

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – November 21, 2019

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.** There were approximately 32 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute.**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Bill Parkman, Brennan Riley, Donna Morris, Lisa Checkley, Dennis Shoffner, and Seaneen McArdle were in attendance. One Director seat remains open but is expected to be filled soon.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by Donna Morris to adopt the agenda and seconded by Dennis Shoffner. Vote was 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.
5. **Approve Minutes:** A motion was made by Dennis Shoffner and seconded by Donna Morris. Vote was 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.
6. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. Kern County Sheriff's Office: Sgt. Moncur provided report. CFS-EK: 648/ROS: 632, ARR-EK: 25/ROS: 18. Sgt. Moncur provided an assessment of the manning for the Southeast Kern County area and, in particular, Rosamond. He noted that he had twelve deputies to cover all stations. This works out to about three working deputies at any one time in this area of the county.
 - B. California Highway Patrol: Absent. It was understood that he was attending the graduation ceremony for volunteers.
 - C. Assemblyman Tom Lackey: Absent.
 - D. Kern County Supervisor's representative: Laura Lynn Wyatt briefed the community on a planned Homeless Persons survey to be conducted on January 24, 2020 and that they were seeking volunteers to assist in the county. Training will be provided.
 - E. Rosamond Community Services District: Gregory Wood advised that wastewater treatment expansion will begin mobilization soon. The groundbreaking ceremony at the treatment facility was accomplished.
 - F. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce: Jack Miller advised that the first event, "Diamond Boo!" at the Rosamond Chamber of Commerce Event Center was held on October 26, 2019 and was deemed a success. He added that the Chamber is applying for 3 Renewbiz grants and that they expected approval. The Parade of Lights is scheduled for December 7, 2019 at 6:30p.m. On December 14, 2019, the Chamber will host a Holiday Boutique.
 - G. Southern Kern Unified School District: Superintendent Gaines was not in attendance, however, John Joyce did advise that the School District had made another installment on the loan from the County and that the balance was now down to \$1.3M dollars. The CA Cadets program at the High School has over 200 students enrolled.
 - H. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water: Randy Scott is excused. Director Parkman advised that he believed no news was good news as it relates to water resources.
 - I. Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB): No representative in attendance.
 - J. Others – Albert Gatton provided a real estate news update for the Rosamond area as follows: There are 54 homes on the active "For Sale" list averaging 1841 square feet and \$299,741.00 each which works out to a \$171.00psf price. He added that there were 42 homes on the pending list averaging a value of \$269,000.00 and that 23 homes were sold in October 2019 for a unit price of \$293,898.00.
7. **Guest Speaker(s):** Due to a scheduling error, the anticipated guest speakers for tonight's meeting, the Kern County General Services and Parks and Recreation unit will not attend tonight's meeting. They are on the schedule for the January 16, 2020 session of the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council.
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** – Director Parkman previously distributed the finalized letter to the Directors of the Council based on the additions and changes previously made by the Council. After a brief discussion on letter format, the letter was approved by all six Directors. Director Parkman advised that the approved letter will be delivered to the cognizant parties before the end of the month. **This item is closed** as an agenda item but will be tracked as a Project Status and Goals items for 2020.
 - B. **Waste Management Services – Transfer Station/Bulk Trash Pickup** – Next Event scheduling.
 - C. **Community Swimming Pool/Skate Park** – Representatives from Parks and Recreation will be invited back to the January 2020 RMAC meeting to discuss P&R plans for 2020. Director Parkman advised that Kern County General

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Services will take the lead on the Proposition 68 grant request for funding a skate park in the Rosamond area due to the significant workload that grant requests require and, for which, the RMAC is not financially equipped to handle. In addition, there are grant restrictions that must be complied with that RMAC may not be fully cognizant of.

- D. New Community Bank:** Director Parkman advised that this matter is a dead issue at present due to financial considerations relative to the investment in construction of new banks by the banking industry. The Council will periodically explore this issue with the East Kern Economic Alliance (EKEA). **This item is closed.**

11. Old Business

- A. Secondary Access Road 10th Street West/Patterson Road:** Director Parkman previously distributed the finalized letter to the Directors of the Council based on the additions and changes previously made by the Council. The letter was approved by all six Directors. Director Parkman advised that the approved letter will be delivered to the cognizant parties before the end of the month. **This item is closed** as an agenda item but will be tracked as a Project Status and Goals items for 2020.
- B. Administration and office space, files, furnishings and equipment** – No update.
- C. RMAC Special Vacancy Notices:** One position has been filled and one remains open for appointment. A nominee has been identified and is expected to be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors and seated at the January 2020 RMAC meeting.
- D. 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.
- E. Long and Short Term Goals for 2019/2020/2021.** No update.

12. New Business

- A. Disaster Preparedness: Earthquake, Fire, Civil Unrest.**
- B. Street Lighting – Survey for adequacy.**

13. Directors Agenda Referrals: None.

14. Director's Comment: None.

- 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 8:25 p.m.

Reminder: The next RMAC meeting will be held on January 16, 2020.

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.