

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – November 19, 2020

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.** This is the third regular meeting after the transition to a Zoom virtual meeting platform. There were 12 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute.**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Bill Parkman, Brennan Riley, Lisa Sanchez and Dennis Shoffner were in attendance. Donna Morris was an excused absence. No status on Seaneen McArdle.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by _____ to adopt the agenda and seconded by _____. Vote was 12 Ayes and 0 Nays.
5. **Approve Minutes:** No minutes were submitted for approval pending resolution of technical issues.
6. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. Kern County Sheriff's Office: No representative in attendance.
 - B. California Highway Patrol: No representative in attendance.
 - C. Assemblyman Tom Lackey: No representative in attendance.
 - D. Kern County Supervisor's representative: Laura Lynn Wyatt excused.
 - E. Rosamond Community Services District: No representative in attendance.
 - F. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce: Jack Miller provided an update on the Chamber's activities. Work is continuing on the Event Center and Chamber Office.
 - G. Southern Kern Unified School District: No representative in attendance.
 - H. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water: Randy Scott provided this month's update.
 - I. Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB): No representative in attendance.
 - J. Others – None.
7. **Guest Speaker(s):** No scheduled speaker.
8. **Community Announcements:** Lisa Sanchez advised that the VFW is working on Thanksgiving baskets for elderly veterans. She also advised that Coach's would be holding a "Trunk or Treat" for the children of the community due to the state restrictions on gatherings resulting from the coronavirus pandemic.
9. **Public Comment Period:** None.
10. **Business Meeting - Committee Reports - Ad Hoc Committees have been established for the following Action Items.**
 - A. **Standup of Disaster Preparedness Committee for Earthquake, Fire and/or Civil Unrest:** Brennan Riley volunteered to serve as Chairman of the Committee. Donna Morris is joining Brennan Riley and Dennis Shoffner on the committee because of her past involvement with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Brennan advised that they had their preliminary meeting. They will be looking at joining forces with other community leaders to update/implement associated procedures.
 - B. **Standup of Committee for Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council 15th Anniversary - March 7, 2021:** Chairman Parkman asked Lisa Sanchez to serve on this Committee which she accepted.
 - D. **Adjustment of RMAC Boundaries:** Chairman Parkman advised that Laura Wyatt provided a Rosamond community boundary map. He added that his quick review indicates that this map shows the western boundary of the Rosamond community as 90th Street West. Chairman Parkman also advised that he had not gotten a response from Elections regarding boundary lines and that he would take it up with them after the November election.
11. **Old Business**
 - A. **Administration and office space, files, furnishings and equipment** – No update. Hummel Hall is currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. This action item has been tabled until a reoccupancy date is established.
 - B. **Long and Short Term Goals for 2019/2020/2021.** An updated status of outstanding projects and future goals for the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council will be distributed to the Directors and the public at the January meeting.
 - C. **Rosamond-Mojave Rehabilitation Project.** Construction began October 2020. Includes overpasses at Dawn Road, Backus Road and Silver Queen. Initial work will be on the shoulders to build them up for traffic load. **The specific parameters for the Project are:** State Route 14 between Mojave and Rosamond, beginning 1.4 miles south of the Dawn Road overcrossing to .54 miles north of the Silver Queen Road overcrossing. What to expect: State Route 14 will remain open at all times with traffic reduced to one lane in each direction through the construction area. Construction hours are scheduled Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Traffic speeds

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will be reduced to 55 mph through the construction area. Construction is estimated to take 2 years. The public should expect night work and off-ramp closures. CalTrans will provide periodic updates on quickmap.dot.ca.gov.

D. December 2020 RMAC Monthly Meeting. Discussion of December meeting and possible cancelation due to the Christmas Holidays. If not canceled, the meeting will be on December 17, 2020 on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. If canceled by majority vote of the Directors, the next meeting will be on January 21, 2021 on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

12. New Business

A. None.

13. Directors Agenda Referrals: None.

14. Director's Comment: Chairman Parkman expressed concern regarding online education in SKUSD during the pandemic. He advised that he was recently moved by a report that he saw regarding students in a different school district who are underserved because their family do not have convenient or regular access to the internet. He related that the report showed three children huddled outside a library working on their assignments. Chairman Parkman noted that there are probably a large number of kids that live outside the town boundaries of Rosamond west of 90th Street and north of Dawn Road that do not have internet access and may be getting left behind on their pursuit of an education. He noted that there is a good chance that there are a few kids within the town boundary that are also limited in this regard. He added that he would like to address this with Superintendent Gaines or her representative very soon.

15. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Sanchez and seconded by Brennan Riley. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Reminder: The next RMAC meeting will be held as determined under Item 11.D. of the Agenda on Zoom.

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.