

by RCSD Board December 13, 2016

# MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

RUSH PARK 3021 Blume Drive Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

#### A. ORGANIZATION

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

2. ROLL CALL: Directors Casey, Kahlert

President DeMarco

Director Maynard had an excused absence

- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4. PRESENTATIONS:

# DUE TO PRESENTER SCHEDULING DELAYS, PRESIDENT DEMARCO MOVED ITEM A-4b. AHEAD OF ITEM A-4a. IN THE AGENDA AT THIS TIME

b. Proclamation In Memoriam: Former RCSD Board Member, Jim Alexander

President DeMarco read a Proclamation in Memoriam in honor of former Board Member Jim Alexander. He praised Jim Alexander's many accomplishments such as being instrumental in the construction of the Rossmoor Signature Wall and Rush Park Kitchen, and his significant leadership and community activism. President DeMarco then presented the framed proclamation to Jim's late wife, Mrs. Patty Alexander. Applause ensued.

a. LAUSD Re: New School Year Traffic Status and Related Matters.

Dr. Sherry Kropp and Dr. Jeff Barke gave a comprehensive overview of LAUSD's educational achievements and milestones as well as the many successful accomplishments toward community outreach and traffic mitigation. Discussion ensued relative to interdistrict transfer students and enrollment, fluctuating community demographics, and the potential ramifications of a vacant school site. The upcoming State of the District Address was announced. The report was received and filed.

# **B.** ADDITIONS TO AGENDA—None

#### C. PUBLIC FORUM:

Art Remnet announced the Candidate's Forum on October 6, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Rush Park Auditorium.

ISDOC Candidate Mark Monin addressed the Board regarding his qualifications for the office of Second Vice President of the ISDOC Executive Committee. He provided an overview of his experience and asked for their vote.

ISDOC Candidate James Fisler addressed the Board regarding his qualifications for the office of President of the ISDOC Executive Committee. He provided an overview of his experience and asked for their vote.

#### D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

# 1. 2015-16 GENERAL MANAGER PROGRESS REPORT

The General Manager reported on the various District milestones accomplished to date in the areas of finance, technology, capital improvement projects, parks and recreation, special projects and additional District goals and objectives. The report was received and filed.

#### E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF A QUORUM TO VOTE ON THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2016, PRESIDENT DEMARCO REQUESTED THAT ITEM E-1a BE PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH ACTION POSTPONED UNTIL THE OCTOBER 11, 2016 BOARD MEETING.

# 1a. MINUTES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING—September 6, 2016

Information only—must be postponed until the October 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting—Director Kahlert was absent from the September 6, 2016 Special meeting and therefore cannot vote on the minutes; Director Maynard is absent from tonight's meeting; leaving 2 members which is less than a quorum.

# 2. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT—July 2016

Motion by Director Casey seconded by Director Kahlert to approve Item E-2, Revenue and Expenditure Report on the Consent Calendar as submitted. Motion passed 3-0.

#### F. PUBLIC HEARING—None

#### G. RESOLUTIONS—None

**ORDINANCES—None** 

# H. REGULAR CALENDAR:

# 1. AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SUBMIT A BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY (ISDOC) OFFICERS

Recommendation to Authorize the General Manager to submit a ballot for the election of ISDOC officers.

The General Manager reported As a member agency of the Independent Special District of Orange County (ISDOC), the Rossmoor Community Services District is eligible to submit a ballot for the election of its officers. Attached is a letter from the President of ISDOC asking each member District to submit its ballot. ISDOC bylaws require a majority vote of the member districts in order to certify the election. With approval of the Board, the General Manager will submit a ballot prior to the posted deadline.

Discussion ensued relative to candidate qualifications. RCSD ISDOC Representative Director Ron Casey opined relative to his recommendations as to who would best represent the Rossmoor Community Services District.

President DeMarco called for nominations for the ISDOC Office of President.

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Kahlert to elect Michael Scheafer as President of the Independent Special District Executive Committee. Motion passed 3-0.

President DeMarco called for nominations for the ISDOC Office of First Vice President.

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Kahlert to elect Arlene Shafer as First Vice President of the Independent Special District Executive Committee. Motion passed 3-0.

President DeMarco called for nominations for the ISDOC Office of Second Vice President.

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Kahlert to elect Doug Davert as Second Vice President of the Independent Special District Executive Committee. Motion passed 3-0.

President DeMarco called for nominations for the ISDOC Office of Third Vice President.

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Kahlert to elect Mary Aileen Matheis as Third Vice President of the Independent Special District Executive Committee. Motion passed 3-0.

President DeMarco closed the nominations.

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Kahlert to authorize the General Manager to submit for the election of ISDOC officers. Motion passed 3-0.

# I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS—None

# J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

Director Casey expressed his sadness regarding the passing of former RCSD Board Member Jim Alexander, stating that he had seen him earlier that year. He added that Jim was a great friend, you always knew where you stood with him and he would be greatly missed. Director Casey

announced to residents that if they had ever considered being involved in government, now was the time as there was currently a vacancy on the RCSD Board. He encouraged all qualified candidates to apply no later than September 30, 2016.

Director Kahlert echoed Director Casey's sentiments regarding Jim Alexander adding that he was definitely a strong voice for the community, an incredibly active contributor, you definitely knew where you stood with him and he would truly be missed. Director Kahlert requested that District staff continue to monitor and water the grass in order to keep it as green as possible. General Manager Ruth replied that staff was watering three times per week as mandated. Director Kahlert congratulated the Los Alamitos Unified School District Board for scheduling the first ever Los Alamitos High School on-campus football game about two weeks ago on the new football field. It was fantastic for the students and the local families were thrilled. He hoped this was a new tradition that would be continued for many years to come. Director Kahlert concluded by announcing that just a few short months from now the second annual Rossmoor Winter Festival event would be held on Friday, December 9, 2016 from 6pm to 10pm at Rush Park. He encouraged everyone to attend. There would be many food trucks, expanded entertainment, reindeer, activities and expanded trolley service for viewing the holiday lights home tour. Director Kahlert added that the festival would be an even bigger and better event this year and for businesses who wished to participate there were multiple levels of sponsorship opportunities still available to promote their business and gain exposure in the Rossmoor community.

President DeMarco thanked Dr. Kropp and Dr. Barke coming to Rossmoor and giving us an update on the school district. Their informative presentation was enlightening to the board and public, particularly regarding the consequences of reduced enrollment, specifically the potential of charter schools filling vacant sites. There was also more to the traffic problem than out of district transfers. He announced that Dr. Kropp would be presenting her State of the District Address this Friday, September 16, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. He thanked Patty Alexander for attending this evening and accepting the Proclamation in Memoriam on behalf of her late husband Jim Alexander. President DeMarco praised Jim Alexander for his many contributions and support throughout the years. He added that he was respected, admired and would be sincerely missed. He announced that last week on September 6, 2016, the RCSD Board held a special meeting and voted to post a notice of vacancy in order to appoint a new board member to occupy the vacancy left by the resignation of Director Dave Burgess. The application submission deadline is Friday, September 30, 2016 and applicants must be Rossmoor residents and registered voters. He concluded that the District encouraged any and all people who wanted to get involved in their local RCSD government to apply.

# K. CLOSED SESSION—None

#### L. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Kahlert to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.

SUBMITTED BY: James D. Ruth General Manager