared to volunteer for one or more of them at the January 2019 RMAC meeting. He added that there will also be an attempt to staff the various community and County meetings with an RMAC Representative so that the community can be kept abreast of current events.

15. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Donna Morris and seconded by Brennan Riley. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm. The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Hummel Hall.

California Government Code, Section 31010: The Board of Supervisors of any county may by resolution establish and provide funds for the operation of a municipal advisory council for any unincorporated area in the county to advise the board on such matters which relate to that area as may be designated by the board concerning services which are or may be provided to the area by the county or other local governmental agencies, including but not limited to advice on matters of public health, safety, welfare, public works, and planning. Unless the board of supervisors specifically provides to the contrary, a municipal advisory council may represent the community to any state, county, city, special district or school district, agency or commission, or any other organization on any matter concerning the community. The board may pay from available funds such actual and necessary expenses of travel, lodging, and meals for the members of the council while on such official business as may be approved by the board.