



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

REGULAR MEETING

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

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors Barke, DeMarco, Searles
President Rips

Absent: Director Nitikman

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

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. California Highway Patrol Officer Matt Musselmann Re: RCSD Traffic Report

CHP Officer Matt Musselmann presented traffic statistics for the last quarter including collisions and citations.

Discussion followed regarding the status of the reserve program, upcoming events, increasing CHP presence around schools, current understaffing, determining how to deploy resources, costs to hire a CHP Officer, and rules and regulations for eBikes and enforcement.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

C. PUBLIC FORUM

Georglyn Seligman spoke about her time in Rossmoor being the best years of her life and shared a proclamation that had been presented to her by Assemblymember Janet Nguyen.

Maureen Wauters spoke about eBikes; voiced support for having pickleball at Rossmoor Park and reported on a recent robbery attempt where men broke into a home when a resident was home. She stated the intruders left because the resident screamed but noted it took 50 minutes for the police to respond and wondered what is being done about the slow response time.

Marian Last, Jo Shade and Kevin Pearce, representing RHA, spoke about a parkway tree that fell and commended Orange County Public Works and CHP for their quick response in clearing the roadway. In addition, the RHA representatives commended Georglyn Seligman for her contributions to the community. The representatives presented the RHA Board of Directors with t-shirts commemorating the 65th anniversary of Rossmoor.

Jo Shade highlighted various RHA-sponsored events including a teacher's appreciation breakfast for teachers at various schools, a shredding event on October 29, and a Candidates Night Town Hall on September 29.

Ned Brines, via Zoom, spoke about the robbery incident that had occurred at his home and the response time.

There were no other public comments.

General Manager Joe Mendoza reported speaking with the Sheriff's Department Commander about response time and the Sheriff's were looking into exactly what occurred and their response to the resident.

Discussion followed regarding mutual aid for a disaster that may involve extensive deployment, reasons for taking so long to respond to the robbery incident, the need for an explanation from the Sheriff's Department, the need to know what RCSD can expect from the Sheriff's Department, other options for policing to provide better coverage, and the need to speak with Supervisor Do regarding the issue.

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. QUARTERLY TREE REPORT

Mary Kingman, Arborist, presented details of the quarterly tree report for May through August; addressed trimming, removals and service requests; spoke about the free mulch program and an upcoming mural contest.

Discussion followed regarding the condition of parkway trees because of the current water restrictions, encouraging residents to water parkway trees, and providing reminders to residents to water parkway trees on the RCSD website and social media sites.

2. UPDATE REGARDING POTENTIAL PICKLEBALL PROGRAM

General Manager Mendoza introduced Kim Barlow, an attorney with Jones Mayer, covering the meeting in General Counsel Tarquin Preziosi's absence.

General Manager Mendoza announced it is Mary Kingman's 10-year anniversary with the District and thanked her for her service to the District and residents.

General Manager Mendoza provided an update regarding a potential pickleball program; discussed the August 25, 2022 meeting of the Parks and Facilities Committee; addressed pickleball in surrounding cities; commented on issues to be considered; reported another study session is scheduled for September 20, 2022 and stated the item will be on the RCSD Board's agenda in October.

Director Searles commented on the August Parks and Facilities Committee meeting; noted additional information needs to be gathered, and reported conversion of existing tennis courts would be more cost effective than building new designated pickleball courts.

President Rips spoke about sound mitigation products and noted efforts to find long-term solutions to having pickleball in Rossmoor.

Director DeMarco spoke about the pickleball trial; noted there were no parking issues; commented on a schedule of activities at Lexington Park including volleyball, tennis and pickleball and expressed concerns that implementing a pickleball program will take a long time.

Discussion followed regarding implementing pickleball at Rossmoor Park on a limited basis in terms of days and hours, understanding impacts such as noise, feasible alternatives for noise mitigation, the need to be sensitive to the community and the need to review policy in terms of the courts being tennis only.

President Rips indicated the intent is to present recommendations to the Board at the next Board meeting.

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

General Manager Mendoza discussed the recent Traffic Safety Committee meeting; addressed attendees and matters discussed including a draft resolution to create a permit parking program; spoke about educating residents to slow down in Rossmoor; commented on the need for the Orange County Traffic Engineer to do a parking, speed and impact study along the Montecito corridor and reported the Committee discussed developing a strategic plan.

Discussion followed regarding parking permit areas in Orange County, involving Supervisor Do in finding a solution to parking problems along Montecito, and the need for community input and support.

4. STREET SWEEPING UPDATE

General Manager Mendoza provided an update on street sweeping in Rossmoor and spoke about asking the County about the possibility of the District waiving the installation of signs and related enforcement.

Legal Counsel Barlow reported speaking with Mr. Preziosi who indicated that if no response were received from County Counsel, then he would be pursue a response.

Discussion followed regarding avoiding sign proliferation and the possibility of contracting with the City of Los Alamitos to give out citations for street sweeping violations.

Carol Churchill suggested the need for increased publicity directed at the Sheriff's Department; stated General Counsel has no authority or jurisdiction to waive signage; spoke about the need to comply with State laws in terms of installing signage and enforcement of violations; noted scheduling street sweeping and trash collection on the same days are incompatible and discussed the need to comply with State laws.

Discussion followed regarding a prior lawsuit brought about by Ms. Churchill, lack of consistent enforcement by the Sheriff's Department, avoiding sign blight and the need for the Sheriff's Department cooperation.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MINUTES:

1. Regular Board Meeting of August 9, 2022

2. JULY 2022 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A PARK USE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AND KERRIE DA VANNON: HAPPY HOUR FIT CLUB INSTRUCTOR

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AND MICHAEL EUGENE RANESES FOR HEARING OFFICER SERVICES

There were no public comments.

Motion by Director DeMarco, seconded by Director Barke to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented. Motion passed 4-0, with Director Nitikman, absent.

F. PUBLIC HEARING: None

G. RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES: None

H. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AND GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

General Manager Mendoza presented details of the item; discussed seeking proposals, the evaluation and selection process; and recommended moving forward with a professional consulting services agreement with Mr. Mike Matsumoto with Government Financial Services. Mr. Mendoza introduced Mr. Matsumoto and invited him to the podium.

Mr. Matsumoto discussed his experience with various municipalities/agencies and responded to questions from the Board.

Discussion followed regarding the requested rate of compensation, the scope of work and the end of the current accounting services contract.

Motion by Director Barke, seconded by Director DeMarco to approve the professional consulting services agreement between RCSD and Government Financial Services, as presented. Motion passed 4-0, with Director Nitikman, absent.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS

General Manager Mendoza reported the Black Mountain accounting software has been installed; noted the banking check scanner is up and running; addressed the Ad Hoc Satisfaction Survey, staff training on emergency preparedness and listed upcoming programs and events including the Health and Wellness Fair, and the Heroes Lunch. Also discussed were upgrades to the irrigation system at Rossmoor Park, playground sand and installation of new signage at Rossmoor and Rush Parks.

Discussion followed regarding implementation of a user charges for those using credit cards for payment; it was confirmed that the District has implemented the user charge. A request for information regarding the upcoming bid for auditing services was discussed. The General Manager will provide additional information in the future.

J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Director Searles proposed waiving fees for the RHA Candidate Forum.

It was noted that to take action to waive the fee, the item would need to be placed on an upcoming agenda. The General Manager Mendoza reported the fee could be waived retroactively if approved by the RCSD Board. Discussion followed regarding there being a potential conflict of interest because RCSD Board members are candidates. Discussion took place regarding putting the item on the October agenda.

Director DeMarco thanked Officer Musselmann for attending the meeting; requested information regarding obtaining information regarding school schedules and the number of students attending Rossmoor schools that are out of the district. He spoke about the possibility of inviting a School Board member to present to the RCSD Board; expressed concerns regarding law enforcement response times and stated he would like to address minimum standards for the Sheriff's Department and the CHP relative to Rossmoor.

Director Searles thanked Officer Musselmann and spoke favorably on the implementation of the CHP's Volunteer Academy and announced the next Parks and Facilities Committee meeting on September 20, 2022.

President Rips spoke favorably regarding implementation of the check scanner and credit card user fees and asked about the status of District trucks.

General Manager Mendoza reported he is in the process for obtaining costs for back-up cameras and beepers for District vehicles.

President Rips suggested scheduling a meeting with Supervisor Do to discuss several pertinent District issues and thanked everyone servicing the District.

K. GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS - None

L. ADJOURNMENT

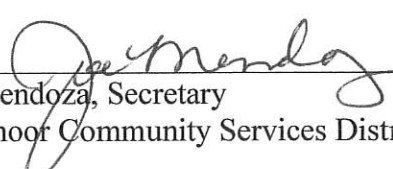
Motion by Director Barke, seconded by Director DeMarco, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:12 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT



Jeffrey Rips, President



Joe Mendoza, Secretary
Rossmoor Community Services District

APPROVED: October 11, 2022