

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – February 21, 2019

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.** There were approximately 30 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute.**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Bill Parkman, Brennan Riley, Donna Morris, Gregory Washington, and Lisa Checkley were in attendance. Directors Dennis Shoffner and Gerald Morris were excused absences.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by Lisa Checkley to adopt the agenda and seconded by Brennan Riley. Vote was unanimous.
5. **Approve Minutes:** The Minutes for the January 17, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by motion from Donna Morris and seconded by Lisa Checkley. Vote was unanimous.
6. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. Kern County Sheriff's Office: Sgt. Anton provided this month's report. He advised that there were 1929 calls for service with 111 arrests in East County of which 737 were in Rosamond with 44 arrests.
 - B. California Highway Patrol: Lt Williams provided a brief report.
 - C. Kern County Supervisor's representative: Mike Clark advised that he had no report this month.
 - D. Rosamond Community Services District: Greg Wood advised that there would be a meeting next Wednesday to discuss the Wastewater Processing Facility. He encouraged members of the public to attend.
 - E. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce: Jack Miller encouraged the community to purchase pavers in the fundraising effort for the Event Center. He noted that the paver(s) would be stenciled with the name of the donor. He added that this effort would be wrapping up soon. He mentioned Renewbiz grants and that the Chamber would be preparing a package for submission. Jack also noted that Dennis Shoffner and Greg Washington had joined the Chamber this month.
 - F. Southern Kern Unified School District: No representative from the District in attendance. John Joyce provided a courtesy update for the Council and noted that the District had been saved and that Edwards would support their program.
 - G. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water: Randy Scott provided an update. He mentioned that the Watermaster will be scaling back their operations due to funding considerations.
 - H. Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB): No representative in attendance.
7. **Guest Speaker:**

Project Team EDF: Valentine Solar Project: Devon Muto provided the overview of the Valentine Solar Project that will be sited north of Hamilton Road and South of Aqueduct Road northwest of the Willow Springs community. He introduced his project team: Ben Koto, Krista Hudson, Tim Benson, David Torvay, and John Papasergia. Devon advised that the 111.2 MWac Valentine Solar is located on approximately 1,260 acres of private land in Kern County's Mojave Desert, its adjacent to the EDF RE's Catalina Solar 2 Project. Valentine will be comprised of horizontal single-axis tracking solar photovoltaic technology generating power equivalent to avoiding more than 225,000 metric tons of CO₂ emissions annually. This is equivalent to the emissions of 48,000 passenger vehicles driven over the course of one year. He noted that EDF Renewables has signed a 15-year Power Purchase Agreement with Southern California Edison (SCE). The project will deliver clean electricity to SCE beginning in December 2019. Upon completion of their presentation, the floor was opened for questions from the community. Several of the questioners addressed the topic of the Solar Raceway Project and were advised by the RMAC Chair that EDF has no connection with S-Power. Fran Thompson asked if the work at the SCE substation at Rosamond Boulevard and 60th Street West was part of their work and they advised they had no work at that facility.
8. **Community Announcements:** Albert Gatton, realtor, provided a market analysis for the Rosamond area to the meeting attendees. He noted that 49 sales had been initiated with an average price of \$274,505.00 which works out to an \$164.92 price per square foot. He added that there are 45 pending sales with an average price of \$246,343.00 for an average square foot price of \$155.41. Albert advised that the price drop is based on the smaller square footage size of the homes.
9. **Public Comment Period:** None.
10. **Business Meeting - Standing Committee Reports**
 - A. **Planning Committee (W. Parkman, B. Riley, D. Morris)** - No report.
 - B. **Safety Committee (D. Shoffner, G. Washington, D. Morris)** - No report.

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- C. Public Health and Community Welfare Committee (L. Checkley, D. Morris, D. Shoffner)** - Lisa Checkley advised that the County Mobile Health Clinic would be at Hummel Hall on March 13, 2019. She encouraged the community to avail themselves of the services provided.
 - D. Public Works Committee (W. Parkman, G. Washington, B. Riley)** - No report.
 - E. Public Relations Committee (D. Shoffner, D. Morris, L. Checkley)** - No report.
 - F. Legislative Affairs Committee (W. Parkman, L. Checkley, D. Shoffner)** - No report.
- 11. Old Business**
- A.** Discuss and take possible action on writing a letter to the Kern County Board of Supervisors regarding an access road to the east side of Rosamond using 10th Street West and Patterson Road. Fact finding is continuing on this item. Edwards AFB has been engaged and a Letter of Support is forthcoming.
- 12. New Business**
- A. Brown Act Training:** Training has been scheduled for 12 March 2019 at Hummel Hall.
 - B. Business Cards** - Business cards for new members of the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council are expected by the April 2019 meeting.
 - C. Administration and office space, files, furnishings and equipment** - Liaison with Kern County General Services has commenced. Office space in Hummel Hall along with other potential locations will be discussed during a walkthrough that is tentatively scheduled for early March 2019. It is anticipated that a decision will be made in early April. The goal is establishment of the RMAC Office before summer 2019.
- 13. Directors Agenda Referrals:** Lisa Checkley advised that the Glendower Park playground work previously reported as completed remains an outstanding item. Mike Clark will follow up with Parks and Recreation. Discussion turned to the sidewalk project that was going to be done in 2016/2017. Bill Parkman believes that the money was reprogrammed for another community. There is also concern regarding upkeep of the Parks in the community. Greg Washington asked if the Council can look into getting crosswalks in a couple of locations in the community. The Chair noted that this item is on the list.
- 14. Director's Comment:** Director Parkman advised the Council to complete their Ethics Training (AB1234) before the April 2019 meeting. He added that if the course is done online to print out the Certificate of Completion and turn it in to the Council.
- 15. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Donna Morris and seconded by Lisa Checkley. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm. The next meeting will be held on March 21, 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.