



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

**REGULAR MEETING**

RUSH PARK  
Auditorium  
3021 Blume Drive  
Rossmoor, California 90720

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

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**A. ORGANIZATION**

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

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors Shade, DeMarco and Searles  
President Maynard

Absent: Director Barke

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Shade

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Legislative update – California State Senator Janet Nguyen – 36<sup>th</sup> District

President Maynard announced that Senator Nguyen was unable to attend this evening and moved to Item 4.b.

b. Orange County Sheriff's Department -- Captain AJ Patella presents Community Safety Update

Orange County Sherriff Captain AJ Patella compared Community Safety statistics for the same period this year and last year; discussed increases and decreases in specific incidents; noted increases in the number of calls reporting suspicious activities and decreases in catalytic converter thefts and encouraged residents to be cautious and limit opportunities for crimes.

Director Shade commented favorably regarding the number of suspicious activity calls, noting residents are getting the message and on limiting opportunities for crime.

Captain Patella responded to questions from Director Searles regarding fraud and identity theft and addressed educating people about scams and engaging the community.

Director Searles thanked Captain Patella and the Sheriff's Department for vacation checks during the summer.

Director DeMarco asked about whether permits are needed for soliciting in the neighborhood and Captain Patella reported many people do not apply for permits and alleged many of the suspicious activity calls were probably related.

In response to President Maynard's questions, Captain Patella discussed calls regarding eBikes and the behavior of riders and spoke about educational outreach to schools and the community.

President Maynard reported observing an escalation of daring and brazen behavior by kids on eBikes and worried about the lack of parental supervision.

Captain Patella discussed continuing efforts to educate parents and students and rules for riding at night.

**B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None**

**C. PUBLIC FORUM**

President Maynard opened this portion of the meeting.

There were no public comments, and President closed this portion of the meeting.

**D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

**1. PARKS/FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REPORT – PARK SUPERINTENDENT OMERO PEREZ**

Park Superintendent Perez presented details of the Parks/Facilities Maintenance Report.

Discussion followed regarding completion of reseeded, application of herbicides and the condition of each facility.

President Maynard charged him to work with the General Manager to make Rossmoor Parks and Facilities grade A.

**E. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. MINUTES**

- a. Special RCSD Board Meeting of August 6, 2024

b. Regular RCSD Board Meeting of August 13, 2024

2. JULY 2024 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT AND AUGUST 2024 WARRANTS

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

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

**F. PUBLIC HEARING – None**

**G. REGULAR CALENDAR**

1. SECOND READING FOR PROPOSED POLICY NO. 6017 RE: PARK TREE AND MEMORIAL BENCH DONATIONS

General Manager Mendoza presented details of the report and offered to respond to questions from the Board.

Director Searles pointed out a section in the language referencing a “natural deceased person” and asked for clarification.

General Counsel Preziosi explained the intent of the language is a “natural human being” and refers to a natural person, not a corporation or non-human.

Director Searles changing the language to “deceased, natural person”.

Motion by Director Searles, seconded by Director Shade, to approve the SECOND READING FOR PROPOSED POLICY NO. 6017 RE: PARK TREE AND MEMORIAL BENCH DONATIONS, as amended changing language to Section 6017.32 specifically as it relates to “deceased, natural person”.

The motion carried 4-0, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Shade, DeMarco, Searles and President Maynard

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Director Barke

2. RESOLUTION NO. 24-09-10-01 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AT A BABY SHOWER EVENT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 23, 2024 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. IN THE RUSH PARK AUDITORIUM

General Manager Mendoza presented details of the report.

Director Searles expressed appreciation that they asked for permission to serve alcohol.

Motion by Director Shade, seconded by Director Searles, to waive full reading and adopt, RESOLUTION NO. 24-09-10-01 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AT A BABY SHOWER EVENT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 23, 2024 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. IN THE RUSH PARK AUDITORIUM.

The motion carried 4-0, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Shade, DeMarco, Searles and President Maynard  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Director Barke

## **H. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS**

General Manager Mendoza announced he and Arborist Kingman will be attending a conference where Arborist Kingman is up for the prestigious Capstone Award for the RCSD tree trimming and maintenance program; spoke about the start of a Senior Club; discussed North Orange County Continuing Education classes and addressed a recent meeting of the Investment Committee.

Director Searles commented on the new program regarding California Cooperative Liquid Assets Investments for consideration and noted the need for more information, as it is a fairly new program.

Director Shade offered to share information regarding the program.

President Maynard suggested placing in a future agenda, a review of RCSD investments, how well they are performing and what direction RCSD should be going. He recommended meeting with the Investment Committee to determine policies and strategies and return to the Board to present a State of the District when it comes to investments.

General Manager Mendoza spoke about the upcoming Family Festival; talked about restrictions for a Chili Cookoff event making it unfeasible and addressed the Halloween Festival, providing trees to plant on parkways, notifying residents living along Seal Beach Boulevard that they are responsible for maintaining the wall along the street, and announced receipt of a State grant for \$39,824 for improvements at Rush Park.

**I. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

In reply to questions from Director Shade, General Manager Mendoza discussed delivery of the compost by West Coast Arborist.

Director Searles asked about the District's ability to publish public notices in the Sun News Enterprise and General Counsel Preziosi reported that in order to provide for official noticing under the Government Code, there is a process by which a newspaper has to be adjudicated as being lawfully able to give public notice. As long as the newspaper is adjudicated, that is conclusive proof that it is legally entitled to give public notice.

Discussion followed regarding adjudication by the Superior Court, asking newspapers to provide the adjudication and availability of a list of adjudicated newspapers.

Director Searles requested the separation of waste and recyclables; asked about a joint meeting with Vector Control and Public Works about the canals and suggested scheduling a discussion about not sponsoring events for anyone who is a candidate in the next 90 days, on RCSD ballots, as it could be construed as an endorsement by RCSD and thanked Nia Hartman for the Bike Valet at the festival and General Manager Mendoza and staff for their work and for implementation of cooling centers.

Director DeMarco suggested inviting a representative from the street sweeping firm to an upcoming meeting to review residents' concerns about the quality of the service and to confirm they have GPS and video capabilities. Additionally, he discussed drivers running stop signs in the area and suggested a pilot program testing different technologies for stop signs and talked about water in the canals and increased incidents of mosquitos and agreed with scheduling a meeting with Vector Control and Public Works. He wished Jodi Roubanis a speedy recovery from a bike accident and spoke about the upcoming Family Festival.

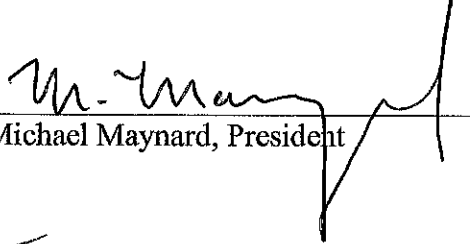
**J. GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS - None**


**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Maynard adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. in the memory of Director Shade's father, Ernie Gallegos.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

  
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Michael Maynard, President

  
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Joe Mendoza, Secretary  
Rossmoor Community Services District

**APPROVED:**