



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

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

A. ORGANIZATION

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

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Orange County Sheriff's Department Lt. Pat Rich re: Quarterly Crime Statistics

Lieutenant Rich reported to the Board regarding the 3rd Quarter Rossmoor Crime Statistics, partnering with the District on another successful community Drug Take Back Day, and his participation in the National Walk to School event. Discussion ensued relative to vehicle thefts and quarterly crime comparisons. Lt. Rich stated that overall, Rossmoor was ranked as the 4th safest city in Orange County. The report was received and filed.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA—None

C. PUBLIC FORUM—None

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

**1. REVIEW OF ORANGE COUNTY TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS
AND RELATED SAFETY CONCERNS**

General Manager Joe Mendoza provided an overview of the District's recent meeting with Orange County Traffic Engineer Deepthi Arabolu regarding Orange County traffic and Public Works projects and related traffic, parking overflow and safety concerns on Montecito Road. Discussion ensued relative to scheduled crosswalk removal/replacement on Montecito Road, enhanced illumination and visibility of roadway striping and the schedule for asphalt and concrete remedial repairs. The report was received and filed.

2. QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT.

General Manager Joe Mendoza reported to the Board regarding the quarterly status toward the District's Mission, Goals and Objectives. He continued to collaborate with local agencies and community leaders regarding street sweeping, street lighting, the Neighborhood Watch Program and organization and enhancement of the District's volunteer program. He reported that the District's reserve fund is healthy; recently transferring \$176,000 to reserves which increased the fund to over \$1,000,000 and saving over \$7,000 in election costs since no one ran against the incumbents. Staff would be scheduling a Budget Committee Meeting for a report at the December 11, 2018 regular meeting. Park Superintendent Omero Perez gave the Board an overview on the District's quarterly operations and maintenance. The report was received and filed.

3. QUARTERLY RECREATION REPORT

Recreation Superintendent Chris Argueta reported to the Board regarding the status of the District's Recreation program. Discussion ensued regarding the strong attendance at Rossmoor's summer movies, concerts and Shakespeare in the Park, Youth Center Summer Camp, R.A.S.C.A.L.S. After School Program and upcoming Rossmoor Winter Festival event highlights. The report was received and filed.

4. QUARTERLY TREE REPORT

Tree Consultant Mary Kingman reported to the Board regarding the status of the Rossmoor Urban Forest. Discussion ensued relative to promotion of the new educational Rossmoor Tree I.D. Walk to local schools, upcoming Arbor Day event in March, grid trim scheduled for District 4, new Shot Hole Borer disease treatments and removal of the two diseased Indian Laurel Fig Trees located in the center of the Rush Park parking lot on Blume Drive. President DeMarco and Director Maynard concurred that the tree removal item had been discussed at the last Parks and Facilities Committee Meeting and once the two diseased trees were removed the Tree Committee would select two replacement trees for that location. Director Maynard requested that the District try to obtain additional "Tree City USA" signs with "Rossmoor" printed on them. Staff agreed to research the request. The report was received and filed.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1a. MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING—OCTOBER 9, 2018

DIRECTOR MAYNARD REQUESTED THAT ITEM E-1a MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2018 BOARD MEETING BE PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Maynard stated that he was not present at the October 9, 2018 Board Meeting, therefore he would abstain from the vote approving the minutes.

2. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT—SEPTEMBER 2018

3. LONG TERM / NON PROFIT USER PERMIT RENEWALS FOR USE OF DISTRICT

PROPERTY

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Nitikman to approve Consent Calendar Items E-2 and E-3 as submitted. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director Casey to approve Consent Calendar Item E-1a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 9, 2018 as submitted. Motion passed 3-1, with Director Maynard abstaining.

F. PUBLIC HEARING—None

G. RESOLUTIONS—None

ORDINANCES—None

H. REGULAR CALENDAR:

1. POTENTIAL AMENDMENT AND/OR UPGRADE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON LIGHTING AGREEMENT

In preparation for the upcoming Rossmoor streetlight upgrade, scheduled for December 2018/January 2019, of Southern California Edison (SCE)–owned High Pressure Sodium Vapor (HPSV) streetlights to newer Light Emitting Diode (LED) streetlights, General Manager Joe Mendoza summarized his recommendation to review and discuss the color choices and wattage for residential and arterial street lights and potentially approve the amendment and/or upgrade to the existing Southern California Edison Lighting Agreement.

The General Manager briefed the board on discussions with nearby cities regarding their LED street lighting upgrade decisions. He stated the City of Cerritos had done extensive research, provided demonstration streets to residents and conducted a community survey and was a good qualifier since they had many trees and dark areas similar to Rossmoor. The City of Cerritos ultimately chose the 4000k/100w lights and was scheduled to begin their LED street light upgrade on November 26, 2018.

Lengthy discussion ensued relative to the proposed illumination changes to specific locations within Rossmoor as outlined in the Rossmoor Lighting and Illumination Upgrade Chart on page 69 of the agenda packet. Director Maynard opined that he had toured the demonstration locations within the City of Cerritos and concluded that the 4000k color temperature was brighter and more aesthetically pleasing. He further opined that Wallingsford Road should also be upgraded to 4000k.

President DeMarco remarked that there seemed to be sufficient ambient light from surrounding apartment dwellings at the Wallingsford Road location. He agreed with Director Maynard's conclusions with the exception of the streetlights that face parks vs. those that face residential areas as they may be too bright.

Director Nitikman opined that while he may agree with the 4000k selection for a limited number of main arterial streets, the 3000k/70 watt solution was his preference for all Rossmoor residential streets and that 3000k was the newer LED technology. He further cited research conducted by the American Medical Association which recommended people avoid purchasing

the whiter 4000k LED light due to its increased blue light content and the potential adverse affects of blue light on human sleeping patterns and nocturnal wildlife.

President DeMarco had concerns that mixing different LED color temperatures would be visually unappealing. Director Casey opined that 70w on Rossmoor's residential streets was sufficient; however, his main concern was the affect on homeowners living across from the more brightly lit locations.

Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director Casey to upgrade all District streetlights to the 3000k/70w type with the following exceptions: Upgrade the 53 lighting locations outlined in the attached Rossmoor Lighting and Illumination Upgrade Chart, all schools and parks and the streetlights on Foster Road adjacent to Lee and Weaver Elementary Schools to 3000k/100w; Upgrade Orangewood, Montecito Road, St. Cloud and Bradbury Road to 4000k/100w.

Director Maynard suggested that further research be done on the risks and benefits of the 3000k vs. 4000k. In order to accurately compare the differences in LED color temperatures and wattage, he encouraged each Board member to view the streetlight demonstration locations in the City of Cerritos, prior to the Special Meeting. He asked the General Manager to contact cities that had chosen the 4000k to find out if they were satisfied with the results. Amended Motion by Director Maynard, seconded by Director Casey to table the item for consideration at a future Special Meeting at a date to be determined. Motion passed 4-0.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS:

General Manager Joe Mendoza thanked the RCSD Board Members for meeting with him individually and helping with the transition into his new role. He thanked the former General Managers and staff. He stated that the 5 year fiscal plan would be on the December agenda. He briefed the Board on topics discussed at the recent Parks and Facilities Committee Meeting and stated he would provide them with a report once the committee meets again to refine the material. The General Manager thanked RHA Neighborhood Watch Liaison Dorothy Fitzgerald for meeting with him regarding the District's collaboration with the Neighborhood Watch Program. He reported that he had met with Youth Center Director Lina Lumme and praised her for the wonderful job she did with the R.A.S.C.A.L.S. After-School Program. He was eager to expand the program at Rush Park because the attendance was maxed out at the Rossmoor Park location and there was a waiting list. The General Manager stated that he had visited Rush Park over the weekend and was happy to see the auditorium being used for the Freshman Football Awards Ceremony Tip-Off Dinner; he looked forward to collaborating with schools and community group events. He added that he would be meeting with LAUSD Superintendent Dr. Sherry Kropp regarding the acquisition of their portable office building for RCSD staff and programs. He concluded by stating that he looked forward to a great Rossmoor Winter Festival.

J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

Director Nitikman wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He requested that the District expand its communications to include some additional outreach, both formal and informal to illicit input and feedback from citizens as a way to discover whether or not we are satisfying the desires of the community.

President Maynard welcomed Joe Mendoza aboard. He announced that he would be absent at the December 11, 2018 Board Meeting. He requested that the District extend an invitation to Senator Janet Nguyen and newly elected Assemblyman Diep to attend the Rossmoor Winter Festival.

Director Casey thanked Lieutenant Pat Rich for his great crime statistics presentation. He was very pleased to discover how low Rossmoor's crime rate was in comparison to other communities. He also thanked RCSD Staff for their quarterly report presentations and praised them for how well the reports flowed together overall. Director Casey welcomed General Manager Joe Mendoza. Finally, he extended his thoughts and prayers to all the people in California's fire ravaged areas and added that they needed all the support they could get in a time of great sadness.

President DeMarco praised General Manager Joe Mendoza for a fantastic first month. He appreciated their special guests who had led the Pledge of Allegiance stating it was nice to have someone in uniform. He expressed appreciation for all the veterans, firefighters and first responders and extended his thoughts and prayers to all the victims of the recent California fires and the shooting in Thousand Oaks, California. President DeMarco added that he would also like to see the auditorium used for more school and community functions. He suggested offering renters alternative lighting options and/or instructions on how to configure the lights in the auditorium. He thanked Mrs. Anne Pray for the thoughtful card she sent to the Tree Committee thanking them for listening to her tree issue. He wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and requested that staff schedule a Special Meeting the week following Thanksgiving to resolve the LED lighting selection issue.

K. CLOSED SESSION—None

L. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director Casey to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m.
Motion passed 4-0.

SUBMITTED BY:

Joe Mendoza
General Manager