

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – January 16, 2020

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.** There were 30 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute.**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Bill Parkman, Brennan Riley, Jim Johnson, and Dennis Shoffner were in attendance. Donna Morris, Lisa Checkley, and Seaneen McArdle were excused absences.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by Dennis Shoffner to adopt the agenda and seconded by Brennan Riley. Vote was 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.
5. **Approve Minutes:** A motion was made by Brennan Riley and seconded by Dennis Shoffner. Vote was 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.
6. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. Kern County Sheriff's Office: Absent.
 - B. California Highway Patrol: Sgt Walker provided the report. He advised that in the previous month, there were 2701 calls for service (CFS) of which there were 70 traffic collisions, 10 hit and run accidents, 70 disabled vehicles, and 18 abandoned vehicles.
 - C. Assemblyman Tom Lackey: Brandon Roque provided the report for Tom's office this month. AB1450 (Gabriel's Law) passed. AB853 CTE passed social winners. The Proposition Initiative for Prop 13 will be on the ballot in March. AB5 has impacted truck drivers, musicians, and other independent contractors. Brandon indicates that the State is looking at the impact of this law to see if changes are needed.
 - D. Kern County Supervisor's representative: Laura Lynn Wyatt briefed the community.
 - E. Rosamond Community Services District: Gregory Wood advised on water arsenic levels, a potential bond measure, and 1180 acre feet of water.
 - F. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce: Jack Miller provided an update on the Chamber's activities. Work is continuing on the Event Center and a Shed. They are hoping to get some grant money to facilitate that work.
 - G. Southern Kern Unified School District: Superintendent Gaines was in attendance and provided an update on the District's activities. She advised that student population stands at 3600 (a total of 6 schools). She added that the District has a balance of \$1.3 million on the state provided loan of \$3.4 million. She expresses hope that they will be able to dispatch the remaining balance very soon. 72 students have been reclassified. They want to expand to six kindergarten classrooms soon.
 - H. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water: Randy Scott is excused. Director Parkman provided the following brief based on input that Randy had provided to him this week. California reservoir levels are good. Most are near or above their historical averages. The snow packs are at: Northern Sierra/Trinity are 70% of normal for this date. Central Sierra is at 75% of normal and Southern Sierra is 83% of normal as of this date. Precipitation is at 62% of average. The initial State Water Project allocation for water year 2020 (to suppliers such as AVEK, Palmdale Water District, Littlerock, etc.) was announced in early December 2019 as 10%. This allocation will be reviewed and adjusted as necessary, depending on precipitation received as the year goes on.
 - 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 45 homes on the active "For Sale" list averaging \$300,170.00 each which works out to a \$171.87psf price. He added 27 homes on the pending list averaging a value of \$268,651.00 and that 28 homes closed in the month with an average price of \$251,062.00. He advised that it was good activity for the month and that there is a two month inventory of homes on sale. Mary Rodriguez spoke to the community regarding the lack of activities for the youth. She provided a handout on a program that she thinks would be good for disadvantaged children in the community. RMAC thanked Mary for her comments and agreed to put Mary in contact with like-minded persons to see if this can be cultivated and stood up.
7. **Guest Speaker(s):** Matt Howard (KCGS Supervisor) and Carl Brewer (KCGS Parks and Facility CAO Manager) spoke to the attendees on the community swimming pool and affirmed that the pool will be open this summer when the school recesses. They have rehabilitated the pool building and facilities. They are looking at being proactive and supportive of our small community. Matt advised that he will be working to obtain a grant for a community skate park. He noted that it will most likely be located in the Rosamond Park (Glendower Park). Chairman Parkman asked Matt if a cooperative agreement could be worked out with SKUSD and RCSD to spruce up United Park in East Rosamond. Matt and Carl replied that they would look into it.
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 advised that the approved

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approved letter was delivered to the cognizant parties on November 22, 2019, the day following the RMAC meeting. He added that this item will be tracked in the future as a Project Status and Goals list. **This committee is closed.**

- B. Waste Management Services – Transfer Station/Bulk Trash Pickup** – The next bulk trash day is expected to occur in the first quarter of 2020.

11. Old Business

- A. Secondary Access Road 10th Street West/Patterson Road:** Director Parkman advised that the approved letter was delivered to the cognizant parties on November 22, 2019. **This item is closed** as an agenda item but will be tracked on the Project Status and Goals list.
- B. Administration and office space, files, furnishings and equipment** – No update. A follow-up letter will be prepared.
- C. RMAC Special Vacancy Notices:** All vacant positions have been filled with the last position filled by Jim Johnson who was seated tonight prior to the 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.** An initial draft showing the status of outstanding projects and future goals for the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council was distributed to the Directors and a copy made available for those in attendance who were interested.

12. New Business

- A. Disaster Preparedness: Earthquake, Fire, Civil Unrest.** Inadvertently left off the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Will be placed on the February 2020 Agenda.
 - B. Street Lighting – Survey for adequacy.** Inadvertently left off the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Will be placed on the February 2020 Agenda.
- 13. Directors Agenda Referrals:** Dennis Shoffner noted that it is time for the nomination and election of officers for 2020. Chairman Parkman disagreed
- 14. Director's Comment:** None.
- 15. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Johnson and seconded by Brennan Riley. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Reminder: The next RMAC meeting will be held on February 20, 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.