

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – March 21, 2019

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.** There were approximately 40 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute.**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Bill Parkman, Brennan Riley, Donna Morris, Dennis Shoffner, Gregory Washington, and Lisa Checkley were in attendance. Vacant seat is pending action.
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:** The Minutes for the February 21, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by motion from Brennan Riley and seconded by Donna Morris. 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 1601 calls for service with 52 arrests in East County of which 515 were in Rosamond with 21 arrests. In closing, Sgt. Anton advised that he was moving to the night shift and he then introduced Sgt. Marcus Moncur who will be assuming the day shift.
 - B. California Highway Patrol: Lt John Williams provided a brief report. He advised that there had been 1500 calls for service with 350 associated with the Rosamond area. He added that there had been 27 traffic collisions with 3 hit and run, 9 DUIs and 27 reckless driving. Lt Williams also advised that there had been two instances of UPRR (Union Pacific Railroad) crossing arm failures in the past month.
 - C. Kern County Supervisor's representative: Mike Clark presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lt John Williams in recognition of his support to the Rosamond and eastern Kern County. Mike Clark then advised that Zack Scrivner, District 2 Supervisor, had written a letter withdrawing support of the CA High Speed Rail program. The BOS vote was 4 in favor and 1 opposed.
 - D. Rosamond Community Services District: Greg Wood informed RMAC that Gregory Washington had been appointed to the Rosamond Community Services District to replace recently deceased Mr. Jim Williford. There was a brief discussion regarding the concurrent assignment to both RMAC and RCSD. Greg also advised that the Historical Society is in negotiation with the RCSD for use of the Community Center building on Diamond Street as a museum.
 - E. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce: Jack Miller spoke on the RenewBiz grant program and advised that a grant in the amount of \$10K per APN is available and that applications must be submitted in April. In closing, Jack also reminded everyone that planning for Septemberfest is kicking off.
 - F. Southern Kern Unified School District: Carol Robinson provided an update for the School District. She noted that the flyer for the position of Superintendent has been published and that there were numerous candidates submitting.
 - G. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water: Randy Scott provided a brief report on the status of the reservoirs in the state. All are near capacity after the wet winter.
 - H. Assemblyman Tom Lackey – Brian Anguiano from Tom Lackey's office was in attendance and gave the community an update on legislative affairs in Sacramento. He noted that Tom is clearly expressing the District's dissatisfaction with the actions of Governor Newsom in placing a moratorium on the death penalty. Brian noted that Tom is liaison with Mark Isidro, California State Assembly Legislative Director on this matter. In closing, Brian introduced Vanessa Wilk and said that she is the District Director for Tom. Her husband, Scott, a Republican, was elected to his first term in the California Senate in 2016, representing the Santa Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley, Victor Valley and the communities of Adelanto, Apple Valley, Hesperia and Victorville.
 - I. Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB): No representative in attendance.
7. **Guest Speaker(s):**
 - A. Alexia Svejda, Kern County Economic Development Specialist spoke to the community about her assignment as one of three eastern Kern residents (the other two are Amanda Barnes and Suzette Caufield). She added that Rosamond falls in her area of responsibility. A total of \$1.2 million in federal and county money is funding three new positions dedicated to working with regional leaders to achieve goals ranging from business recruitment and workforce training to expansion of tourism. Some of the money will also be spent on setting up public library-based "maker spaces" geared toward the area's business startups and technology innovators. Alexis added that the territories including Boron, California City, Mojave, Ridgecrest, Rosamond and Tehachapi have been divided up between them. Their task is essentially to begin carrying out recommendations contained in a regional economic diversification plan funded by a \$450,000 Department of Defense grant, as well as county staff time valued at \$50,000. The plan, released in 2017, called for a number of specific steps its authors at Austin, Texas-based TIP Strategies Inc. contend would help the region survive

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economically if the federal government were to shut down Edwards Air Force Base, in the Mojave area, or Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, near Ridgecrest. However, there is no indication any such base closure is being contemplated. Alexis advised that among the plan's recommendations were greater emphasis on recruitment of businesses and professional talent, infrastructure improvements, promotion of regional tourism destinations and increased collaboration among the area's business, government and academic leaders. The initial steps of the project will be geared toward fact-finding, meeting stakeholders and cultivating working relationships with local business and government entities and leaders. Alexis advised that the ReNewBiz grants that Jack Miller had spoke about earlier in the meeting must be submitted prior to April 20, 2019.

B. Josh Mann and Ali Vanderight of Waste Management spoke to the community regarding assumption of the trash collection for the town of Rosamond from Benz Sanitation. He advised that there are no immediate changes to the rates and range of services at this point in time. In response to questions from the community, Josh replied that they would look into implementation of a transfer station and/or bulk item pickup and will advise the community. He added that they will be hiring people to fill positions in the Rosamond and outlying areas.

- 8. Community Announcements:** Albert Gatton, realtor, provided a market analysis for the Rosamond area to the meeting attendees. He noted that 28 sales had been sold with an average square foot price of \$156.12 or roughly \$256,000. He added that there are 45 pending sales with an average price of \$276,000. for an average square foot price of \$162.37.
- 9. Public Comment Period:** None.
- 10. Business Meeting - Committee Reports - Establish Ad Hoc Committees with specific timeframes at April 18, 2019 meeting.**
- 11. Old Business**
 - A. Secondary Access Road 10th Street West/Patterson Road:** 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 continuing. Right-of-Way easements are being explored. Edwards AFB has been engaged and a Letter of Support is forthcoming.
 - B. Brown Act and Ethics Training:** Training scheduled for 12 March 2019 at Hummel Hall was completed by all Directors. AB1234 Ethics Training is in progress with three of six Directors having completed the class. The remaining Directors will complete their class before the April 18, 2019 RMAC Meeting. Requirement for **Form 700s** being checked.
 - C. Business Cards** - Business cards for new members of the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council are expected by the April 2019 meeting. A correction for Dennis Shoffner's business card has been given to Mike Clark for action.
 - D. Administration and office space, files, furnishings and equipment** - Liaison with Kern County General Services is continuing. Office space in Hummel Hall along with other potential locations has been discussed with Tim Garrison of Kern County General Services. The goal remains for the establishment of the RMAC Office before summer 2019.
- 12. New Business**
 - A. RMAC Special Vacancy Notice:** Gerald Morris. Kathleen Krause, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors has issued the Notice and posted the Vacancy. It was also posted at Hummel Hall and on RMAC's Facebook page. To date, the position remains open.
- 13. Directors Agenda Referrals:** None.
- 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 Brennan Riley. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm. The next meeting will be held on April 18, 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.