

MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK 3021 Blume Drive Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Directors DeMarco, Nitikman, Rips, Searles,

President Barke

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Rips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Recognition of Rossmoor resident Allyson Bragg for representing the Rossmoor Community Services District in the production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* presented by the Inner-City Shakespeare Ensemble and directed by Dr. Melanie Andrews.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, President Barke recognized Allyson Bragg for representing the Rossmoor Community Services District in the production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* presented by the Inner-City Shakespeare Ensemble and directed by Dr. Melanie Andrews and presented her and Dr. Andrews with bouquets of flowers.

Ms. Bragg and Dr. Andrews thanked the RCSD and spoke about the recent production.

b. Orange County Sheriff's Department Captain Gary Knutson Re: OCSD Quarterly Crime Statistics

Orange County Sheriff's Department Captain Gary Knutson presented crime statistics for July and August; discussed catalytic converter thefts, calls for service, and incidents.

Discussion followed regarding increased number of petty thefts in July, catalytic converter thefts, the possibility of offering engraving services, specific times when a deputy is assigned to Rossmoor, locations of traffic tickets, a recent assault incident, offering tips for public protection and vehicles targeted for catalytic converter thefts.

c. CR&R and Orange County Waste and Recycling (OCWR) Re: service and Senate Bill 1383 requiring new three-bin collection system

Representatives from CR&R sand OCWR were introduced, and CR&R Senior Sustainability Manager Hashem Shokair displayed a PowerPoint presentation addressing upcoming changes in services to RCSD and collection and community services provided by the organization.

Joanne Taylor discussed household hazardous waste drop-off centers, SB 1383, source separation requirements, special handling, the number of vehicle passes, enforcement and taking street-sweeping into consideration.

President Barke invited public comments.

Dr. Maureen Wauters discussed issues related to COVID-19 and commented on challenges reporting service issues.

Konya Vivanti noted other haulers have similar service issues and offered her help.

Kevin Pierce expressed concern that his street has not been included in the route map and noted pick-up issues.

There were no other public comments.

Discussion followed regarding making compliance easier in terms of household hazardous waste disposal, scheduling public forums to educate residents, the importance of communication, special pick-ups, upcoming town halls/educational campaigns, costs of extra containers, reporting broken containers, the need for improved customer service/responsiveness and the possibility of implementing a service-ticket system.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

C. PUBLIC FORUM

President Barke invited comments from the public.

Dr. Jody Roubanis, on behalf of the Los Alamitos PTA, announced the upcoming Walk and Bike to School Day on October 6, 2021.

There were no other public comments.

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. QUARTERLY RECREATION REPORT

Recreation Superintendent Chris Argueta presented details of the Quarterly Recreation report including recent events and programs. and activities at Rossmoor and Rush Parks.

2. MONTHLY TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

General Manager Mendoza presented an update on traffic safety; addressed the last Traffic/Safety Committee meeting; discussed Orange County Public Works (OCPW) responses to questions from the Board during the August 10, 2021 Board meeting and reported there will be another Traffic/Safety Committee meeting scheduled in October.

Discussion followed regarding differences between Bradbury and other streets in terms of miles per hour, the benefits of the Traffic/Safety Committee in improving communications with OCPW, and the importance of building relationships.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MINUTES:

a. Regular Board Meeting of August 10, 2021

2. JULY 2021 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Motion by President Barke, seconded by Director Rips to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

F. PUBLIC HEARING - None

G. RESOLUTIONS

Legal Counsel Tarquin Preziosi reported the request is to accept a late claim; noted it does not appear to be reflected in the resolution; explained that under the Government Claims Act, the claim must be presented within six months of the injury and if not, the claimant must present a request to file a late claim which the governmental entity (RCSD) must act on and act on the claim itself, if it accepts the late claim. He believed the resolution presented may be incomplete, stated the report indicates that Carl Warner rejected the claim but noted there is no indication of that.

General Manager Mendoza reported Carl Warner accepted the late claim; requested that RCSD reject it and noted Attachment 3 is the notice of claim rejection.

1. RESOLUTION NO. 21-07-14-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT'S REJECTION OF GOVERNMENT CLAIM

Motion by President Barke, seconded by Director Nitikman to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 21-07-14-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT'S REJECTION OF GOVERNMENT CLAIM as presented and give staff the authority to reject the request to file a late claim, if recommended by Carl Warner.

The motion carried 5-0, with the following vote:

AYES:

Directors Nitikman, Rips, DeMarco, Searles and President Barke

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

None None

ORDINANCES - None

H. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. CONSIDERATION OF A SCHEDULE TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL PUBLIC FORUMS AND STUDY SESSIONS REGARDING LOCAL CONTROL

General Manager Mendoza presented details of the report and presented potential dates for the forums and study sessions and panelists.

Discussion followed regarding topics to be presented at each meeting, the need to be repetitive with the information presented at each meeting, the importance of having expert panelists including someone who can write legislation, providing as much information to the public as possible, having pre-meetings with consultants to ensure the information is on track with what is needed, the importance of getting consensus and developing survey questions.

President Barke invited public comments.

Kevin Pierce requested distribution of survey questions prior to the meeting on October 7, 2021, adding that he would prefer a joint survey between RHA and RCSD.

President Barke suggested distributing the survey after the first meeting on October 7, 2021.

There were no other public comments.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS

General Manager Mendoza discussed Rossmoor Park Community Center and replacement of the office flooring, Rossmoor Park parking stall resurfacing, street sweeping, an update on zip codes and Rush Park Auditorium audio/visual and lighting upgrades.

J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Director Nitikman commented on CR&R, hoped residents will be kept well-informed; asked that the information be included on the RCSD website and discussed disposal of alkaline batteries, household hazardous waste centers, and user fees for non-profits.

Director Rips shared his experience as Executive Director at the Jewish Community Center; noted non-profits provide a service for Rossmoor that RCSD cannot provide; commented on non-profits listing RCSD as a sponsor/partner and requested an update on the District's cloud-based accounting system. General Manager Mendoza reported Accountant Ken Pun will present a report at the next Board meeting and stated he will be meeting with the Budget Committee to review it.

Director Searles spoke about the Walk and Bike to School Day event; thanked Supervisor Foley for her recent participation in walking the community as well as the RHA; commented on the Foodie Festival and Winter Fest and thanked everyone for participating in tonight's meeting.

Director DeMarco spoke about the Foodie Festival; addressed the importance of educating residents on the new waste collection service and oversight; discussed the need for residents to know when the Sheriff's Deputy is assigned to Rossmoor, the possibility of obtaining a schedule and talked about getting information regarding the location of traffic citations in Rossmoor.

President Barke thanked General Manager Mendoza for the September 11th event and announced the Los Alamitos Chamber of Commerce Heroes Luncheon, noting RCSD is hosting this event.

General Manager Mendoza asked that the meeting, tonight, be adjourned in memory of Carl Stewart, Nesi Stewart's husband.

K. GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS

L. CLOSED SESSION

At approximately 10:12 p.m. President Barke announced the Board would adjourn to closed session. Motion by President Barke, seconded by Director DeMarco, to adjourn to closed session in memory of Carl Stewart.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6, California Government Code Agency
 Designated Representative: Joe Mendoza, General Manager
 Name of Employee Organization: All Unrepresented Employees

At approximately 10:22 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session, there was no reportable action.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by President Barke, seconded by Director DeMarco, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:23 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Jeffrey Barke, President

Joe Mendoza, Secretary

Rossmoor Community Services District

APPROVED: October 12, 2021