



**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 P.M.

**2. ROLL CALL: Directors Coletta, Casey, Rips,
President Maynard
Director Kahlert had an excused absence**

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Orange County Sheriff's Department, K-9 Demonstration

Orange County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Burke debuted his Rookie K-9 Partner, Sando, a three-year old Dutch Shepherd. He stated that Sando would soon be trained as a drug dog for the County of Orange. Deputy Burke took questions from the Board and the audience relative to police dog breeding, training, housing, temperament, care and lifespan. Director Coletta asked the Deputy why the County imported their police dogs from Europe. Deputy Burke replied that due to over-breeding issues resulting in frequent occurrences of hip dysplasia in the German Shepherd dog, most police agencies now utilized the European-bred Dutch Shepherd and Belgian Malinois for police work. These breeds displayed superior health and endurance and the European breeders were dedicated to retaining the natural drive and working temperament in the line. He added that all of these breeds were herding dogs with high energy levels and required training and a job to do to keep their intelligent minds active. K-9 Units are on call 24/7.

General Manager Montana asked whether the recent Supreme Court decision mandating police agencies to obtain a warrant prior to using police dogs on private property had influenced the way in which the OC Sheriff's K-9's were now used. Deputy Burke stated that he and the County were familiar with the Florida case and were watching it closely. He concluded by saying that the Sheriff's Department does not utilize K-9s in neighborhoods and around homes unless they have reasonable cause to do so, and/or a crime has already taken place. Their procedures were comparable to those of other agencies.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA—None

C. PUBLIC FORUM

Mary Holsgang had announcements relative to the Friends of the Library Front Porch Project Fundraiser. She stated that the funds were being raised to rehabilitate the library and expand the outdoor space into additional meeting space. She showed a poster depicting the finished project.

Del Clark from the Rossmoor Women’s Club added that the fundraising goal was \$100K to cover projected construction costs of \$75-\$80K with the remaining funds to be put in reserve for future maintenance and repairs. She stated that bricks available for purchase at \$100 each and pavers were also available for \$150 each.

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. REPORT ON TREE PLANTINGS IN PARKWAYS – STATUS UPDATE

Recommendation to receive the report and provide direction to General Manager and General Counsel on future plantings in covered parkways and parkways where resident requests that no tree be planted.

Tree Program Specialist Mary Kingman gave a general status update to the Board. Discussion ensued relative to County enforcement, the Vacant Site List, the Tree Planting Refusal list and the Board’s recollection of the County agreeing to support the District’s enforcement of the paved over parkways. The General Manager stated that General Counsel stated that the District still had the option of applying for an encroachment permit with the County for enforcement purposes. Motion by Director Coletta, seconded by Director Casey to file an application with the County of Orange for an encroachment permit for hardscape removal and tree planting at the four resident-protested sites. Motion passed 3-1, with Director Rips voting No.

It was the consensus of the Board to transfer the remaining 20 tree planting refusals to an active planting list by writing letters to the residents in order to update and re-qualify the status of the 20 sites from a refreshed starting point (as residents may have moved or may be open to selecting a different species). Director Coletta requested that staff research the minutes of the meeting containing the decisions regarding the tree planting appeals listed in the report. The report was received and filed.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1a. MINUTES-REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2013

2. FEBRUARY 2013 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved as submitted, 4-0.

F. PUBLIC HEARING—None

G. RESOLUTIONS—None

H. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF PAPERLESS AGENDA PROGRAM POLICY

Recommendation to give second reading and adopt RCSD Policy No.3096 (*Former Policy No. 5025*) Agenda Program.

President Maynard opened up the floor to public comment. A resident suggested that the Board should try out the iPads prior to purchase. President Maynard stated that he currently owned an iPad, knew how to use it, was a paperless advocate and was secure in the hard work of District staff and General Counsel in developing the policy as well as the Board's decision to move forward. President Maynard closed public comment.

Discussion ensued. Director Casey had questions relative to some minor grammatical nuances in 3026.23. He suggested removing the words "issue ipads" appearing in line four. Director Coletta suggested having General Counsel reword 3026.23. Director Rips disagreed. Motion by Director Coletta to resubmit the policy to General Counsel, seconded by Director Casey. More discussion ensued with President Maynard stated that he felt strongly that the policy should be adopted as written. The General Manager stated that the Paperless Agenda Policy was a fluid document that would likely come back to the Board at a future date for revisions to meet the District's evolving needs. Director Coletta withdrew the motion. New Motion by Director Coletta, seconded by Director Casey to adopt Policy No. 3096 Paperless Agenda Program Policy. Motion passed 4-0.

It was the consensus of the Board to purchase the iPads and have the District's Paperless Agenda Program fully implemented by the summer of 2013.

2. RESIDENT'S APPEAL OF GENERAL MANAGER'S DECISION RE: PLANTING OR REMOVAL OF PARKWAY TREES

Recommendation to receive report and adhere to RCSD Policy No. 3080 by rejecting appeal.

Resident Erlene Minton stated that she had been ignorant of the District policy and therefore apologized for removing the original Chinese Flame Tree from the parkway. She stated that she was appealing the District's decision to fine her in the amount of \$260 for her transgression. She concluded that she was willing to plant a replacement tree, preferably a Crape Myrtle. Discussion ensued relative to resident actions, District policy and the actual cost of the replacement tree.

Motion by President Maynard, seconded by Director Rips to waive the cost of the February 2005 tree planting in the amount of \$80 and charge resident Erlene Minton for the replacement planting of a new 24" box tree for her parkway at the wholesale price of \$180; have District Tree Care Specialist Mary Kingman work with Mrs. Minton to select and desirable species. Motion passed 4-0.

3. YOUTH CENTER ROSSMOOR PARK SUMMER DAY CAMP-PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

Recommendation to Approve the request of Lina Lumme, Executive Director of the Youth Center, to continue a partnership with the RCSD in providing the annual Summer Day Camp Program at Rossmoor Park weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (an extension of 3 hours to prior years' requests). Also, to authorize approval of policy limitations including exceeding the 8:00 a.m. start time and the eight hours per day limit pursuant to Policy No. 6010—Requests for Use of District Parks and Facilities.

Youth Center Director, Lina Lumme addressed the Board. She thanked them for their support in providing a place for the Youth Center to thrive for over 23 years. She added that the District's donation of the Community Center facility had enabled the Youth Center to provide scholarships to many families who would not otherwise be able to afford it.

Discussion ensued. Director Coletta had questions relative to the impact on District Staff. Recreation Superintendent Emily Gingras stated that the Youth Center staff was provided with keys and access to the Community Center and kitchen in order to prepare breakfast and lunch for the children and that District staff was not involved. Director Rips had questions relative to whether or not the District had received any past complaints from residents. Emily Gingras replied that impact on neighbors was minimal and she did not recall any complaints. President Maynard and General Manager Montana had questions relative to the extended hour pickup locations, times and traffic safety with children crossing on busy Hedwig Road. Lina Lumme responded that the pickups were staggered and that parents usually utilized parking around Rossmoor Park to pick up their children. She added that 75% of the Youth Center children were Rossmoor residents.

Motion by President Maynard, seconded by Director Casey to approve the request of Lina Lumme, Executive Director of the Youth Center, to continue a partnership with the RCSD in providing the annual Summer Day Camp Program at Rossmoor Park, weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and to authorize approval of policy limitations including exceeding the 8:00 a.m. start time and the eight hours per day limit pursuant to Policy No. 6010—Requests for Use of District Parks and Facilities. Motion Passed 4-0.

4. DISCUSSION WITH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CONSULTANT AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: RENEWAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT-MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

Recommendation to authorize Board President to execute a Professional Services Agreement with the HTGroup as an external affairs consultant for an additional 12 months (1 year) on the same terms and conditions as the current Agreement.

Brief discussion ensued. Motion by Director Coletta, seconded by Director Casey to approve the renewal of HTGroup Professional Services Agreement for Management Consultant, under the same terms and conditions for a period of one year. Motion passed 4-0.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS

Chris Montana reported that the District had applied for and received a \$1000 grant from District insurance carrier SDRMA for the installation of a security camera at Rossmoor Park in order to minimize theft. The camera would be installed soon. She also reported that the Shops at Rossmoor Ad Hoc Committee had held their first meeting on April 8th to discuss the overflow parking issues and progress had been made toward a solution.

J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

President Maynard thanked the members of the public for attending, thanked the staff for their hard work and professionalism, and encouraged the community to support the Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Library and the Front Porch Project Fundraiser. He also invited everyone to attend the Rossmoor Community Festival on Sunday, May 5th, visit the RCSD Booth and get to know the District Board and staff.

Director Coletta thanked the General Manager, Staff and District Counsel for their hard work revising the Paperless Agenda Policy. He encouraged the community to support the Friends of the Library Front Porch Project and asked the General Manager to research the feasibility and legality of making a District contribution to the cause.

Director Casey had comments relative to the Shops at Rossmoor and Rossmoor Condo overflow parking issues. He stated that if the four condominium property managers had discussed the parking concerns directly with the Shops at Rossmoor property management from the beginning, the situation would never have escalated to the level of having Rossmoor residential streets packed with nonresident vehicles. He added that both the condos and the shopping center are located in Seal Beach and therefore should be a Seal Beach issue. Finally, he stated that even though it was unfair that Rossmoor's leadership was being asked to facilitate the problem solving process, reviving the SAR Ad Hoc Committee was the right thing to do because the meeting had initiated the process of finding solutions. He suggested that the management from each of the four condominiums step up and write a letter to Seal Beach and the Shops at Rossmoor.

Director Rips requested status on the security camera bids. Henry Taboada replied that the first company had not responded; the second vendor bid came in at \$100K; a third bid at \$150K; and the only viable source of electricity is power poles. Southern California Edison no longer allows the use of their light poles.

Director Rips also requested that the Mayor's Consortium Committee be resurrected in order to address the City of Cypress trucking issue. President Maynard added that the City of Cypress is known as a hidden city because it has absolutely no freeway access. He opined that going forward with the truck project would be, in effect, equivalent to Cypress thumbing their noses at their neighboring communities; all of which would be severely impacted by this venture. Henry Taboada agreed stating that the 32 acre project would include bays for over 100 trucks. He stated he had contacted the cities of Los Alamitos, Seal Beach and Garden Grove to discuss the issue and the City of Cypress was offered a seat at the table (still pending). He concluded that once he heard back from all agencies, he would schedule a meeting of the Mayor's Consortium.

K. CLOSED SESSION:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Manager

At 9:10 p.m. the Board adjourned to a closed session.

At 9:28 p.m. the Board returned from closed session. There was no reportable action.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by President Maynard, seconded by Director Rips to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:29 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

SUBMITTED BY:

Chris Montana
General Manager