

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – August 15, 2019

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.** There were approximately 45 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute.**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Bill Parkman, Brennan Riley, Donna Morris, Lisa Checkley and Dennis Shoffner were in attendance. Two Director positions remain vacant.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by Dennis Shoffner to adopt the agenda and seconded by Donna Morris. Vote was 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.
5. **Approve Minutes:** The Minutes for the July 18, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by motion from Lisa Checkley and seconded by Donna Morris. Vote was 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.
6. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. Kern County Sheriff's Office: Sgt. Anton provided report. CFS-EK: 1962/ROS: 728, REPORTS-EK: 210/ROS: 93.
 - B. California Highway Patrol: Lt. Williams provided report after he advised that the loss of the CHP officer in the Inland Empire area was the second fatality the CHP has experienced this year. He added that the patrol officers are being outfitted with body cams.
 - C. Assemblyman Tom Lackey: Brandon Roque, Field Representative for Assemblyman Tom Lackey was in attendance. He informed the community that the Assembly handles about 1,000 bills a month. He noted that SB55/AB161 (Point of Sale receipts) and AB5 (Independent Contractors) are two of the more prominent bills that have Tom's attention.
 - D. Kern County Supervisor's representative: Laura Lynn Wyatt briefed the community on County funding.
 - E. Rosamond Community Services District: Gregory Wood advised that wastewater treatment expansion is going out for bid. They hope to break ground in October. Greg then noted that SCE will be starting the upgrade of street lighting along the major arterial roads from sodium to LED. No date was provided for the start of this lighting upgrade work. In follow-up to a question from the community at the July meeting, Greg advised that he had followed up on the concerns brought up regarding groundwater pumping that will be occurring in the AV. He added that this groundwater pumping is in the Mojave Desert east of Barstow. Greg assured the community that there is no connection between the aquifer that services Rosamond and the ones that service that area east of Barstow. As an added note, he added that the Senate Bill that deals with this work has been blocked and referred back to committee.
 - F. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce: Jack Miller spoke and advised that the planning and implementation for the Septemberfest parade was proceeding. The other item of note is that the Chamber is planning to prepare a grant request for vehicle charging stations.
 - G. Rosamond Community Cleanup: No report.
 - H. Southern Kern Unified School District: Carol Robinson introduced the new Superintendent, Barbara E. Gaines. She advised that 3550 students were enrolled in K-12 classes with the District. She added that she was visiting all of the campuses.
 - I. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water: Randy Scott is excused. Chairman Parkman advised that there is nothing that he is aware of that changes the current forecast of water supplies in the Rosamond area.
 - J. Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB): No representative in attendance.
 - K. Others – One Love Ministries, Bonnie Goins, provided an update regarding the homeless and indigent population. She noted that they serve meals and feed 60 to 100 people a week. She also noted that they will be setting up a shower trailer so that members of that group can avail themselves of that service.
7. **Guest Speaker(s):** Kern Law Enforcement Association (KLEA) – Richard Anderson absent.
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. It will be presented to the full RMAC Council for acceptance at the September meeting. If approved, it will be forwarded to the District 2 Supervisor, Kern County General Services and Kern County Public Works.
 - B. **Waste Management Services – Transfer Station/Bulk Trash Pickup** – Lisa Checkley informed the community that she advised that the Bulk Trash Drop-off held on July 20, 2019 at the Waste Management Yard (old Benz yard in

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Rosamond) was a success. Over 66 vehicle/trailer loads were received for an estimated total of 19,000 pounds. Planning for the October 2019 Bulk Trash Pickup/Community Cleanup is continuing. Additional details will be provided at the September 19, 2019 RMAC meeting.

- C. **Community Swimming Pool/Skate Park** – Representatives from Parks and Recreation will be the guest speakers at the September RMAC Meeting to discuss P&R plans for 2019 and 2020. Lisa Checkley advised that Kern County General Services will take the lead on the Proposition 68 grant request for funding a skate park in the Glendower Park area. Basis for this action is that RMAC does not have “standing” to submit a grant request. However, RMAC will continue to evaluate the feasibility of a public/private partnership(s) for funding, maintaining and operating the pool, skate park and parks and work with Kern General Services to ensure a proper handoff. The pool will open to the public next year (2020). Lisa also advised that the play surfaces (mats) in the gym and slide area will be repaired by October.

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. The draft letter for the District 2 Supervisor, Kern County General Services and Kern County Public Works will be presented to the RMAC Council for approval in September.
- B. **Administration and office space, files, furnishings and equipment** - Director Parkman advised that a furnishings request has been prepared and forwarded to the District 2 Office for fulfillment.
- C. **RMAC Special Vacancy Notices:** Two positions remain open. No update at this time.
- 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 the services available and respective responsibilities. Laura Wyatt advised that she would look into this.

12. New Business

- A. **Long and Short Term Goals for 2019/2020/2021.** Initial draft was not presented at the August 2019 RMAC meeting due to minimal feedback. It will be presented at September’s RMAC meeting.
- B. **Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council 15th Anniversary – March 6, 2021** – Any suggestions from the community regarding how to observe and celebrate the 15th Anniversary are solicited.

13. **Directors Agenda Referrals:** None.

14. **Director's Comment:** None.

15. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Donna Morris and seconded by Dennis Shoffner. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 19, 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.