



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

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors DeMarco, Nitikman, Searles
President Rips

Absent: Director Barke

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

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Volunteer Recognition for the Rush Park Troubadours

On behalf of the RCSD Board and the community, President Rips presented shirts and hats in recognition and appreciation of the Rush Park Troubadours.

b. Orange County Sheriff's Department Commander Brent Benson and Captain Gary Knutson present Quarterly Crime Statistics and discuss deployment standards and response times in the Rossmoor Community Services District

President Rips announced that Items Nos. D-3 and D-4 will be considered concurrently, with this presentation.

Sheriff's Department Commander Brent Benson introduced himself; acknowledged safety issues in RCSD; claimed the Department will do better in the future and deferred to Captain Gary Knutson for a presentation.

In response to President Rips' question, Commander Benson explained they will begin having a larger presence at meetings and the District and reported they are working on

having a Deputy Office at Rush Park in order to write reports, be visible, and stay within the community.

Captain Knutson narrated a PowerPoint to accompany his presentation. He discussed County unincorporated areas, areas of responsibility, patrol areas and West County deployment, costs, a three-year review of calls for service and calls by priority.

Discussion followed regarding the District's need to understand expectations, steps to ensure the Sheriff's Department maintains its presence, area integrity and response to calls, and the Patrol Allocation Model.

Captain Knutson continued with an update on street sweeping in Rossmoor. He discussed the importance of parking enforcement, governance, necessity for signage, the County ordinance regulating parking, installation of new signs and the need for continued effective enforcement.

Discussion followed regarding having fair and equal enforcement, availability of citation data, staffing challenges, officer discretion to issue citations and adding parking enforcement on Wallingsford Road.

Captain Knutson continued with the presentation addressing illegally parked vehicle calls, street sweeping violation fees and the street sweeping enforcement plan.

Discussion followed regarding a recent incident at Rossmoor Park where a man was taking pictures of a child, a news release about the arrest of burglary suspects, steps to take to keep property secure, patterns related to burglaries and increases in the number of vehicles stolen.

President Rips invited public comments.

James Flanagan spoke in opposition to having the community wallpapered with street sweeping signs noting that for the past decade, they were unnecessary.

General Manager Mendoza noted there were issues with people parking on the streets and on their lawns during street sweeping.

Director Nitikman explained the process and noted law requirements and the need to comply with the vehicle code.

Captain Knutson reported that between 400 and 500 signs will be installed, in order to comply with the vehicle code.

Jill Perry spoke about the increased unsafe use of eBikes by kids, throughout the District.

Captain Knutson suggested contacting the Highway Patrol as they have jurisdiction in the District.

There were no other public comments.

The Board thanked Commander Benson and Captain Knutson for their presentation.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

C. PUBLIC FORUM - None

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. QUARTERLY PARKS AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REPORT

Parks Superintendent Romero Perez presented details of the Quarterly Parks and Facilities Maintenance Report.

2. UPDATE REGARDING POTENTIAL PICKLEBALL PROGRAM

General Manager Mendoza presented an overview of a recent Parks and Facilities Committee meeting and continued evaluation regarding the implementation of pickleball in the District, possible noise-reduction measures, the need for an overall review of park use, and the desire of the Board to take the time needed to thoroughly evaluate pickleball in Rossmoor. The General Manager discussed the possibility of hiring a consultant to study noise levels at both Rossmoor Park and Rush Park. The Board authorized retaining a consultant by the General Manager at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

President Rips reported receiving emails from Sue Clark, Rob Kaplan, Michelle Fieldson, Maureen Wauters, and Jimmy Ton.

President Rips invited public comments on this item.

Sue Kaplan spoke about there being no urgent need to set up pickleball in Rossmoor, until the matter is thoroughly discussed; reported there is tremendous availability for pickleball in surrounding areas; opined tennis and pickleball should be able to coexist and not one at the expense of the other; felt RCSD undervalues tennis and suggested building new pickleball courts at Rush Park instead of converting existing tennis courts at Rossmoor Park.

Michelle Fieldson spoke about pickleball not being a need; believed Rush Park is underused and Rossmoor Park continues to receive high impact activities; commented on the lack of parking at Rossmoor Park; talked favorably about the Board taking its time to thoroughly research the subject and urged the Board to step back and look at building infrastructure at Rush Park.

Janice Manis spoke about impacts of the proposed pickleball court at Rossmoor Park and surrounding residences; commented favorably about the Board studying the matter further; expressed concern regarding the timeline of the project and about there being an adaptation of an existing tennis court into pickleball courts.

Rob Kaplan stated he is reassured that the Board is taking its time in evaluating the matter; commented on the consultant also considering constructing a pickleball court at Rush Park and discussed expert opinions that it is much better to have separate facilities (for tennis and pickleball) that are independent from each other.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of doing a facilities master plan study, having a consultant speak with the Parks and Facilities Committee, the impacts of softball at Rossmoor Park, costs of constructing new pickleball courts versus converting existing tennis courts and the possibility of reaching a compromise or a temporary solution.

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE - Discussed under Item No. A-4b

4. STREET SWEEPING UPDATE – Discussed under Item No. A-4b

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MINUTES:

a. Regular RCSD Board Meeting of September 13, 2022

Motion by Director DeMarco, seconded by Director Searles to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented. Motion passed 3-0, with Director Nitikman abstaining and Director Barke absent.

2. AUGUST 2022 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Motion by Director DeMarco, seconded by Director Searles to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented. Motion passed 4-0, with Director Barke absent.

F. PUBLIC HEARING: None

G. RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES: None

H. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE RE: FY 2021-2022 ANNUAL AUDIT

General Manager Mendoza presented the FY 2021-2022 Annual Audit report; addressed discussions at a recent Audit Committee meeting and introduced and deferred to Auditor Brad Welebir for a presentation.

Auditor Brad Welebir, via Zoom, discussed the recent Audit Committee meeting and addressed findings, reserves, and expenditures.

Ken Pun, Accountant, thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the District; recommended that the District do a comprehensive reserve study and start building a larger capital reserve.

Mr. Welebir discussed findings regarding deficiencies in internal controls relative to deposits, refunds and reconciliations. Our new Accountant Michael Matsumoto is resolving this as he works on the interface with Black Mountain and RecDesk.

Motion by Director DeMarco, seconded by Director Searles to receive and file the FY 2021-2022 Annual Audit report. Motion passed 4-0, with Director Barke absent.

2. FEE WAIVER REQUEST: MEET YOUR CANDIDATES NIGHT TOWN HALL PRESENTED BY THE ROSSMOOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

General Manager Mendoza presented details of the report; reported RHA is requesting a refund of \$420 and discussed the cooperative effort between RHA and RCSD.

Legal Counsel Tarquin Preziosi reported the District's policy is designed to avoid a gift of public funds; noted that in order to waive a fee, the Board must find that RHA is a non-profit and that there is a public purpose for the activity.

Director Searles explained his support of the waiver; noted a waiver was granted previously and that the Candidate Forum is for those who are running for the RCSD Board and therefore, important to candidates and residents.

Director DeMarco felt that one of the questions asked of the candidates regarding incorporation of Rossmoor as a city and latent powers may have been inappropriate and read a prepared statement regarding the matter.

President Rips invited public comments.

Carol Churchill spoke about the League of Women Voters hosting candidate forums so that they have impartial people asking the questions; discussed the importance of RHA and RCSD working together and urged the Board to recognize RHA is a valid, tax-exempt organization and provide an especially important community services.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director Searles to approve the fee waiver quest by RHA for the recent Meet Your Candidate Forum and including a finding of public benefit. Motion passed 3-1, with Director DeMarco opposed and Director Barke absent.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS

General Manager Mendoza spoke about RCSD's participation in the Heroes Appreciation Lunch; discussed coyote sightings; addressed the Walk/Bike to School Day; announced an upcoming Meet your

New County Supervisor event with Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do, Family Day, Spooktacular Kids Night Out, and a Bulky Item Clean Up.

J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Director DeMarco requested data regarding in-district and out-of-district students in Rossmoor schools and suggested asking a representative of the School District to present to the Board; invited the public to the Farmers Market on Thursdays at Rush Park and thanked the Commander Benson and Captain Knutson for their report at tonight's meeting.

Director Searles thanked the Commander Benson and Captain Knutson for their report at tonight's meeting and suggested making any PowerPoint presentations shown in meetings, available with corresponding minutes and commented on Zoom access to meetings.

Director Nitikman thanked those who attended the meeting; agreed with taking the time to study the issue of pickleball and wished everyone well.

President Rips thanked staff for the audit; spoke about RCSD staffing, and spoke about Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

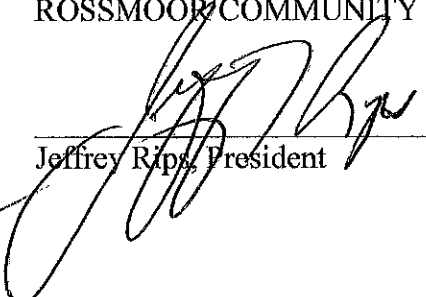
K. GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS - None

L. ADJOURNMENT

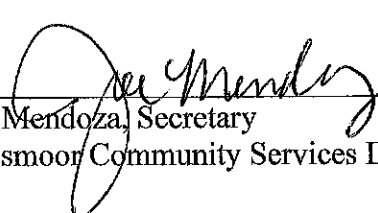
Motion by Director DeMarco, seconded by Director Searles, to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:09 p.m. Motion passed 4-0 (Barke absent).

ATTEST:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Jeffrey Rips, President



Joe Mendoza, Secretary
Rossmoor Community Services District

APPROVED: November 8, 2022