



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

**REGULAR MEETING**

RUSH PARK  
3021 Blume Drive  
Rossmoor, California

**Tuesday, August 14, 2012**

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**A. ORGANIZATION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 P.M.**

**2. ROLL CALL: Directors Casey, Kahlert, Maynard, President Coletta  
Director Rips had an excused absence**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**a. Orange County Sheriffs Dept.—Lt. Robert Gunzel Re: Quarterly Crime Statistics**

Lt. Gunzel had comments relative to the Sheriff Department's residential burglary mitigation efforts. He stated that they had adjusted the Shift 3 patrol cars shift from noon to midnight, enacted a bike patrol, and starting in September, all west side units would be dispatched out of Stanton rather than the Santa Ana headquarters. However, bookings would still take place in Santa Ana. Lt. Gunzel discussed response times and response times report data. He stressed that five minute response times were a departmental goal, not a policy and he would be modifying his report to more accurately portray the actual response time of dispatch to car and subsequently car to call. Discussion ensued. The Board had questions relative to burglary crime trends and response times. The report was received and filed.

**b. Southern California Gas Company, Project Manager, Paul Simonds Re: Wireless Gas Meters**

Southern California Gas Company Project Manager Paul Simonds gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the upcoming Wireless Gas Meter Project. He discussed the installation of wireless radio devices into existing gas meters and the proposed placement location of the receiver pole. Discussion ensued relative to aesthetics and alternate placement sites for the pole. Mr. Simonds stated that he would do what he could to accommodate the community's preferences within budget and mandated timeline parameters.

**B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA—None**

**C. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Mark Nitikman introduced himself to the Board as the RHA’s new community liaison.

Georgelyn Seligman praised the District for the successful summer programming and publicity which included the Rossmoor Community Festival, Movies, Concerts and Shakespeare in the Park.

Erwin Anisman opined relative to agenda posting on the website and overhanging vines on the Signature Wall.

Dave Burgess criticized the District and expressed dissatisfaction with the District’s landscaping contractor.

**AT 8:05 P.M. THE BOARD ADJOURNED TO A CLOSED SESSION.**

**K. CLOSED SESSION**

**1. Public Employment: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. Title: District General Manager**

**AT 8:35 P.M. THE BOARD RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION TO REPORT THAT NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. THE BOARD PROCEEDED WITH ITS REGULAR AGENDA AT THIS TIME.**

**D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

**1. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT ON GRAND JURY REPORT RE: TRANSPARENCY**

Authorize General Manager to submit the District’s Response to the Grand Jury Report, “Transparency: Breaking Up Compensation Fog–But Why Hide Pension Costs?”

Discussion ensued relative to various inaccuracies contained within the Grand Jury Report. President Coletta stated that he had personally informed the Grand Jury that the RCSD had no pension costs because they did not offer pensions to their employees. He added that he was baffled by the unwarranted allegations.

Motion by President Coletta, seconded by Director Casey to remit the District's formal responses to the Grand Jury and remit the General Manager's response letter to Judge Borris. Motion passed 4-0.

## **2. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT RE: GOVERNANCE**

Recommendation to receive the report and provide direction to General Manager on future governance initiatives.

The General Manager provided the Board with a comprehensive update on a number of activities relating to governance, i.e. Attorney General Opinion, Public Records Act Requests, District Tree Policy Enforcement and the OC Grand Jury Report. He stated that he had received a majority of the Public Records Act data requested from the County. Discussion ensued. The report was received and filed.

## **3. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT ON ROSSMOOR SIGNAGE PROJECT**

Recommendation to receive the progress report and provide direction to the General Manager on the aesthetic elements of the signage project.

The General Manager reported that staff had built a mockup of the proposed monument signage in order to give perspective to its placement at three locations at the corners of the shopping district, known as the Rossmoor Shopping Village. The signs were designed to correspond with current signage at Rush and Rossmoor Parks. The proposed monument signs, and those currently on the signature wall, are painted in white lettering while the latter are black in color. It would seem appropriate to consider a common color for all Rossmoor signage. Once the license agreements are executed by the property owners, building permit requests will be submitted to the County. Upon issuance of the permits, the Board will be requested to approve a contractual agreement for the building and installation of the signs. Discussion ensued relative to branding consistency with regard to the type and color of the lettering for the signage. The Board reviewed various sample photos of black and white lettering.

Motion by Director Maynard, seconded by Director Casey to preserve the existing signage at Rossmoor Way for historical purposes, install the new monument signage with white lettering in the traditional script "R" style, convert all existing black lettering (appearing at various locations on the Signature Wall and throughout the community) to white, in order to maintain a consistent look across all community signage, thus clearly communicating a brand for Rossmoor. The Board requested Cheryl Williamsen create Photoshop samples of what the white lettering would look like across the variegated brick of the Signature Wall. The Board further agreed to revisit the white lettering color choice if it proved to be poorly visible on the Signature Wall. Motion passed 4-0.

**E. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1a. MINUTES-REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 10, 2012**

**2. JUNE 2012 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

**3. QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT**

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved as submitted. Motion passed, 4-0.

**F. PUBLIC HEARING—None**

**G. RESOLUTIONS-None**

**H. REGULAR CALENDAR**

**1. AGREEMENT W/WEST COAST ELECTRIC FOR ELECTRICAL REPAIRS TO RUSH PARK AUDITORIUM**

Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute Agreement with West Coast Electric to perform electrical repairs to the Rush Park Auditorium lighting system. Bob Colley with West Coast Electric discussed his observations and recommendations regarding auditorium lighting upgrades, proper restroom and emergency exit lighting. Discussion ensued relative to cost estimates. Cheryl Williamsen provided her knowledgeable insight to the Board.

Motion by Director Maynard, seconded by Director Casey to authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement with West Coast Electric as outlined to perform electrical repairs to the Rush Park Auditorium lighting system. Motion passed 3-1, with Director Kahlert voting No.

**2. RECREATION DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD**

Recommendation to receive the report of the Recreation Department. President Coletta requested that future programming proposals be fleshed out in further detail for discussion at a later time. Director Maynard concurred. The report was received and filed.

**I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS—None**

**J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

Director Maynard addressed what he characterized as negative and unfounded comments by the Public Forum speakers. He stated that such negativity is destructive and only served to make the accusers look foolish when their misguided accusations are proven to be false. Their time would be better spent giving others the benefit of the doubt with the assurance that people are genuinely doing their best.

Director Ron Casey expressed the District's sadness at the loss of Tree Consultant and beloved colleague, Randy Reynolds. He stated that Randy was a good man with a wonderful sense of humor and would be greatly missed.

**K. CLOSED SESSION—This item was moved up in the agenda**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Director Kahlert, seconded by Director Casey to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**Henry Taboada  
Consulting General Manager**