



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

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL: Directors Casey, Kahlert, DeMarco, Nitikman
President Maynard

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. OC Sheriff Lt. Jeff Puckett Re: Quarterly Crime Statistics

Sergeant Feely reported the Rossmoor First Quarter Crime Statistics on behalf of Lt. Puckett. Crimes of opportunity continued to be all too frequent in the community. He urged Rossmoor residents to be more vigilant in securing their valuables. He advised them to keep their vehicles locked at all times when parked in their driveways or on the street and remove items from their cars or place them out of view in the trunk for safe keeping. He stated that catalytic converter thefts were on the rise, particularly from Toyota trucks and older model cars, due to the platinum. Law enforcement recommended parking in the garage and if that was not possible to add either motion detection lights or continuous lights to illuminate property as a deterrent. Discussion ensued relative to which car models were most vulnerable to catalytic converter thefts, prevention measures, reducing crimes of opportunity and preventing burglaries by refusing to respond to unsolicited door knockers and unannounced visitors. Sergeant Feely encouraged residents to contact the Sheriff's Department and neighborhood watch regarding any suspicious activity.

b. Lina Lumme RCSD/Youth Center Summer Day Camp 2017

Los Alamitos Youth Center Director Lina Lumme thanked the RCSD Board and staff for their ongoing partnership and support, without which, camp scholarships would not be possible. She reported to the Board on the new programming additions to the Youth Center Summer Day Camp Program and introduced the new Summer Camp Program Director, John Manley. Mr. Manley provided the Board with an overview of his background and education in Marine Science as a teacher, biologist and underwater filmmaker. He discussed the new summer camp theme "Shark Camp" with add-on classes for young children and teens, concentrated in Science, Technology,

and Math (STEM), as well as art and music. The camp schedule is the most flexible and accommodating in the area and includes add on classes and day rates so parents can enroll their children in one class, one day/week or the entire summer. The camp was old school, immersive and electronics-free providing a diverse, hands-on experience for the outdoor and sports-minded and also provided creative and scientific choices such as art, music and technology. Discussion ensued relative to shark behavior and increased sightings, camp demographics, number of attendees and statistical retention. Mr. Manley stated that “Shark Camp” was just the name of the camp; the instruction was not focused on sharks or shark behavior—only one week of camp was conservation-based. Regarding demographics, Mr. Manley stated it was his first year working with this camp; however, it was his understanding that most attendees were repeat attendees and were Rossmoor-based. The report was received and filed.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA—None

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

Diane Rush opined relative to the poor condition of many of the main roads in the community, i.e. Bradbury Road and St. Cloud Road. She added that one of the potholes was so large that it prevented the city bus from stopping in the correct spot, making it unsafe for riders to board the bus. She expressed her opposition to the LA Fitness Project in the Shops at Rossmoor. She stated that there were many flaws in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that should be investigated. She further opined that the fitness center would increase crime and traffic in Rossmoor and cause overflow parking into the Rossmoor community. Applause ensued.

Brenda Gorman also expressed her opposition to the LA Fitness Project in Seal Beach. She was especially concerned about additional crime, traffic, youth and pedestrian safety. She stated that the LA Fitness owners were attempting to gain support for the project by offering senior discounts to Leisure World residents. She requested that the RCSD Board form a committee and hold a special meeting to strengthen Rossmoor’s position. Applause ensued.

Beverly Houghton thanked the RCSD Board and staff for its co-sponsorship and support during this year’s successful Rossmoor Community Festival. She also discussed the RHA’s position on the LA Fitness Project and the upcoming articles in the Sun and News Enterprise opposing the project. Applause ensued.

Melissa Gonzales spoke in favor of the LA Fitness Project. She opined that the fitness center would provide health benefits and dismissed the concerns of residents regarding traffic and crime.

Kat Molia proposed that a full size basketball court be constructed at Rush Park. She stated that there were many young families in the community who would use the court.

Erwin Anisman opined relative to his concerns regarding the many Rossmoor trees lost to recent activity. He stated that the value of the community’s urban forest was in the millions of dollars and he wanted to be sure that the District had budgeted for future threats to the trees like weather, insects and disease.

Owen Pearce reported that someone had been stealing the plants from his Kempton Park Eagle Scout Demonstration Project. He opined that it was incredibly discouraging and asked the Board for

their help in mitigating the culprits. President Maynard stated that he was unaware of this activity and was appalled. Director DeMarco suggested notifying the residents near the park and asking them to keep their eyes open for suspicious activity. The rest of the Board concurred and requested that the General Manager work with Owen to deter and/or locate the perpetrator.

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1. QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT

General Manager Jim Ruth reported on the quarterly status of the District’s activity in coordination with its mission, goals and objectives. He discussed the Montecito Road and District Parks and Facilities lighting upgrades, District investments, landscaping projects and contract management, communication milestones and online facility reservation target dates. The report was received and filed.

2. QUARTERLY RECREATION REPORT

Recreation Superintendent, Chris Argueta reported on the quarterly status of the District’s Recreation Program. He provided a recap of the California State University Basketball Game, Los Alamitos Girls Softball Annual Carnival and Opening Day and the Rossmoor Community Festival event. He also provided an overview of the Summer Event Schedule which included all new Movies, Concerts and Shakespeare in the Park. He remarked that this year viewers could enjoy a larger movie screen. Brief discussion ensued relative to sponsors and donations for the Shakespeare in the Park performances. The report was received and filed.

3. QUARTERLY TREE REPORT

District Tree Consultant Mary Kingman reported on the status of the Rossmoor Urban Forest. She discussed the various issues affecting the number of Rossmoor trees such as disease, drought, age and inclement weather. Lengthy discussion ensued relative to tree loss, drought, disease, stormy weather, current tree planting and watering schedule and notification procedures. Mary Kingman stated that while Rossmoor lost only 12 trees due to recent storms, those numbers paled in comparison to the nearby city of Long Beach, which lost between 250 and 300 trees. The report was received and filed.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1a. MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING—April 11, 2017

2. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT—March 2017

Motion by Director Kahlert seconded by Director Casey to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as submitted. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

F. PUBLIC HEARING—None

G. RESOLUTIONS—None

ORDINANCES—None

H. REGULAR CALENDAR:

1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: MONTECITO ROAD STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS.

Recommendation that the Board approve the proposal from Express Energy Savings to procure and install 26 LED streetlights on Montecito Road replacing 70 watt Edison incandescent lights at a cost of \$9,267, paid for out of Fund 40, with full cost recovery through energy savings over 50.84 months.

Discussion ensued relative to the historical background of the project and its thorough review by the CIP Committee. The CIP Committee favored the conversion to LED Lighting and directed the General Manager to explore grant options to fund the project. Staff believes that from a safety standpoint, as well as the energy and cost saving benefits, the District should proceed with the implementation of this project.

Motion by Director DeMarco seconded by Director Kahlert/Nitikman to authorize the General Manager to approve the proposal from Express Energy Savings to procure and install 26 LED streetlights on Montecito Road replacing 70 watt Edison incandescent lights at a cost of \$9,267. Motion passed 5-0.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS:

The General Manager reported that the RHA/RCSD Community Festival on Sunday, May 7th went very well due to the excellent coordination and cooperation between the respective organizations.

Express Energy Services will proceed Convert Current Lighting Systems in our parks and facilities from incandescent to LED Lighting. The contractor is attempting to incorporate Foster & Kempton Park Security Lighting and the Montecito Center & Exterior Lighting into our OBF Program for Rush and Rossmoor Park. The Edison Company is evaluating the incorporation of these upgrades to make sure they meet their criteria. This OBF proposal will be agendized for the June Board Agenda. Conversion of the walkway lights at Rossmoor Park to LED will be installed tomorrow along with the replacement of the damaged light pole resulting from storm damage. He stated that staff was working to schedule the CIP and Budget Committee Meetings by June 5th in addition to a Tree Committee Meeting.

Regarding Community issues: the Shops at Rossmoor LA Fitness Project was being followed closely The Seal Beach City Manager has advised us that the Planning Commission & City Council Hearings would be scheduled sometime in June. The City of Seal Beach Planning Commission has tentatively scheduled the hearing on the LA Fitness Center Project for Monday, June 5th.

The RCSD's Resolution opposing the removal of the parking restrictions on the Foster Road Bike Route was sent to Supervisor Michelle Steel and he anticipated a decision in the next couple of months.

The Contract Renewal with BreaIT Solutions has been executed. Staff is working with US Bank and BreaIT Solutions to upgrade our in house Point of Sale to include a credit card chip reader in order to maintain PCI Compliance for accepting credit card payments. US Bank is coordinating with RecDesk to set up our online Registration process, which should be ready to go by summer. This will allow patrons to pay for tennis court and picnic reservations online.

The District received an email from Deepthi Arubula, with the Orange County Public Works Department stating that the County appreciated the community's input and agreed to schedule the restriping in coordination with current maintenance schedule.

J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

Director Kahlert offered his sincerest condolences to General Manager Jim Ruth on the passing of his brother John. He requested that the Rush Park Basketball Court construction request be placed on the next CIP/Parks and Facilities Committee Agendas for review.

Director Nitikman also offered his condolences to General Manager Jim Ruth. Regarding the LA Fitness Project, He requested that an item be placed on the June agenda to challenge the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). He also asked the General Manager to confirm whether or not the final decision on the LA Fitness Project was to be made by the Seal Beach Planning Commission or the Seal Beach City Council.

Director Casey expressed his sincere condolences to Jim Ruth. He thanked Beverly Houghton for all of her hard work on the Rossmoor Community Festival. There was a great turnout despite the blustery weather conditions. He requested that a link to the OCTA I-405 Project survey be placed on the District website.

Director DeMarco suggested that residents consider installing surveillance doorbells devices on their doors. The device was a great crime deterrent, especially for package thefts; photos were uploaded straight to the Cloud. He also requested that residents, who did have camera surveillance installed at their homes, consider voluntarily informing law enforcement so as to utilize the cameras as part of a larger strategy to deter and solve neighborhood crimes. Director DeMarco thanked the RHA, Bev Houghton, RCSD Staff and volunteers for delivering another fantastic Rossmoor Community Festival for all to enjoy. He added that he was pleased regarding the basketball court request and encouraged residents to present their suggestions and ideas to the Board for consideration. He thanked General Manager Jim Ruth for the update on the Foster Road Bike Route issue and suggested RCSD Board Members attend as many meetings in surrounding communities as possible in order to stay informed and affect change. He also stated that he was pleased about the realization of the lighting improvements on Montecito Road and the added safety to the community.

President Maynard thanked all who attended tonight's Board meeting; even those who had opposing views regarding the LA Fitness Project. He concluded that Rossmoor encourages expression of all opinions and points of view, whether or not they are popular and it was a safe place for all to opine.

K. CLOSED SESSION—None

L. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director DeMarco to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m.
Motion passed 5-0.

SUBMITTED BY:

James D. Ruth
General Manager