



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

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

A. ORGANIZATION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 P.M.**
- 2. ROLL CALL: Directors Casey, Coletta, Kahlert, DeMarco,
President Maynard**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS—None**

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA—None

C. PUBLIC FORUM—None

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1. STATUS OF THE DISTRICT'S TREE PROGRAM

Recommendation to receive status report of the tree committee and give direction to the general manager regarding current parkway tree issues.

The General Manager provided an overview of the Tree Committee meeting on August 25, 2014. He stated that the committee had agreed to do more outreach to local realty companies in an effort to educate incoming homeowners about the District and its tree policies. Director Casey stated that given the fact that the trees are such an important part of the Rossmoor community, it was also decided that the Tree Consultant would provide regular status updates to the board several times per year regarding tree trimming schedules, removals, policy changes, etc. Director DeMarco added that the committee also agreed that it was essential to continue to actively educate the community with brochures, e-mail blasts, the district website and other media.

Tree Consultant Mary Kingman addressed the Board. Discussion ensued relative to grid trimming, vacant sites, sapling watering program practices, watering practices in drought

conditions and field service hours. President Maynard requested that an e-blast be sent out to residents to remind them to water more frequently during the drought. Staff agreed. He also requested that the quarterly tree report be moved from the consent calendar portion of the agenda and be converted to a more comprehensive regular agenda item report to the board. In this way the board and community could be more informed about the trees and discussion could take place. The General Manager concurred.

Motion by President Maynard, seconded by Director DeMarco that the quarterly tree report be moved from the consent calendar portion of the agenda and be converted to a more comprehensive regular agenda item report to the board. Motion passed 5-0.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1a. MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING—August 12, 2014

1b. MINUTES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING—August 27, 2014

2. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT—July 2014

3. COYOTE SIGHTINGS/ACTIVITY REPORT—August 2014

Motion by Director Kahlert, seconded by Director DeMarco to approve the consent calendar as submitted. Motion passed, 5-0.

F. PUBLIC HEARING: None

G. RESOLUTIONS: None

H. REGULAR CALENDAR:

1. STATUS RE: THE LOCATION AND PLACEMENT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS CO. METERS AND TRANSMISSION ANTENNAS WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

Recommendation to receive the oral report of the General Manager regarding the installation of Smart Meters and transmission antennas (*data collection units*) in Rossmoor.

The General Manager reported relative to franchise issues between Orange County Public Works and The Southern California Gas Company. He stated that presently these issues were being discussed at the County of Orange in closed session, therefore he could not provide an update until the items became public. Discussion ensued. Director Coletta requested that the board be notified immediately as soon as any new information became available. The general manager agreed. The report was received and filed.

2. STATUS RE: I-405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation to receive the report on the current status of the I-405 Improvement Project.

The General Manager reported that the City of Costa Mesa was hosting a I-405 Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2014 from 6-8 p.m. to opine regarding the toll road issue. He stated that Director Ron Casey would be in attendance representing Rossmoor and encouraged the public to attend and add their voice to the opposition. President Maynard added that the RCSD had approved two Resolutions opposing the toll lanes and must not give up the fight. Director Coletta suggested inviting Superintendent Sherry Kropp or another representative of the Los Alamitos School District to add their support and perspective regarding the impact of toll road traffic on schools, families and children today as well as the impact on future generations. The General Manager agreed. The report was received and filed.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS:

The General Manager provided the board with an update on the status of various CIP projects. He stated that the auditorium lighting project was now complete and the Signature Wall repair project bid package was underway. He discussed the Montecito Center Kitchen Rehabilitation Project, stating that costs had increased due to unanticipated ADA requirements and materials durability factors. Discussion ensued. President Maynard stated that he looked forward to seeing the results. The General Manager announced that the Board's next CIP and Audit Committee Meetings would be held at the Montecito Center so the Board could see improvements firsthand.

AT 7:30 P.M. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTED OUT VERBALLY REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION ITEM: OC SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 30-2013-00687577-CU-MC-CJC.

Tarquin Preziosi with Jenkins & Hogin, LLC stated that the date initially set for the trial had been postponed from October 17th to October 24th, Department 20 on the 6th floor with Judge Chafey presiding at the Central Justice Center.

J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Director Coletta suggested that Director Casey invite Los Alamitos School Superintendent Sherry Kropp to attend the I-405 Town Hall Meeting. He stated that the decisions made today would not only have a profound impact on citizens in the present, but future generations of families, students and commuters would also be affected. He felt it was important that either Dr. Kropp or a member of her staff be present at the meeting to voice school-related traffic concerns as well as support for Rossmoor's position. Director Coletta also encouraged the general manager to communicate with the County at the earliest opportunity regarding the outcome of their closed session concerning the Southern California Gas Company meter and data transmission unit franchise issues, permitting and installation matters so the RCSD Board could reconvene as necessary. The General Manager agreed.

Director Casey stated that he would be in attendance at the Thursday, September 11th I-405 Town Hall meeting in Costa Mesa. He recommended that everyone make an effort to attend this important meeting. He provided information on where to find directions to the Neighborhood Center in Costa Mesa and added that it was very important that as many residents as possible opine.

Director Kahlert thanked the Recreation Department and District Staff for pulling off a successful

array of summer events this year that were so well attended. He urged everyone to make the time to attend the I-405 Town Hall in Costa Mesa on Thursday, September 11th at 6 p.m. He added that taxpayers pay for the freeways and the state has no right to charge us for toll roads.

Director DeMarco stated that he was happy and very impressed to see how large the roster of confirmed attendees had become for the Meet the Candidates Night on October 2nd. He urged residents to attend and thanked the RHA for their hard work in organizing the event.

President Maynard also encouraged everyone to attend the Meet the Candidates Night on October 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rush Park Auditorium. He requested that staff send out an e-blast reminding residents to water their saplings more frequently in drought conditions. Finally, he stated that he had noticed and was pleased to see an increase in the number of suspicious activity calls on the crime blotter as they helped to deter crime in the community.

K. CLOSED SESSION—None

L. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director DeMarco to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

SUBMITTED BY:

**James D. Ruth
General Manager**