



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

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

- 2. ROLL CALL:** Directors Barke, Nitikman, Maynard
President Casey
Director DeMarco had an excused absence

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: WWII Veteran William Foster Cass led the Pledge of Allegiance and was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. OCSD QUARTERLY CRIME STATISTICS

Orange County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Feeley presented the quarterly crime statistics to the community. Sergeant Feeley observed that most crimes were due to unlocked doors and windows. He further reported on the security options offered in support of the Holiday Lights Bicycle Tour should the Board choose to go forward with co-sponsorship of the event. The report was received and filed.

b. CHP QUARTERLY CRIME STATISTICS

California Highway Patrol Officer Matthew Musselmann reported on traffic and speeding issues within the community. Officer Musselmann stated that stop sign violations and speeding are the biggest challenges he faced within Rossmoor. He added that his attention was primarily concentrated on areas near the schools and certain busy intersections. He encouraged residents to report any problem areas directly to him. The report was received and filed.

c. JFTB SUNBURST ACADEMY

Chief Rochelle Sonza reported on the Sunburst Academy Youth Program at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos, California. Two Sunburst Academy students gave testimony about how the program had positively impacted their lives. The report was received and filed.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA—None

C. PUBLIC FORUM—None

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1. QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT

The General Manager discussed staff progress over the quarter in reaching the District’s Mission, Goals and Objectives. The report was received and filed.

2. QUARTERLY FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Park Superintendent Omero Perez discussed quarterly maintenance which included Rush Park Playground repairs, roof repairs and the removal of built up sand at Rossmoor Park. The report was received and filed.

3. QUARTERLY RECREATION REPORT

Recreation Superintendent Chris Argueta discussed the success of the summer events program and the new R.A.S.C.A.L.S. After School Program at Rush Park. He stated that he was busy planning the Rossmoor Winter Festival on December 13, 2019 and that a ticket booth selling \$5 wristbands would be implemented this year to recover the growing costs required to manage and enhance the popular event. The report was received and filed.

4. QUARTERLY TREE REPORT

District Arborist Mary Kingman reported on the number of service requests, tree trims and safety trims over the last quarter. She also discussed the number of limb failures due to canopy growth and the tree species prone to limb failure. The report was received and filed.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

DIRECTOR NITIKMAN PULLED ITEM E-1a. MINUTES FROM THE AGENDA

1a. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING—October 8, 2019

Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director Barke to move the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting to the December 10, 2019 board meeting for approval due to lack of a quorum of October meeting attendees present this evening. Motion passed 4-0.

2. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT—September 2019

3. LONG TERM RENTERS

Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director Maynard to approve Items E-2 and E-3 on the consent calendar as submitted. Motion passed 4-0.

F. PUBLIC HEARING—None

G. RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 19-11-12-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT FORMALLY REQUESTING FAIR VOTING AND GEOGRAPHIC

REPRESENTATION ON THE LOS ALAMITOS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Recommendation to approve Resolution No. 19-11-12-01 formally requesting fair voting and geographic representation on the Los Alamitos School District Board of Education.

The General Manager reported that on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 LAUSD announced in an email that the Board of Education had begun the process of changing the current at-large voting system to a voting system based on five trustee areas. This means that instead of voting for all five members of the school board at large, a voter will select one trustee to represent their area of the school district. To solicit feedback from the community on these draft maps, the School District held a series of outreach meetings, one of which was held Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Rush Park in Rossmoor. Discussion ensued relative to maps and boundary lines and possibly scheduling an interim special meeting.

Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director Maynard, to take no action on the resolution, form a temporary subcommittee consisting of Directors Nitikman and Barke to meet with a Los Alamitos Unified School District representative to obtain more detail regarding the maps and allow them to formulate specific recommendations to be included in a resolution that the RCSD could adopt at its December meeting, and the Board of Education could formally consider at its December 10, 2019 public hearing. Director Maynard was appointed as Alternate. Motion passed 4-0.

ORDINANCES—None

H. REGULAR CALENDAR:

1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: RHA HOLIDAY BIKE TOUR COSPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL

Recreation Superintendent Chris Argueta reported that at the direction of the Board, the District had again met with the Orange County Sheriff's Department regarding a safety plan for the Holiday Lights Bicycle Tour and also attempted to be named as additionally insured on the liability insurance for the local non-profit bicycle club, however, it was too costly. The RHA will not be able to provide liability insurance to cover the bicycle tour. As a result, the bicycle tour organizers will be redesigning the route so event participants will not meet or depart from Rush Park and instead will provide a suggested route.

Discussion ensued relative to District liability related to co-sponsorship, bicycle safety, government involvement in private events and District staff time commitment. It was the consensus of the Board that the event organizers continue to hold the event and absorb any related risk without the co-sponsorship of the District.

I. GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS: None

J. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS:

General Manager Joe Mendoza reported that on October 19, 2019 Assemblyman Tyler Diep held a Community Coffee and Donuts event at the Rush Park Auditorium to discuss topics of community interest. A November 21, 2019 meeting was planned with Assemblyman Diep's office, RCSD and RHA to discuss the noise abatement and sound wall issue in more detail. The General Manager

informed the Board that the District had received a total of 366 responses to the Street Sweeping Solutions Poll and would present a full report to the Board at their December 2019 meeting. The poll results would ultimately be presented to Orange County Supervisor Michelle Steel. He stated that the County Public Works street construction and upgrades project was on hold until Spring of 2020. The latest CIP Projects, including the Rossmoor Park Picnic Canopy and Rush Park Auditorium sound, lighting and multimedia upgrades, were in the planning and development phase and he was hopeful that various donation and grant funding sources would soon be obtained. The General Manager also reported that he had received some trash related complaints recently and assured the Board he was following up with CR&R Waste and Recycling. The report was received and filed.

K. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

Director Barke announced that November was Men’s Health Month. He stated that the Sunburst Youth Academy Graduation Ceremony was a great event and he encouraged everyone’s attendance.

Director Nitikman stated that he was impressed by the Sunburst Youth Academy presentation and it seemed like quite a program. He was glad Chief Sonza had the opportunity to share the program with the community. Director Nitikman concluded his comments by wishing everyone a safe and joyous Thanksgiving holiday. He reminded motorists to slow down and be mindful of kids and pedestrian visitors.

Director Maynard stated he was also impressed by the Sunburst Youth Academy’s program and was glad they shared their stories with the community. He thanked the Orange County Sheriff’s Department and the California Highway Patrol for their quarterly reports. He also opined about residents excessive speeding and providing crimes of opportunity by leaving doors and vehicles unlocked. Finally, he stated he looked forward to the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting with the Los Alamitos Unified School District and the opportunity to communicate and provide input on the boundary maps. Director Maynard stated that he felt the issue was important enough to hold a special meeting if necessary.

President Casey thanked Assemblyman Tyler Diep for addressing Rossmoor resident sound wall issues with Caltrans. He thanked the Orange County Sheriff’s Department and California Highway Patrol for their informative presentations. He opined that the number of stop sign and speeding violations were atrocious. He encouraged residents to keep their residences and vehicles locked. President Casey stated that he was also very impressed with the Sunburst Youth Academy and appreciated the heartwarming firsthand accounts from the two young lady cadettes. He wished the entire community a Happy Thanksgiving.

L. CLOSED SESSION—None

M. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Director Barke seconded by Director Maynard, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

SUBMITTED BY:

Joe Mendoza
General Manager

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