



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

**REGULAR MEETING**

RUSH PARK  
3021 Blume Drive  
Rossmoor, California

**Tuesday, October 13, 2009**

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**A. ORGANIZATION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:03P.M.**

**2. ROLL CALL: Directors Joel Rattner, Shannon Hough, Ron Casey, Jeffrey Rips  
President Alfred Coletta**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. PUBLIC FORUM**

Milt Houghton requested that the RHA be allowed to address the topic of waiving rental charges at the November Board Meeting. President A. Coletta agreed to the request.

Sid Rowes discussed the O.C. West County Connector project stating that it would make his commute much worse. President A. Coletta suggested that he stay for the upcoming presentation.

**DUE TO THE LARGE PUBLIC INTEREST IN ITEM F-1 PUBLIC HEARING  
AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECTION THE ITEM WAS MOVED UP AT THIS TIME**

**F. PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECTION PROPOSALS-ORANGE COUNTY  
AUTOMATED WASTE COLLECTION DEPARTMENT**

President A. Coletta gave brief overview of last month's discussion on the topic of automated trash collection in Rossmoor and contrasted the various trash container sizes and colors available.

Orange County Rep. Rochelle Carpenter discussed contract expiration and recent negotiations with CR&R. Director S. Hough stated that it was her understanding from statements made by the County and CR&R at the previous meeting, that under the new contract, residents would not be required to hand-separate recyclables.

A multitude of residents spoke out and shared their various concerns and points of view relative to automated trash service levels, choices and restrictions. General Manager Henry

Taboada stated that this was not a Board of Directors decision; that citizens needed to decide what changes they deemed appropriate. The consensus of the Board was that there was lingering confusion within the community with regard to the proposed changes and more time was needed to thoroughly vet the issue. President A. Coletta stated that the options presented at the September Board Meeting had changed considerably from what CR&R and the County now presented; making an informed decision impossible.

#### **AT 7:32 P.M. A POWER OUTAGE OCCURRED IN THE RUSH PARK AUDITORIUM**

Discussion ensued relative to postponing the meeting. At 7:35 p.m. President A. Coletta suggested waiting a few minutes to see if the power returned.

#### **AT 7:36 P.M. THE POWER CAME BACK ON AND THE MEETING RESUMED**

Several more residents addressed the Board with their comments. Dean Ruffridge/CR&R also had comments relative to Government regulation.

It was the consensus of the Board that the decision couldn't be made in a month. Motion by President A. Coletta, seconded by Director J. Rattner to form an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of six members: two from the RCSD Board of Directors, two from the Rossmoor community, and two from the Rossmoor Homeowner's Association. The Ad Hoc Committee, in cooperation with the General Manager, would be tasked with discussing and thoroughly researching refuse collection options, e.g., integrated, segregated or a combination of manual/automated collection, meet with a County Representative and bring their results back to the Board and the community at a future meeting. In addition, President A. Coletta requested that the General Manager research the activation of Rossmoor's latent powers for assuming responsibility for refuse collection. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **THE BOARD RETURNED TO THE PRESENTATIONS PORTION OF THE MEETING.**

##### **A-4. PRESENTATIONS**

- a.** RCSD Director Rattner briefed the Board and the audience on the two projects involving the 405 freeway, which includes the West Coast Connectors project which will start in the second quarter of 2010 and take 3.5 years, and the planned widening of the 405 freeway from Euclid to the 605 freeway which will not start for at least five years.
- b.** Ralph Vartabedian-RHA Traffic Committee re: Stop sign installation efforts in the community and other traffic issues Mr. Vartabedian discussed three pedestrian accidents that had taken place in Rossmoor this year in the months of June, August and September. He stated that CHP response time for the July accident was 53 minutes. He also stressed the need for 4-way STOP signs at problem locations despite the County's completion of a recent traffic speed data study. Mr. Vartabedian suggested the following remedies: Prohibit parking at Hedwig and Kerth; Paint 25mph speed limit signs at Hedwig and Wallingsford; Install more current pedestrian crossing signs; enforce existing speed limits.

Discussion ensued. Director S. Hough stated that Orange County Supervisor Chief of Staff, Rick Francis agreed that their traffic speed report was not done at the correct time. Director J. Rattner stated that traffic will likely get worse with the bridge construction. He suggested that residents contact the Orange County Supervisor's office. President A. Coletta suggested that the RHA and RCSD write letters to the County requesting a new study.

**B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – None**

**C. PUBLIC FORUM-None**

**THE BOARD TOOK A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:00 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 9:08 P.M.**

**D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

**1. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The report was tabled until next month's regular Board meeting, since the auditor could not attend.

**E. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. MINUTES:**

**a. Regular Meeting of September 8, 2009.**

**2. AUGUST 2009 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

**3. AMENDMENT AND/OR DELETION OF POLICIES AND FEE SCHEDULE RELATING TO ALLOWABLE USE OF ALCOHOL AT MONTECITO CENTER**

Director J. Rattner had questions relative to Item H-5, Policy 6011 and 6015. The General Manager stated that all changes had been previously approved by the Board.

**4. DESIGNATION OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVES FOR INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY FOR SPECIAL ELECTION TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP DUES.**

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

**H. REGULAR CALENDAR**

**1. CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT RE: ROSSMOOR PARK COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT**

The General Manager reported that the bidding process for the Rossmoor Park Community Center Project was now concluded with bids collected ranging from \$76,500 to \$139,000. The General Manager requested that the Board authorize him to award a contract to Andersen Construction as the lowest responsible bidder. Motion by J. Rips seconded by

Director R. Casey, to authorize the General Manager to award a contract in the amount of \$76,500 to Andersen Construction. Motion passed 5-0.

**PRESIDENT COLETTA REQUESTED THAT REGULAR CALENDAR ITEM H-6 PARTICIPATION ON A CSDA COMMITTEE AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES BE MOVED UP AND ACTED UPON AT THIS TIME**

**6. PARTICIPATION ON A CSDA COMMITTEE AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES**

Discussion ensued. Motion by Director J. Rips seconded by Director R. Casey to authorize expenditures for RCSD Board member participation on the CSDA Committee. Motion passed 5-0.

**THE BOARD RETURNED TO ITS REGULAR CALENDAR AT THIS TIME**

**2. PROPOSED POLICY NO. 2180 DISTRICT ILLNESS AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Recommendation to give first reading to proposed Policy No. 2180 District Illness and Injury Prevention Program. The Board decided to table this item until the November 2009 Board Meeting.

**3. PROPOSED POLICY NO. 2195 INTERNET, E-MAIL, ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ETHICS, USAGE AND SECURITY**

General Manager recommendation to give first reading to proposed Policy No. 2195 Internet, E-Mail, Electronic Communication Ethics, Usage and Security. The Board decided to table this item until the November 2009 Board Meeting.

**4. AMENDMENT OF POLICY NO. 2000 GENERAL MANAGER AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The General Manager recommended that the Board give third reading and adopt proposed revisions of Board Policy No. 2000 to better organize and more accurately depict the range of duties for the position.

Discussion ensued relative to further revisions. President A. Coletta requested that the words "He/She" be replaced with "General Manager" throughout the document. Director J. Rattner requested that language be added to paragraph 2000.80 relative to February budget amendments.

Motion by Director S. Hough seconded by Director J. Rips, to give third reading and adopt proposed revisions of Board Policy No. 2000, to include revisions by President A. Coletta and Director J. Rattner. Motion passed 5-0.

**5. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POLICY NO. 6011 RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY, POLICY 6015 ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF DISTRICT PARKS, BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, AND DISTRICT FEE SCHEDULE TO FACILITATE THE RESERVATION OF PARK SPACES.**

General Manager recommendation to give second reading and adopt proposed revisions of Board Policy No. 6011 and Policy 6015 to incorporate Board changes regarding the reservation of park facilities, the requirements for such uses and amending of the District's Fee Schedule to accommodate those changes.

Discussion ensued. Motion by Director J. Rips seconded by Director R. Casey to give second reading and adopt proposed revisions of Board Policy No. 6011. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Director J. Rips seconded by Director S. Hough to give second reading and adopt proposed revisions of Board Policy No. 6015. Motion passed 5-0.

**I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS-None**

**J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

Director Ron Casey stated that the Trash Pickup discussion had been very enlightening.

Director J. Rattner stated that there was a good turnout on such an important topic for the community. He also stated that he was glad to hear from CR&R that there were several options available. Director J. Rattner requested that the RCSD pursue changing the street sweeping schedule with the County Ordinance as well as the possible option of CR&R handling both street sweeping and trash collecting.

President A. Coletta stated his desire to continue the momentum with the traffic report by inviting the traffic committee and the RHA to speak again at the November Board Meeting. He requested that the General Manager compose a letter to Orange County Supervisor John Moorlach or Chief of Staff, Rick Francis relative to these issues.

**K. CLOSED SESSION-None**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by J. Rattner seconded by S. Hough to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:30 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**Henry Taboada  
Consulting General Manager**