

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – July 18, 2019

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.** There were approximately 35 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute.**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Bill Parkman, Brennan Riley, Donna Morris, and Lisa Checkley were in attendance. Dennis Shoffner was excused.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by Donna Morris to adopt the agenda and seconded by Lisa Checkley. Vote was 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, with 1 absent.
5. **Approve Minutes:** The Minutes for the June 20, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by motion from Brennan Riley and seconded by Donna Morris. Vote was 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, with 1 Absent).
6. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. Kern County Sheriff's Office: Sgt. Moncur provided report. CFS-EK: 673/ROS: 638, ARR-EK: ___/ROS: 29.
 - B. California Highway Patrol: Sgt. Klaus provided report. ACC-EK: ___/ROS: 4, DUI-EK: 0/ROS: 17, DIST-EK: 3/ROS: 0, RECKLESS-EK: 20/ROS: ___, H&R-EK: 8/ROS: 1, one fatal bicycle/scooter vs car accident in Rosamond.
 - C. Assemblyman Tom Lackey: Brandon Roque, Field Representative for Assemblyman Tom Lackey was in attendance. He informed the community that AB127 includes funding for CHP cannabis research and testing.
 - D. Kern County Supervisor's representative: Laura Lynn Wyatt advised that the County Vaccination Bus will be in Tehachapi on July 25 and August 6, 2019. She also advised that work will soon start on a viewing point for the Tehachapi Loop in August. Laura also noted that some cleanup has been done on Diamond Street to improve its appearance.
 - E. Rosamond Community Services District: Gregory Wood informed the community that the RCSD had received approval of its permit from Lahonton for the wastewater treatment plant.
 - F. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce: Jack Miller advised that the permit to operate the community center has been approved. The Chamber has also recently completed their elections.
 - G. Rosamond Community Cleanup: No report.
 - H. Southern Kern Unified School District: Carol Robinson provided an update to the community. She advised that the new Superintendent was onboard and getting familiar with the community and school campuses.
 - I. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water: Randy Scott is excused. He provided the following input to the Chairman of the Council for dissemination: "I can report that water supply conditions in California are still very good for this year. Most of the reservoirs are near full capacity and above their historical averages. The precipitation for this water year is at 127% of average so far and Northern California snowpack levels are also well above average. The good news is that we are still conserving.
 - J. Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB): No representative in attendance.
 - K. Others - Albert Gatton - Real Estate report. 53 homes on the active list with a list price average of \$296,502 (equals \$170.26sf) and an average of 53 days on the market. 50 homes are pending sale at an average price of \$273,637 in May and \$270,093 for June (\$165.30sf).
7. **Guest Speaker(s):** EDF guest speaker Scott Kuhlke provided an overview of the upcoming BigBeau project which is adjacent to the recently commenced construction of the Valentine Solar Project. Two concerns expressed by the attendees was impact on existing residences that share a boundary with the Project and effect of this project on the small community of Willow Springs. Scott noted that EDF is waiting for the issuance of the EIR (Environmental Impact Report) and added that they have been proactive in dealing with the adjacent neighbors regarding the project. BigBeau will produce 128mw of electricity which will be fed into the grid and that they will also be constructing a 168mw storage facility at the site.
8. **Community Announcements:** None.
9. **Public Comment Period:** None.
10. **Business Meeting - Committee Reports - Ad Hoc Committees have been established for the following Action Items.**
 - A. **New/Revised Crosswalks and Upgrades to Signalized Crosswalks** – Bill Parkman advised that the compilation of data for the draft letter is continuing. When complete, it will be presented to the full RMAC Council for acceptance. If approved, it will be forwarded to Kern County Public Works and Supervisor District 2.
 - B. **Waste Management Services – Transfer Station/Bulk Trash Pickup** – Lisa Checkley advised that the Bulk Trash Dropoff is scheduled for July 20, 2019 at the Waste Management Yard (old Benz yard in Rosamond) is scheduled for this Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers with pickup trucks and trailers are solicited to help those unable to deliver their items to the Sierra Highway yard. If sufficient forces are on hand, an effort will be made to pick up bulk

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trash where appearing. Planning for the October 2019 Community Cleanup is continuing.

- C. **Community Swimming Pool/Skate Park** – It is anticipated that a representative from Parks and Recreation will be the guest speaker at the August RMAC Meeting to discuss P&R plans for 2019 and 2020. RMAC is also working on a Proposition 68 grant request for funding a skate park in the West Park area. In addition, RMAC is evaluating feasibility of a public/private partnership(s) for funding, maintaining and operating the pool, skate park and parks.

- D. **New Community Bank:** No update this month.

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. An initial draft letter for Kern County Public Works and Zack Scrivner is expected to be presented to the RMAC Council for approval in August.
- B. **Administration and office space, files, furnishings and equipment** - Director Parkman advised that a furnishings request has been prepared and will be forwarded to the District 2 Office for fulfillment.
- C. **RMAC Special Vacancy Notices:** Two positions remain open. No update.
- D. **County Government Orientation for the Community:** Dennis Shoffner suggested we find some education sources on County Government that both the Council and the community can take to get conversant with their services and responsibilities.

12. New Business

- A. **Long and Short Term Goals for 2019/2020/2021.** Initial draft to be presented at the August 2019 RMAC meeting.

13. Directors Agenda Referrals: None.

- 14. **Director's Comment:** Chairman Parkman informed the community that the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council observed its 13th year of service to the Kern County Board of Supervisors and the residents of the community of Rosamond and adjacent outlying areas on March 6, 2019. Accordingly, with the 15th anniversary of RMAC coming up in March 2021, the Council would like to solicit the opinion of the community regarding how this event should be recognized and celebrated.

- 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 8:47 pm. The next meeting will be held on August 15, 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.