



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

**REGULAR MEETING
(Via Zoom Only)**

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors DeMarco, Nitikman, Rips, Searles and President Barke

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

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. President Jeffrey Barke: 2021 State of the District Address

President Barke presented the 2021 State of the District; addressed accomplishments and challenges and expressed his appreciation to Board colleagues, staff and the community for the opportunity to serve.

b. Election of Officers

President Barke nominated Director Rips as the RCSD Board's next President and Director Nitikman seconded the nomination. Director Rips was declared President of the Board, unanimously, by roll call vote.

President Rips took leadership of the meeting.

President Rips called for nominations for the office of First Vice President of the RCSC Board of Directors.

President Rips nominated Director Nitikman for First Vice President and Director Barke seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations and Director Nitikman was declared First Vice President, unanimously, by roll call vote.

President Rips called for nominations for Second Vice President of the RCSD Board.

Director Barke nominated Director DeMarco as Second Vice President. Director DeMarco seconded the nomination.

First Vice President Nitikman nominated Director Searles as Second Vice President. President Rips seconded the nomination.

Director Searles was declared Second Vice President by a vote of 3-2 with Director Barke and Director DeMarco, opposed.

c. Presentation to Outgoing Board President Jeffrey Barke

President Rips and Board Members thanked outgoing President Barke for his service, leadership and guidance.

d. CHP Quarterly Traffic Report presented by Officer Matt Musselmann

CHP Officer Matt Musselmann presented the CHP Quarterly Traffic Report, including the Bike Safety Program and citations for the fourth quarter; discussed reduced staffing levels due to COVID-19; addressed new Captains, Sergeants and staff and commented on speed reductions on Montecito.

Discussion followed regarding scheduling additional meetings with the community.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

C. PUBLIC FORUM (Via Zoom)

Joel Block wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated President Rips on his election and thanked former President Barke for his service.

Del Clark felt having Zoom meetings was a good decision; spoke about new variants of COVID-19 and suggested meetings could be conducted in person if all Directors were to wear a mask.

Bill Heller agreed with the previous speaker; spoke about the consequences of a vendor not meeting their contractual commitment relative to street sweeping, and asked for an update on the matter of community patrols by Orange County Sheriff's.

There were no other public comments.

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. QUARTERLY TREE REPORT

District Arborist Mary Kingman presented details of the Annual and Quarterly Tree Report.

Discussion followed regarding integrated pest management, tree failures and removals, construction holds and resident service requests.

Director DeMarco requested that printed copies of the report and those of the last two years be provided to the Board.

Discussion followed regarding impacts from artificial turf, effects of the existing drought and irrigation needs in parks.

2. MONTHLY TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

General Manager Mendoza gave a traffic safety update; addressed installation of the black box; discussed upcoming Traffic Committee meetings; commented on attempting to make contact with The Shops at Rossmoor regarding parking and noted changes in Sheriff Department leadership.

3. STREET SWEEPING UPDATE

General Manager Mendoza reported there was new signage installed, but that they were incorrect and noted they will be fixed; felt the first week was successful; stated he will work with Mr. Heller regarding his concerns; discussed the learning curve and the need for increased education regarding the new street sweeping schedule; and encouraged residents to help educate each other and addressed the CR&R trash pickup problems.

Discussion followed regarding using still shots from the street sweeping trucks videos to demonstrate "Dos and Don'ts" for residents and distributing new waste container lids to residents.

Director DeMarco requested inviting a representative from CR&R to attend the next Board meeting to respond to concerns and provide an update, as well as a representative from the street sweeping contractor.

Discussion followed regarding reducing the time for street sweeping and enforcement and specific steps to educate the public.

Director Searles announced there would be street sweeping on Monday, January 17, 2022.

President Rips invited comments from the public.

Frank Facey requested confirmation that street sweeping enforcement will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. once it starts again.

There were no other public comments.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MINUTES:

Regular Board Meeting of December 14, 2021

Motion by Director DeMarco, seconded by Director Barke to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2021. Motion passed 4-0, by roll call vote, with Director Nitikman abstaining.

2. NOVEMBER 2021 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Motion by Director Barke, seconded by Director DeMarco to approve the November 2021 Revenue and Expenditure Report. Motion passed 5-0, by roll call vote.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-11-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT TO CONTINUE CONDUCTING MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND COMMITTEES REMOTELY AS NEEDED DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS FOR THE PUBLIC

Director Barke spoke in opposition to mandating holding public meetings via Zoom and stated he cannot vote for the resolution.

Director Nitikman noted the resolution is not a mandate and reported it permits the Board to hold hybrid meetings or all-Zoom meetings.

General Counsel Preziosi explained the purpose of the resolution.

Director Barke suggested adding language to the resolution after "remotely", "and/or hybrid, as needed".

Director Nitikman suggested adding, "remotely, by individual directors and staff".

General Counsel Preziosi explained the resolution is a direct result of AB 361 and advised keeping the language in the resolution, as presented.

Motion by President Rips, seconded by Director Searles to approve RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-11-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT TO CONTINUE CONDUCTING MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND COMMITTEES REMOTELY AS NEEDED DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS FOR THE PUBLIC, as presented. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	Directors Nitikman, Searles and President Rips
NOES:	Directors Barke and DeMarco

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

F. PUBLIC HEARING - None

G. RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-11-02 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DESIGNATING CERTAIN DISTRICT OFFICIALS TO TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH HOUSE THE DISTRICT’S INVESTMENTS, SAVINGS, OR OTHER FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

General Manager Mendoza presented a brief staff report.

Motion by President Rips, seconded by Director Barke to waive further reading and adopt RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-11-02 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DESIGNATING CERTAIN DISTRICT OFFICIALS TO TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH HOUSE THE DISTRICT’S INVESTMENTS, SAVINGS, OR OTHER FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS.

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

AYES: Directors Barke, DeMarco, Nitikman, Searles and President Rips
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ORDINANCES

2. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2022-01: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RE-ADOPTING POLICY NO. 3085, STREET SWEEPING, AS THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN STREET SWEEPING WITH THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

General Manager Mendoza presented a brief staff report.

Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director DeMarco to introduce ORDINANCE 2022-01: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RE-ADOPTING POLICY NO. 3085, STREET SWEEPING, AS THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN STREET SWEEPING WITH THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT.

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

AYES:	Directors Barke, DeMarco, Nitikman, Searles and President Rips
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

H. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING PERMANENTLY CHANGING THE DATE OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT MONTHLY REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

General Manager Mendoza presented a brief staff report.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of meeting the second Wednesday of the month, potential conflicts with the church group that meets in the auditorium, and keeping the meeting date as it currently exists.

The Board took no action on this item.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS

General Manager Mendoza discussed the meal gap program; thanked Directors Rips and Searles for their work on the matter and Supervisor Foley for including RCSD in the program; noted the need to enhance services to seniors; discussed changes relative to redistricting efforts; provided an update on local control; reported on athletic field renovations and listed upcoming committee and Board meetings. Additionally, he acknowledged event sponsors and thanked them for their support.

Director DeMarco commended General Manager Mendoza and staff and discussed the importance of reaching out to new representatives.

Director Searles thanked sponsors, and acknowledged that a representative from Supervisor Do's Office, Ofelia Garcia, was present on Zoom for the meeting, and commented on the accomplishments of RCSD this past year.

J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Director Barke congratulated President Rips; suggested inviting the District Attorney Todd Spitzer to Board meetings to talk about the District Attorney's role and expectations, going forward and invite Sheriff Barnes to provide an update on his department.

Director DeMarco reminded residents to slow down as they enter Rossmoor, as school has begun again; spoke about increases in crimes that are not being prosecuted; asked residents to be patient

in terms of street sweeping and trash collection and commented on the need to get information regarding CHP and Sheriff coverage in Rossmoor.

Director Nitikman suggested holding a contest around Arbor Day to get local residents to submit artwork for a mural on the wall of the Montecito Center, facing Montecito Road.

Director Searles thanked Director DeMarco for requesting year over year comparisons on specific reports; spoke about breaking out normal expenditures for additional transparency; asked for the report to be vertical and urged the public to be patient with the street sweeping and waste collection transitioning.

President Rips announced a PIFC meeting directly following this meeting; commented on the need to be patient with upcoming changes; discussed the meal gap program and thanked General Manager Mendoza for making it happen; noted his focus is to improve the quality of life for Rossmoor residents; thanked sponsors for their continued support and looked forward to working with Board colleagues and Mr. Mendoza.

K. GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS

General Counsel Preziosi reported that CDPH has extended the mask mandate through February 15, 2022.

L. ADJOURNMENT

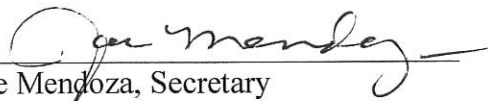
Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director DeMarco, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:35 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT



Jeffrey Rips, President



Joe Mendoza, Secretary
Rossmoor Community Services District

APPROVED: February 8, 2022