



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

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

A. ORGANIZATION

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

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PRESENTATIONS: Orange County Sheriff Lt. Robert Gunzel re: Quarterly Crime Statistics

Lt. Robert Gunzel reported to the Board on the latest community crime statistics. He reported that, although there were still occurrences of burglaries and vehicle theft, crime was down overall.

The General Manager stated that the Sheriff's Department was doing a commendable job and was Always very responsive to the needs of the District and the community. The report was received and filed.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA—None

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

Kevin Pearce had comments relative to the LA Fitness Center project. He opined that despite the community's victory against the developer, the issue was not over and the community needed to remain alert. He also opined relative to traffic and the RCSD's role in mitigating Rossmoor's traffic concerns. He concluded that it was in the community's best interest to do a traffic study.

Owen Pearce reported that his Eagle Scout Project had been completed and provided an overview of his accomplishments. He stated that he had raised \$2,343 with the Boy Scout Garage Sale and Spaghetti Fundraiser. The only portion of the project still pending was the signage and plant identifiers.

Mary Holzgang inquired as to why the Tetherball Court had been removed and requested that it be reinstalled at Kempton Park.

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1. QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT

The General Manager reported to the Board on the status of the District's Quarterly Goals and Objectives. Park Superintendent Omero Perez reported to the Board regarding the District's Maintenance and Operations Program. Discussion ensued relative to new drought restrictions and the status of various public works projects. The report was received and filed.

2. QUARTERLY RECREATION REPORT

Recreation Superintendent, Chris Argueta reported to the Board on the quarterly status of the District's Recreation Program. Discussion ensued relative to a recap of the Rossmoor Community Festival, a successful summer events program, the beginning of a new school year and the need for storage solutions at Rossmoor Park to accommodate the District's first year tenants: The Children's Garden Preschool R.A.S.C.A.L.S. after school program. The report was received and filed.

3. QUARTERLY TREE REPORT

District Tree Consultant, Mary Kingman reported to the Board on the status of the District's Urban Forest Program. The report was received and filed.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

DIRECTOR BURGESS REQUESTED THAT ITEM E-2 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT BE PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

1a. MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING—July 13, 2016

Motion by Director Burgess seconded by Director Casey to approve Items E-1a. Minutes of July 13, 2016 on the Consent Calendar as submitted. Motion passed 3-1 with President DeMarco abstaining from the vote as he did not attend the July 13, 2016 Board Meeting.

2. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT—May 2016

Director Burgess had questions and comments relative to the report.

Motion by Director Burgess seconded by Director Casey to approve Items E-2, Revenue and Expenditure Report on the Consent Calendar as submitted. Motion passed 4-0.

F. PUBLIC HEARING—None

G. RESOLUTIONS—None

ORDINANCES—None

H. REGULAR CALENDAR:

1. APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CIP COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE OF A NEW DISTRICT TRUCK.

Recommendation to receive, approve and/or modify the recommendation of the Public Works/CIP Committee and provide direction regarding the purchase of the District's new vehicle.

Lengthy discussion ensued relative to the three truck choices presented and whether or not they were comparable in size, features and functionality. Director Burgess inquired as to why the District didn't just pay cash. District Accountant Kathy Bell replied that attractive 0% financing options were available and it was wiser and more preferable to leverage those options than pay cash. Director Maynard concurred and stated that the truck purchase had already been approved in policy at previous board and CIP Committee Meetings. President DeMarco concurred and inquired if mileage factored in to the selection. Park Superintendent Omero Perez replied that there wasn't much difference between the various models.

Motion by Director Maynard, seconded by Director Burgess to authorize the General Manager to purchase a new District truck for a price not to exceed \$33,000. Motion passed 4-0.

2. APPROVE EXTENDED HOURS REQUEST FOR USE OF RUSH PARK FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL GHOUL 5K RUN: GUS QUINONEZ.

Recommendation to approve the extended hours request for the use of Rush Park for the annual School Ghoul 5K Run. Discussion ensued relative to the hours, County permitting requirements and neighborhood impact and notifications. Chris Argueta stated that, as in past years, the event was successfully run by Gus Quinonez and his team and he did not foresee any issues.

Motion by Director Maynard, seconded by Director Burgess to approve Gus Quinonez's extended hours request for the use of Rush Park for the Annual School Ghoul 5K Run. Motion passed 4-0.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS:

The General Manager reported that this morning he had been informed by Seal Beach City Manager, Jill Ingram, that the developer of the property at the Shops at Rossmoor withdrew his proposal at the City Council Meeting on Monday, August 7th. By withdrawing his project the City Council then did not take action on the proposed resolution to deny the project. It was his understanding that the developer is taking into consideration a counter proposal, the specifics of which are unknown at this time. It is also his understanding that the developer can't resubmit the identical proposal which has been under consideration but must address the issues raised in the public hearings to date. In summary, the project is not dead and depending on the developer's intentions, he can resubmit a new proposal at any time in the future. Had the City Council taken an action to deny the appeal, the developer wouldn't have been allowed to submit a new proposal for one year. The General Manager stated that he would keep the Board and community apprised as new information evolves. Discussion ensued relative to the General Manager's report. President DeMarco stated that the developer would still be mandated to address the issues raised by the community in his next project proposal. The General Manager agreed. The report was received and filed.

J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

Director Casey stated that although he was pleased about the denial of the LA Fitness Health Club Project, he cautioned the community to remain vigilant. He had knowledge of at least one Seal Beach City Council Member who was in favor of adding low income housing to the Shops at Rossmoor Center and there was concern that the proposal could be revived. He concluded that something was going to be built in that spot, and encouraged residents to stay tuned and on top of the issue. He thanked the staff for their excellent reports to the board.

Director Maynard thanked Lieutenant Robert Gunzel for his crime report and reminded residents to sign up on the District website for a free vacation home check to help prevent future burglaries. He thanked Kevin Pearce for his comments on the traffic and Owen Pearce for his fundraising efforts toward the Eagle Scout Project at Kempton Park. He thanked Director Burgess for his volunteer efforts at Kempton Park and Director Kahlert for being a former Eagle Scout. Finally, he thanked President DeMarco for spearheading the effort to improve the lighting on Montecito Road. He encouraged the community to attend the August 19th Concert/Movie Two-For-One event. Due to the high turnout at the events, the Sheriff will be present to ensure public safety. Finally, as a designated Tree City USA, he reminded Rossmoor residents to water and care for their parkway trees, even during the drought. A slow drip would be more than sufficient.

President DeMarco began by commending Rossmoor Town Homes Margaret Parker, Susan Taylor and all the citizen activists involved in preventing the proposed LA Fitness Health Club project from being constructed in the Shops at Rossmoor. He stated that despite the limitations on the ability of the District’s involvement due to legal restrictions, the community did a remarkable job advocating for their neighbors, rose to the occasion. The citizens prevailed against considerable odds. On behalf of the Board he thanked them for their efforts. President DeMarco also thanked Eagle Scout Project participant Owen Pearce for his outstanding garden project at Kempton Park. He added that he was looking forward to the completion of the Rush Park Canopy Project. He thanked Director Maynard for his comments regarding the Montecito Road Lighting Project, and added that he hoped to see the new higher wattage bulbs installed by winter. Finally, he reminded everyone to attend the final Movie/Concert event of the Summer, featuring the King Salmon Band and Zootopia.

K. CLOSED SESSION—None

L. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Burgess to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

SUBMITTED BY:

James D. Ruth
General Manager