



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

**REGULAR MEETING**

RUSH PARK  
3021 Blume Drive  
Rossmoor, California

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

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**A. ORGANIZATION**

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

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors Barke, DeMarco, Maynard, Shade  
Second Vice President Searles

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- a. Presentation of Colors by Troop 657G
- b. National Anthem sung by Hayley Dunn
- c. Pledge of Allegiance led by Director Barke

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Certification of Election and Swearing In of Newly Elected RCSD Board Directors by Senator Janet Nguyen

Senator Janet Nguyen administered the Oath of Office to Newly Elected RCSD Board Directors Maynard and Shade.

Senator Nguyen congratulated the new Board Directors; thanked Rossmoor voters for giving her the opportunity to serve and asked for patience while she establishes a centralized office location.

- b. Proclamation of Appreciation to Outgoing President and Board Director Jeffrey Rips

On behalf of the RCSD Board, Second Vice President Searles presented a proclamation to Outgoing President and Board Director Jeffrey Rips in appreciation of his service.

Outgoing President and Board Director Rips thanked colleagues for their guidance and patience; looked forward to seeing Rossmoor continue to flourish under the Board's leadership and thanked General Manager Joe Mendoza, General Counsel Tarquin Preziosi and the Rossmoor community.

- c. Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Community Relations/Education Specialist Elizabeth Denney Re: Fire Authority Update

OCFA Community Educator/Reserve Firefighter Chris Barry narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding home fire safety during the holidays and stressed the importance of having a home escape plan.

**B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None**

**C. PUBLIC FORUM - None**

**D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

**1. UPDATE REGARDING POTENTIAL PICKLEBALL PROGRAM**

General Manager Mendoza provided an update regarding a potential pickleball program; summarized emails received in support and in opposition to the matter; discussed onsite studies relative to noise and simulated studies, noting he is waiting for the results; spoke about establishing policies and procedures and commented on Board Committee assignments.

Director DeMarco felt there should be pickleball play to gather more information; spoke about participating in the trial, noting he observed no drastic changes to Rossmoor Park; suggested that RCSD develop a pilot (i.e., 90 days) pickleball program at Rossmoor Park and commented on the number of residents who want to play pickleball in Rossmoor.

Director Maynard spoke about "learning by doing" and agreed with Director DeMarco regarding establishing a pilot pickleball program, noting it would be prudent and wise.

Second Vice President Searles discussed the importance of understanding impacts to residents; commented on avoiding exposure to litigation; noted that he is in favor of pickleball but wants to get it done the right way and spoke about loudness being relative. He added there is a history of litigation regarding pickleball and nuisance and noted the Parks and Facilities Committee went through a deliberate process to try to evaluate and mitigate any negative impacts.

Director Shade stated she liked the idea of establishing a pilot program; commented on the importance of ensuring the Board does not make hasty and costly decisions and suggested developing a timeline with goals.

Motion by Director Barke, seconded by Director Maynard, to direct General Manager Mendoza to create a pickleball pilot program, at Rossmoor Park, to present to the Board for consideration at the Board meeting in February 2023.

Second Vice President Searles stated his opposition to the motion as he felt it better to handle the matter through the Parks and Facilities Committee.

Director Barke stated the District should implement the pilot program and test it out.

Director Maynard added that it should be specified that the program is only for Rossmoor residents and by reservation only.

Motion passed 4-1, with Second Vice President Searles opposed.

Second Vice President Searles invited public comments.

Carol Churchill recommended that the Board hold a public meeting, invite the general public and have experts present the results of the noise studies, information regarding costs and information regarding related litigation that has gone on across the country on the issue.

An unidentified female speaker spoke about the data provided during several past months; commented on the possibility of litigation; did not believe that a pilot program will provide usable data; spoke about concerns regarding safety and opined the decision should be data-based.

Janice Manis spoke about doing a needs assessment of the community to determine whether people want to play pickleball in Rossmoor.

Second Vice President Searles noted there is a petition circulating with over 200 signatures of Rossmoor residents in support of pickleball.

There were no other public comments.

## 2. MONTHLY TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

General Manager Mendoza provided an update on traffic safety in Rossmoor over the last month; discussed an upcoming meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee being scheduled in January; mentioned a draft letter that is being written to Orange County Public Works Engineering Division identifying the District's concerns and requesting a traffic study; and spoke about the possibility of evaluating the feasibility of installing license plate readers.

Director Barke expressed concerns with decreased privacy and about who has access to the data and what they will do with it.

General Manager Mendoza reported those concerns will be addressed in the vendor presentation.

Director Maynard spoke about the need to have access to poles; noted the data is about documenting versus monitoring; reported he initiated the Traffic Committee when he was Board President; commented on the need to set a vision for the Traffic Committee; spoke about the number of "Slow Down" signs in the community and felt that is a cry for help from the community to slow traffic down and make it safer.

Discussion followed regarding the lack of enforcement by CHP and Sheriff officers.

Director DeMarco asked General Manager Mendoza to provide past Traffic Committee reports to Director Maynard.

Director Shade spoke about the proliferation of signs in the community and felt the Board should focus on streets with major issues, noting the number of signs should be limited so they do not litter the community.

General Manager Mendoza stated that CHP responses are based on the number of calls they receive and encouraged residents to call the CHP to report observed violations.

It was noted that there are so many signs, they are no longer effective.

Second Vice President Searles invited public comments on this item.

Dave Vanderbilt spoke about speeding along Shakespeare and commented on school busses also speeding trying to get to Lee School.

Director DeMarco encouraged Mr. Vanderbilt to call CHP and report speeding school busses.

### 3. STREET SWEEPING UPDATE

General Manager Mendoza provided an update of street sweeping throughout Rossmoor and reported that once Phase 3 of the signage installation has been implemented, enforcement will begin taking place.

Director DeMarco stated that with regard to parking citations, he would like a report on the areas being enforced and when. In reply to his inquiry, General Counsel Tarquin Preziosi reported parking restrictions have changed but the Vehicle Code has not.

Discussion followed regarding each street needing to be separately signed to allow for parking enforcement.

### 4. RCSD PROGRAMS & SERVICES SATISFACTION SURVEY UPDATE

General Manager Mendoza discussed distribution of information regarding the survey; reported postcards encouraging participation in the survey had been mailed to every Rossmoor home; spoke about the low number of responses and commented on the need to continue to promote and encourage residents to participate in the survey.

## E. CONSENT CALENDAR

### 1. MINUTES:

- a. Regular RCSD Board Meeting of November 8, 2022

Motion by Director Barke, seconded by Director DeMarco, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular RCSD Board Meeting of November 8, 2022, as presented. Motion passed 3-2, with Directors Maynard and Shade abstaining.

**2. STATUS OF JULY THROUGH OCTOBER 2022 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS AND CURRENT LAIF AND US BANK BALANCE THROUGH DECEMBER 2, 2022**

General Manager Mendoza discussed the District's new Accountant and implementation of a new accounting software program; addressed the US Bank balance; confirmed he will provide a report to the Board in January, up to November 2022, and spoke about appointing Directors to the Budget Committee and upcoming Committee meetings.

**F. PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**G. RESOLUTIONS:** None

**ORDINANCES:** None

**H. REGULAR CALENDAR:** None

**I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS**

General Manager Mendoza reported the District's new Administrative Assistant will come on board in January 2023; spoke about hiring a part-time social media intern; discussed purging old files; commented on the recent Chamber of Commerce holiday breakfast and the RCSD Winter Festival; commended staff on their work and efforts during the year.

Director Shade commented favorably on recent events and commended District staff for their work.

**J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

Director DeMarco commented positively on the Winter Festival; commended staff on their efforts and wished the community Happy Holidays.

Director Maynard thanked the community, friends and family for entrusting and supporting him; commented on serving with Jeffrey Rips in the past; welcomed new Director Shade and wished the community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Director Shade stated she feels honored to serve with the Board; thanked the community for their support and wished the community Happy Holidays.

Director Barke thanked Jeffrey Rips for his service; welcomed new Directors Maynard and Shade and expressed his wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah.

Second Vice President Searles commented on getting ahead of CR&R so that holiday tree pickups are done in a timely fashion; suggested implementing a three-way waste system during

events/festivals; announced an upcoming blood drive and Traffic Committee meeting; thanked staff, and participants at tonight's meeting.

**K. GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS**

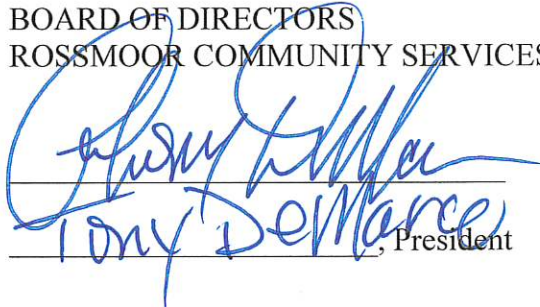
General Counsel Tarquin Preziosi discussed biannual requirements for AB1234 (conflict of interest provisions) and reported he will send each director a memo with details of the requirements and the deadlines for compliance. He welcomed new Directors Maynard and Shade and wished everyone Happy Holidays.


**L. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m. without opposition.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

  
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Tony DeMarce, President

  
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Joe Mendoza, Secretary  
Rossmoor Community Services District

**APPROVED:** January 10, 2023