

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – October 21, 2021

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.** This is the third meeting since the return to regular, in-person meetings at Hummel Hall for the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council. There were 16 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Tim Blakeley, Lisa Sanchez, Brennan Riley, Donna Morris, Dennis Shoffner and Bill Parkman were in attendance. Director Seaneen McArdle was an excused absence.
4. **Approve Minutes:** The minutes for the August 19, 2021 meeting and September 16, 2021 were presented at the October 21, 2021 meeting for approval. A motion was made by Tim Blakeley and seconded by Lisa Sanchez. The vote was unanimous for adoption.
5. **Guest Speaker(s): No guest speaker this month.**
6. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - A. **Kern County Sheriff's Office:** No representative in attendance.
 - B. **California Highway Patrol:** Lt John Williams was not in attendance. His representative, Aaron Lowe, was in attendance. His presentation advised that there had been 80 collisions with 4 fatalities (there was no breakout of the statistics by community). There were calls/stops for DUI, seatbelt, or hit-and-runs. There were 14 people arrested for DUI and one call for a dog in the street. In addition there was a call for a suicidal person. He advised that folks need to slow down and wear their seatbelts.
 - C. **Assemblyman Tom Lackey:** Carlo Basail, Tom's representative to the Council, advised that Tom had an open calendar up to Christmas. He noted that the Assembly was up to 800 bills this year. He spoke about AB665 which deals with employment preferences for Veterans. He also touched on AB1346 (Ban on Small Engines and Directive to Stop Sales) and that a lot of folks were upset with this proposed legislation. Carlo mentioned that AB104 (High School Graduation Exemption List) was also a topic of concern.
 - D. **Kern County Supervisor's representative:** Laura Lynn Wyatt opened her presentation with an announcement on the County Resource Fair which will be held on 30 October 2021 at the Chamber of Commerce Event Center and provided a handout. She also touched on the community cleanup that will occur on 23 October 2021 and that the group would be cleaning a portion of the east side public areas on Sierra Hwy. Laura also added that cleanup/tree trimming and building painting will occur on November 13, 2021 at Glendower Park. She strongly encouraged community support and help. The Code Compliance problem on Locust Street has been abated, however, it is getting dirty again. There is also an RV parked in the back area behind the building. She advised the attendees that Code Compliance issues are such that it can take up to two years to resolve a non-compliant property. The final item Laura touched on was Redistricting of Kern County. She encouraged the attendees to contact the Board of Supervisors at 661-868-3139 to register their support for one of the four options being presented for Redistricting. Laura also directed their attention to the website Redistricting@KernCounty.com. She noted that there will be a Board of Supervisors' meeting next Tuesday evening to discuss community input as it relates to these plans. In closing, Laura took the opportunity on behalf to present an Award to Donna Morris, Director, RMAC, from Zack Scrivner for her service on the Council for the community of Rosamond and the Board of Supervisors.
 - E. **Rosamond Community Services District:** No representative in attendance.
 - F. **Rosamond Chamber of Commerce:** Jack Miller advised that the Chamber would be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" at the Chamber Offices on October 30, 2021 from 4 pm to 9 pm and would be followed by the Movie Night that Laura had mentioned.
 - G. **Southern Kern Unified School District:** No representative in attendance.
 - H. **Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water:** Randy Scott was not in attendance.
 - I. **Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB):** No representative in attendance.
 - J. **Others:**

(1) Fire Chief for Station-15 (Rosamond) Anthony Romero introduced himself to the Council. He noted that he is responsible for providing fire safety for the community of Rosamond (20,851 people) which comprises 52 square miles. He noted that the community has a 4-4x fire safety rating. He added that they have had 1400 calls for service so far this year. Chief Romero also spoke about the Ready Kern Reverse 911 program, Hazmat, Shelter-in-place, etc. Additional information can be found on www.KernCountyFire.org (click on Ready Kern). The Chair allowed the Fire Chief additional time as it had been some time since the Council had had the pleasure of getting a report from the station.

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(2) The Antelope Valley Historical Society advised that there would be an outdoor ceremony held by the Rosamond High School Cadet Corps at 5:30 p.m. on November 11, 2021 in recognition of Veterans Day.

(3) Kelly Carden, introduced himself, spoke of his family's residence in the community of Rosamond for many years and announced that he will be running for the District-2 seat on the Kern County Board of Supervisors in the 2022 election.

8. Public Comment Period:

A. Mr. Dave Snyder spoke at the meeting and was critical of Kern County Sheriff services in the community of Rosamond. He noted that the Sheriff's representative was not in attendance at the meeting. He also expressed frustration with tumbleweeds in and around the 35th Street West community in which he lives. Mr. Snyder also wanted to know what his tax monies were being spent on because it appears that none of that money is being spent in the community. The Chair responded that a lot of these issues have been raised before by other members of the community. He added that they are addressed each time they come up. They are not static events. The Chair brought Mr. Snyder's comments to a close when the comments took on the tone of a personal attack on the District-2 Supervisor's representative, Laura Wyatt.

9. Business Meeting - Committee Reports - Ad Hoc Committees established for the following items:

A. Review of By-laws: Chairman Parkman and Directors Sanchez and Shoffner. Continuing.

10. Old Business:

A. Administration, office space, files and equipment. A draft letter will be presented to the Council in November.

B. RMAC Goals and Project Status for 2019/2020/2021. No update this month. A copy of the current status is attached.

C. Rosamond-Mojave Rehabilitation Project. Work is continuing. Speed limit remains 55 in work area.

D. Brown Act/Ethics Training. Training was completed earlier in the day on October 21, 2021 at Hummel Hall by Kendra Graham, Kern County Counsel by Zoom Teleconference for six of the seven Directors. Director Seaneen McArdle was excused due to a family matter. All Directors need to complete AB1234 Ethics Training for this year (The Chair recognized some have completed the training but he did not have the list readily available). Ethics Training is available online at <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>. Sexual Harassment Training is also available online at: <https://www.dfeh.ca.gov/shpt/>.

E. Road Repairs/Upkeep/Safety. A handout will be provided at next month's meeting listing areas in need of attention as has been compiled to date. The public is strongly encouraged to identify and report either direct to Kern County Public Works on their "Reporting" page or to submit to one of the RMAC Directors for inclusion on the Council's Log. The Chair was advised that John Wilson was the point of contact regarding SkyPark and their roads.

F. Trash/Debris in Rosamond: "National Volunteer Day" is a program that sets aside the last weekend in October for community activities such as cleanup so October 23rd has been selected for the cleanup of Sierra Hwy from Rosamond Boulevard to Avenue 'A' (east side). The sign-in time is 7:00 a.m. in the field across from the Wayside Inn. Attendees and residents of Rosamond are strongly encouraged to participate in this endeavor as it will serve as an impetus to do future events. It was also emphasized that a hazardous materials drop-off is already on the schedule for the first Saturday in November. Director Parkman stated he would add a map to the RMAC Facebook page that shows the route and area at the Mojave Airport that takes those materials from residents.

12. Director's Agenda Referrals: None.

13. Director's Comments: None.

14. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Director Lisa Sanchez and seconded by Director Brennan Riley. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Reminder: The next RMAC meeting will be held on November 18, 2021 at Hummel Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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.

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(Government Code Section 54953.2)

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