



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

REGULAR MEETING

**RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California**

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

A. ORGANIZATION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 P.M.**
- 2. ROLL CALL: Directors Coletta, Casey, Kahlert, Rips,
President Maynard**

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AT THIS TIME PRESIDENT MAYNARD REQUESTED THAT A MOMENT OF SILENCE BE OBSERVED FOR TWO FALLEN LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS: KEVIN WOYJECK FROM SEAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA AND CHRISTOPHER MACKENZIE OF HEMET, CALIFORNIA, WHO RECENTLY LOST THEIR LIVES FIGHTING WILDFIRES IN PRESCOTT, ARIZONA ALONG WITH 17 OTHER FIREFIGHTERS, KNOWN AS THE PRESCOTT 19.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS CO.'S PROJECT OVERVIEW, REGARDING THE PLAN TO INSTALL TWO DATA COLLECTION UNIT POLES AND ADVANCED METERS IN ROSSMOOR, BY PAUL SIMONDS, STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH PROJECT MANAGER.**

Project Manager Paul Simonds gave a comprehensive presentation and overview regarding the proposed installation locations for two So Cal Gas Company concrete advanced meter antenna poles. Lengthy discussion ensued relative to Rossmoor being a primarily residential community and concerns about the adverse affects on homeowner's property values; comparisons to the cities of Long Beach, Seal Beach, Cypress and Los Alamitos regarding the number of antenna poles installed in those communities; the researching of alternative and/or less intrusive options for placement of the antenna poles. Paul Simonds stated that the poles had to be placed in particular relative distances to one another, so as not to create dead signal areas. He added that he was willing to work with the District to explore mutually agreeable options.

President Maynard announced that in response to the feedback he had received from the community and the Board, he was going to appoint a So Cal Gas Company Ad Hoc Committee in order to discuss satisfactory alternative locations. President Maynard appointed Director Coletta to chair the committee which would also include RCSD Director Casey and Rossmoor Homeowner's Association Representative Mark Nitikman.

b. "WRITE AWAY ACADEMY" PRESENTATION BY INSTRUCTORS CATHY LARSON AND/OR KASEY SPENCER.

Write Away Academy Instructors Cathy Larson and Kasey Spencer gave an in-depth presentation to the Board relative to their annual summer writing camp program held at Rush Park. They reported on the history of the program, outreach efforts, goals and aspirations for expansion.

c. BOARD PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO OUTGOING DIRECTOR JEFFREY RIPS.

The Rossmoor Community Services District Board and Staff presented a proclamation and wooden gavel to outgoing Director Jeffrey Rips commemorating his five years of service to the District as President, Vice President, and most recently, his role as Director. Due to his recent promotion to Executive Director of the Alpert Jewish Community Center in Long Beach, and the additional responsibilities that accompanied the position, he was unable to continue in his capacity as an active Board Member. Director Rips thanked the community for the privilege to serve. A standing ovation ensued.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA—None

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

AYSO Steve Corey and his daughter Alison Corey reported on the latest league accomplishments: The LAGSL 3-U Softball Team had placed third and the 12-U Softball Team won 6 and 0 in the Southern California State Championship. Alison Corey presented both medals to the Board. Applause ensued.

Diana Helm invited the Board and community to the First Annual Southland Federal Credit Union Sugar Beet Festival being held in Los Alamitos on Saturday, July 13, 2013. She stated that the 5K Run would begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and encouraged everyone to participate.

Dave Burgess had positive comments relative to the success of the District's Summer Events Program.

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD—None

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1a. MINUTES-REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2013

2. MAY 2013 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved as submitted, 5-0.

F. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. ADOPTION OF FY 2013-2014 FINAL BUDGET

Recommendation to open hearing, receive presentation from General Manager, take public testimony, close hearing, deliberate and approve Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Proposed Final Budget. General Manager Montana reported on the background of the budget document and outlined her budget memorandum. She added that the District takes the budget process very seriously and makes it a practice not to overstate revenues. She concluded by stating that has been her policy to under-promise rather than to under-perform.

PRESIDENT MAYNARD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 8:00 P.M.

Residents Erwin Anisman had questions and requested clarification relative to bond principle payments, Fund 20 and uncollected administrative fees. External Affairs Consultant Henry Taboada and Chris Montana provided clarification.

Dave Burgess opined relative to the Tot Lot Redesign Project costs and alleged a lack of transparency in the process. President Maynard replied that the District had been exceptionally transparent with regard to the Tot Lot Redesign Project, with multiple open, public and posted Board and CIP Committee meetings in addition to community outreach efforts.

The General Manager reiterated the fact that approval of the budget only approves the earmark of funds.

PRESIDENT MAYNARD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 8:10 P.M.

Motion by Director Rips, seconded by Director Kahlert to approve the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Proposed Final Budget. Motion passed 5-0.

G. RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 13-07-09-01 ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL BUDGET REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES TOTAL AMOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FOR THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT.

Approve Resolution No. 13-07-09-01 by reading the title only and waiving further reading as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL BUDGET

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES TOTAL AMOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FOR THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT.

Resolution No. 13-07-09-01 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Rossmoor Community Services District Establishing the Annual Budget Revenue And Expenditures Total Amount For Fiscal Year 2013-2014 was unanimously approved by roll call vote 5-0.

H. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. CSDA 2013 BOARD ELECTIONS.

Recommendation to discuss the proposed slate of candidates and give direction to General Manager to submit the vote of the Board to the California Special District Association (CSDA). Discussion ensued relative to candidate qualifications. President Maynard stated that he appreciated the fact that candidate Bill Nelson had taken the time to show up in person at the last regular board meeting and introduce himself to the RCSD Board. The Board concurred.

Motion by Director Rips, seconded by Director Casey to submit the vote of the Board for candidate Bill Nelson to the CSDA. Motion passed 5-0.

2. EXTENDED TERM AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE TENNIS INSTRUCTION-ROSSMOOR PARK-FERNANDO MOLINA.

Recommendation to approve an extended term agreement with Mr. Fernando Molina to provide tennis instructions. Fernando Molina briefly addressed the Board. Discussion ensued relative to everyone's appreciation of Mr. Molina's 29 years of service to the community as a tennis instructor and that Rossmoor Park was a safe and local place to play tennis.

Motion by Director Rips, seconded by Director Casey to Approve an Extended Term Agreement with Mr. Fernando Molina to provide tennis instructions. Motion passed 5-0.

3. REQUEST FOR DONATION TO FRIENDS OF THE LOS ALAMITOS/ROSSMOOR LIBRARY'S COMMUNITY FRONT PORCH PROJECT

Recommendation to Provide General Manager with direction on how to proceed. The General Manager stated that General Counsel had opined that it would be inappropriate for the District to donate funds to the Friends of the Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Library's Community Front Porch Project as per latent powers restrictions. She further stated that the project would likely increase the library's useable space by approximately 300% and that it was permissible for individual Board members and staff to offer individual, private donations in support of the project.

Fundraising Coordinator Sandy Lamoureux reported on the Community Front Porch Project vision, fundraising goals and donation procedures.

Discussion ensued. The RCSD Board and General Manager agreed to make individual, private donations to the Friends of the Library Community Front Porch Project towards the purchase of a paver.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS

Chris Montana reported that the District had received the Prop 1A repayment proceeds of \$70,800 plus interest for a total of \$75,507. She provided status on the Rossmoor Monument Signage Project installation. She presented slides with photos of the newly completed Rossmoor Community Monument Signage located on the corner of the Rossmoor Arco Station on Los Alamitos Boulevard. She stated that the monuments were attractive, tasteful community assets which added cohesiveness and uniformity to Rossmoor.

J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

Director Casey reported on the OCTA Policy Working Group Meeting he recently attended. He stated that although all communities were overwhelmingly in favor of I-405 Project Alternative 1, which did not include toll lanes, slight variations of Alternatives 2 and 3 (*renamed as Concepts A and B*) were still being considered by OCTA and CalTrans. Director Casey stated that it was imperative that the public educate themselves regarding the nuances of the various proposals still being considered and that all citizens participate in the upcoming public hearings on the I-405 Improvement Project. Discussion ensued relative to the descriptions of, and differences between, the various Alternatives, the impact on Rossmoor traffic, present and future quality of life, and financial impacts. Director Casey concluded by announcing several important dates for public input on the project: In addition to the July 24, 2013 Public Hearing on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIR/EIS) being held in Long Beach, CA, August 12, 2013 was the deadline to submit comments on the SDEIR/EIS, September 4, 2013 was the deadline for receiving findings and October 22, 2013 was the final date for the Project Development Team (PDT), (*made up of a combination of OCTA and CalTrans representatives*) to select either Alternative 1, or Concept A or B as the preferred Alternative. Once a decision had been made, construction would begin in two years.

Director Coletta stated that he had concerns relative to the I-405 Project public comment period deadlines and felt the District should reach out to the community in order to increase awareness and gather their input on these recent developments. He also stated that he was pleased with the look of the Rossmoor Monument Sign at the Arco Station corner and looked forward to the completion of the entire Monument Signage Project.

The General Manager stated that the District had already posted and sent out an e-blast to the community regarding the I-405 Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Hill Classical Middle School, 1100 Iroquois Avenue in Long Beach. She added that the OCTA was also performing community outreach. She asked for the Board's direction on how to proceed. Discussion ensued relative to the project. President Maynard remarked that the District should rally support from the surrounding Orange County communities and school district and make their voices heard.

Director Coletta requested that OCTA I-405 Project Coordinator Christina Byrne be invited to give a report and presentation at the August 13, 2013 Board Meeting and/or a public workshop be scheduled at 6:00 p.m., just prior to the regular Board meeting which began at 7:00 p.m. Further he requested that the General Manager contact the Rossmoor Homeowners Association, the Mayors of Los Alamitos and Seal Beach and invite them to participate in the workshop. Finally, he requested that the District attend the July 24, 2013 I-405 Public Hearing. The Board concurred.

Director Rips thanked everyone for their kind words. He stated that had been an honor and privilege to serve the community. He went on to say that although leaving Rossmoor was not part of his plan, being promoted to Executive Director of the Alpert Jewish Community Center in Long Beach was a twenty-year-old dream come true. Director Rips added that while he was excited about this new chapter in his life, he felt sad to be leaving the Rossmoor Community Services District. He thanked his fellow Board Members for always working with him towards the betterment of the community and the general manager and staff for their excellent work and dedication. Finally he thanked everyone in the community for being with him on his journey as a Board member.

Director Kahlert praised LAGSL for winning the California State Championship. Director Kahlert also commented that not only was Director Rips a great personal friend, but he had been a fantastic Director, a dedicated community servant and would be greatly missed.

President Maynard added his closing words of praise for Director Jeffrey Rips. He asked if Director Rips would do the honor of using his gavel to adjourn the meeting.

K. CLOSED SESSION—None

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Director Rips, seconded by Director Casey to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

SUBMITTED BY:

**Chris Montana
General Manager**