

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – March 17, 2022

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.** There were 16 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Brennan Riley, Lisa Sanchez, Tim Blakeley, Seaneen McArdle and Bill Parkman were in attendance. Director Dennis Shoffner is excused from attending due to lingering aftereffects of a recent illness. The seventh seat on the Council remains vacant.
4. **Public Comment Period:** None.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. **Approve Minutes:** The minutes for the 11182021 and 02172022 meeting were approved on motion by Director Blakeley and seconded by Director McArdle. The Minutes were approved on a vote of 4-0-1 (one abstention).
 - b. **Guest Speaker:** None scheduled.
 - c. **Community Leader Reports – (Please limit report to no more than two minutes):**
 - **Kern County Sheriff's Office:** Lt Colbert provided an email report. This report is provided as an attachment to these minutes. It essentially advises that quote "Due staffing levels, deputies are unable to stay in Rosamond full time, like in the past. Deputies have a larger area of responsibility to manage, which is obviously causing a longer response time for calls. The Command Staff of the Sheriff's Office are aware of the staffing issues and response times throughout the East Kern area.
 - **California Highway Patrol:** No representative in attendance.
 - **Kern County Fire Department:** Chief Anthony Romero was not available to attend this month's meeting. In his absence, he provided a narrative which is provided as an attachment to these meeting minutes. In his email, he advised that there were 2400-2500 calls for service for Station 15 in the Rosamond area. Turning to the outbreak of fires in the community, a representative from Station 15 attended on behalf of Chief Romero and spoke to the concerns of the community as it relates to fires. He noted, statistically, that 43-percent of all fires are caused by the homeless. He also advised that where arson is suspected, the arson investigation unit has, or will be, dispatched to evaluate the event. In closing, he advised that a broader effort is needed to deal with the homeless in Kern County.
 - **Assemblyman Tom Lackey:** Carlo Basail informed the community that the legislature is looking at the impacts that have occurred to public safety as a result of Prop 47. He also noted the community's concerns with public safety as it relates to the homeless. In his response to his solicitation, Lisa Sanchez advised that it would be helpful to the trucking industry if the State would take a look at its speed limit of 55mph for over-the-road trucks and lift or adjust it so that those trucks get better fuel mileage (which she added would help the economy).
 - **Kern County Supervisor's representative:** Laura Lynne Wyatt advised the community that she has been reinstated as the Supervisor's representative to East Kern as a result of lobbying by members of the Rosamond, Boron and Mojave communities. She thanked them for their support. Turning to her report, she advised that the State Gas Tax provides no benefit to Kern County and that, in general, the County is against the planned increase coming mid-year 2022. She addressed Diamond Street and that cleanup and repair of the area is needed. Laura added that she wants to be a part of that remedial effort.
 - **Rosamond Community Services District:** No representative in attendance.
 - **Rosamond Chamber of Commerce:** Jack Miller advised that the "Welcome to Rosamond" has been refinished and a coating applied that should make future cleanup of the sign easier.
 - **Southern Kern Unified School District:** No representative in attendance.
 - **Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water:** Randy Scott provided his monthly report. He informed the community that the January to February 2022 time period was the driest in history for California. He did note that ground water levels and reservoirs are staying steady.
 - **Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB):** No representative in attendance.
 - **Others:** None.
 - d. **Community Announcements:** Director Sanchez announced that the VFW Auxiliary will be hosting a Community Easter Egg Hunt and a Vendor's Carnival in Glendower Park on April 9, 2022. She added that it is being announced and

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published with the hope it will encourage a large turnout in the community. If successful, she believes that more such events will occur.

e. Committee Reports:

(1) Review of Bylaws: Chairman Parkman advised the community that bylaw revisions remain in progress. He noted the process that the bylaws will undergo entails extensive review and revision to align them with the latest Brown Act guidelines, add provisions for virtual meetings by the Council whenever there are Public Health concerns or other factors that make in-person meetings problematic, addressing administrative costs of the Council and other administrative and logistic matters. He added that Kern County Counsel has been closely consulted and that they have also provided inputs to ensure that the bylaws fully conform to guidelines, regulations and laws. Once the initial draft is completed, it will go through review again including a requisite number of public readings before presentation to the Council for a vote. Upon completion of that, the bylaws will be presented to the Kern County Board of Supervisors for their approval.

(2) Standup of the Gem Hill Project Review Team: Directors Sanchez, McArdle and Blakeley will staff this Ad Hoc committee. Director Sanchez has been appointed as Chair for the review. A letter from the Division Chief, Advanced Planning, Katrina A. Slayton, is provided as an attachment to these minutes. In addition, a handout from CALPORTLAND on their Carbon Reduction Initiative is also provided as an attachment.

(3) Standup of the Strategic Planning Committee: This Ad Hoc committee is being formed at the request of the District-2 Supervisor's representative, Laura Lynne Wyatt. Selection of committee members will occur in the April RMAC meeting.

6. Old Business:

a. Brown Act/Ethics Training/Sexual Harassment Training. Brown Act Training has been completed by all but one of the Directors on October 21, 2021. Director McArdle will contact Kendra Graham at Kern County Counsel for scheduling direction. All Directors need to complete AB1234 Ethics Training for year 2022. 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/>.

b. Road Repairs/Upkeep/Safety. Chairman Parkman advised that the survey is continuing. Assistance is welcomed.

7. Director's Agenda Referrals: The guest speaker currently scheduled for the April 21, 2022 meeting will be the California Cadet Corps.

8. Director's Comments: None.

9. 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 8:16 p.m.

Reminder: The next RMAC meeting will be held on April 21, 2022 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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