



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

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

A. ORGANIZATION:

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

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

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

4. PRESENTATIONS:

**a. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER MATT MUSSELMANN RE:
QUARTERLY TRAFFIC REPORT**

California Highway Patrol Officer Matt Musselmann presented the Rossmoor Quarterly Traffic Report. The presentation was received and filed.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

President Barke suggested Item H-3 be moved up in the agenda to allow CHP Officer Matt Musselmann to provide his input. Motion by President Barke, seconded by Director DeMarco to move Item H-3 RECAP OF THE JANUARY 21, 2021 TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING ahead in the agenda.

**1. RECAP OF THE JANUARY 21, 2021 TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY AD HOC
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Discussion ensued relative to the January 21, 2021 Traffic Committee Meeting and cooperative mitigation strategies and solutions offered by the County of Orange, RCSD jurisdictional limitations, community buy-in and cooperative relationships. Officer Matt Musselmann provided his insight relative to school traffic. Motion by President Barke seconded by Director Nitikman to authorize the General Manager to work with Orange County Public Works on a comprehensive traffic mitigation plan for Rossmoor and provide the Board with a monthly update by way of an agenda item, so the Board could monitor progress and alter the traffic plan as needed. Friendly Amendment to the motion by Director Rips to include striping on Montecito Road and other areas of Rossmoor as recommended by Orange County Public Works. Motion passed 5-0.

C. PUBLIC FORUM: None

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1. QUARTERLY TREE REPORT

District Arborist Mary Kingman provided a report outlining the District’s urban forest management and activity over the quarter. The report was received and filed.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1a. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING—January 12, 2021

DIRECTOR RIPS REQUESTED THAT ITEM E-1a. BE PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.

Director Rips requested that a sentence including his personal thanks to Milt and Beverly Houghton be added to his comments under Board Member Items. Motion by President Barke, seconded by Director Nitikman to approve Consent Calendar Item E-1a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 12, 2021 with the addition to Board Member Comments as requested by Director Rips. Motion passed 5-0.

1b. MINUTES OF THE PIFC BOARD MEETING—January 12, 2021

Motion by President Barke, seconded by Director Rips to approve Consent Calendar Item E-1b Minutes of the PIFC Board Meeting as submitted. Motion passed 5-0.

F. PUBLIC HEARING: None

G. RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES: None

H. REGULAR CALENDAR:

It was announced that Rossmoor Resident Rolanda Schmidt was in attendance via Zoom to discuss Item H-2 RESIDENT PARKWAY TREE REMOVAL REQUEST. President Barke suggested that in the interest of efficiency, Item H-2 be moved up in the agenda. Motion by President Barke, seconded by Director Rips to move Item H-2 RESIDENT PARKWAY TREE REMOVAL REQUEST, ahead in the agenda.

H-2 RESIDENT PARKWAY TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

Discussion ensued relative to resident Rolanda Schmidt’s request to remove two Liquidambar parkway trees. District Arborist Mary Kingman presented her report and opined on her findings regarding the tree removal request. Resident Rolanda Schmidt opined via Zoom. Further discussion ensued regarding the merit of the removal request, arborist reports, Liquidambar trees versus Crepe Myrtle trees, precedent setting concerns, removal, and replacement costs.

Motion by President Barke, seconded by Director Rips to approve resident Rolanda Schmidt’s request for removal of two Liquidambar parkway trees with either a 24” box or 36” box tree, whichever is deemed appropriate by District Arborist Mary Kingman, with the replacement cost of the new trees to be paid for by the resident.

Director Rips requested that a friendly amendment to the motion to add “In the event the County of Orange does not pay the tree removal costs, the resident will bear said cost and District Arborist Mary Kingman will choose whatever size tree (24” box or 36” box) she deems appropriate for the space.” The motion was amended to add Director Rips’ language. Motion passed 5-0.

1. ADOPTION OF POLICY NO. 1040, THE SEAL OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

In the interest of time, President Barke suggested that Item H-1 be tabled. Motion by President Barke, seconded by Director Rips to table Item H-1 Adoption of Policy No. 1040, the Seal of the Rossmoor Community Services District until the next meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

2. RESIDENT PARKWAY TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

This item was moved up in the agenda.

3. RECAP OF THE JANUARY 21, 2021 TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

This item was moved up in the agenda.

4. ADOPTION OF THE 2021-2022 BUDGET CALENDAR

Motion by President Barke, seconded by Director DeMarco to approve the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar as submitted. Motion passed 5-0.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS:

General Manager Joe Mendoza reported that the District has been working on the following projects: Discussion with Orange County Waste and Recycling regarding AB 939 the California Integrated Waste Management Act and the County’s conversion to a three-barrel system, the upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP) for the collection of waste in Rossmoor, and inserting a performance clause into current contractor CR&R’s agreement; The Trunk Project along Los Alamitos and Seal Beach Boulevard (manhole covers) will be scheduled by Orange County Public Works by summer 2021; Finalizing a resolution and agreement for Street Sweeping for approval by the Orange County Board of Supervisors, an RFP is being prepared should the District go out to bid for services; The General Manager and staff have been working with the District’s contract accounting firm, the Pun Group. Ken Pun will present a full financial report to the Board at its March 9, 2021 regular Board meeting. Orange County remains in the COVID-19 purple zone; therefore, churches remain outside for services. Staff will continue to update the Board and community with the most current information possible. The report was received and filed.

J. GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:

Provided a brief overview of the preceding Brown Act Training and elaborated on parliamentary procedures as they pertained to substitute motions. The report was received and filed.

K. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

Director Searles thanked Art Remnet, District staff and Doug Wood for getting the Zoom platform up and running for tonight's meeting. He announced the following community events: RHA February 17th Blood Drive Event, RHA Orange County Supervisor Candidate Forum on February 25th, RHA Shredding Event on February 27th, and the March 9th Supervisorial Special Election. He stated that he was thankful that RCSD was able to host a polling location again at Rush Park for the special election. Director Searles thanked District Arborist Mary Kingman for her hard work. He stated that he was excited about the community education about the District's Tree Program and would like to see RCSD partner with the Los Alamitos School District to educate youth about trees. He opined that he had concerns about the lack of a crossing guard on the Rossmoor south side of Katella Avenue and requested that the General Manager reach out to the appropriate agencies to see if one could be added.

Director DeMarco stated that he liked the CR&R Report and oversight. He encouraged the District to continue monitoring CR&R's progress and asked that they be invited to a future board meeting to educate residents on their many services. Director DeMarco reported on his recent meeting with contractor R.F. Dickson to discuss changes to the street sweeping schedule. He added that while changing the schedule to alternate sides of the street was more complicated than initially realized, steady progress was being made.

Director Rips thanked President Barke and Director DeMarco for all their hard work on the Traffic Committee. Due to its impact on community safety, he encouraged the Board's commitment towards implementation of the proposed safety and traffic mitigation plan.

Director Nitikman thanked CHP Officer Matt Musselmann for his Quarterly Traffic Report and District Arborist Mary Kingman for all her hard work on the tree reports tonight. He stated that she was the agent behind the Board's policies and the District was fortunate to have her as its representative. Director Nitikman echoed Director Searles announcements about upcoming events and encouraged residents to attend the Candidate's Night Forum hosted by the Rossmoor Homeowners Association on February 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. He remarked that Rossmoor was lucky to have the unique opportunity to evaluate potential candidates.

President Barke provided the Board Members with the 2021 list of committee assignments. He added that if any Directors wanted to request a change of assignment, they were welcome to contact him. He added that he had left the ISDOC and OCTA committee assignments blank for now and requested that the General Manager work with General Counsel to revise and bring back Policy No. 5030, allowing the Board President to appoint residents including former directors to serve on committees and as representatives of the board to outside agencies and to allow the board to authorize remuneration to resident appointees, which was introduced at the January 12, 2021 Board Meeting, for review at a future meeting. He echoed Director DeMarco's comments regarding their meeting with R.F. Dickson's street sweeping company. He stated that being an unincorporated County island presented challenges regarding jurisdiction and highlighted the importance of strong relationships with County officials. President Barke stated that he supported the higher accountability being demanded of CR&R trash company. He requested that the General

Manager add Director Searles' request for a crossing guard on the Rossmoor side of Katella Avenue to the next Traffic Committee agenda.

L. CLOSED SESSION:

AT 9:55 P.M. PRESIDENT BARKE OPENED THE MEETING UP FOR FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE CLOSED SESSION. SEEING NONE, PRESIDENT BARKE CLOSED PUBLIC COMMENT AND THE BOARD ADJOURNED INTO CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9, California Government Code
Churchill et al. v Orange County Sheriff Dept. et al. Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2020-01175364-CU-CJC

AT 10:03 P.M. THE BOARD RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION

General Counsel Tarquin Presiosi stated that there was no reportable action.

M. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Director Rips seconded by President Barke to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:09 p.m.
Motion passed 5-0.

SUBMITTED BY:

**Joe Mendoza
General Manager**