



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

**REGULAR MEETING**

RUSH PARK  
3021 Blume Drive  
Rossmoor, California

**Tuesday, April 12, 2011**

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**A. ORGANIZATION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:06 P.M.**

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

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. PRESENTATIONS:**

**a. Proclamation-Director Shannon Hough**

Director Shannon Hough was presented with plaque and proclamation by President Rips.  
Applause ensued.

**B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – None**

**C. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Georglyn Seligman reminded the community to attend the Rossmoor Community Festival on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in Rush Park. She stated that everyone should come dressed in western attire in honor of this year's western theme and activities included a dog show, car show, low cost pet micro-chipping services and lots of food and fun.

**D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

**1. Report of the CIP/PW Committee Committee Re: Status & Possible Action on the District's CIP Program**

Recommendation to receive the report of the CIP/Public Works Committee on the status of the District's current CIP and modifications to the project work plans for the next four years.

Lengthy discussion ensued relative to the cost of the Montecito Center Project and the Rush Park parking lot resurfacing project. The General Manager stated that the Montecito Center project had been finalized and had already gone out to bid. He also stated that he was not employed with the District when the Rush Parking lot had been re-paved, and it had not been done correctly by the contractor. The parking lot was slurry sealed a few years ago but had eroded considerably and would need to be replaced within the next three years.

Joel Rattner had questions relative to the District cashflow report. He also reiterated his opposition to the Montecito Center remodeling project.

Jim Alexander voiced his approval of the Montecito Center remodeling project and suggested offsetting the cost with some minor fee adjustments. The report of the CIP/PW Committee was received and filed.

## **2. General Manager Report Re: Governance**

The General Manager reported on the April 7, 2011 Special Meeting and the Probolsky Poll results. He advised the Board that if they chose to go forward with the latent powers application to LAFCO they were required to post a notice of public hearing first. He recommended the Board receive the report and provide direction to General Manager on future governance initiatives, including the submission of an Application to LAFCO re: Additional Latent Powers. Mr. Adam Probolsky then made a presentation on the Rossmoor Community Survey.

President Rips opened the meeting up for public comments at this time:

Ken Brown spoke in opposition to latent powers. Ralph Vartebedian spoke in support of latent powers. Jim Alexander opined that the community should have a choice in services; he also stated that Rossmoor streets were in good repair and a Grand Jury Investigation might be a good idea. Michelle Fieldson had questions relative to the poll percentages in two similar questions. Adam Probolsky responded to the question. Joel Rattner opined that 55% of the community wanted to remain the same, 74% of the people were satisfied with services from the County Sheriff; that the District isn't paying attention to what the County is saying; that it wants to rid itself of unincorporated territories. Richard Butterfield questioned whether or not staying the same was a viable option; that LAFCO was unresponsive and Supervisor Moorlach wasn't representing Rossmoor, and that serving on LAFCO was a conflict of interest. Joyce Bloom spoke in opposition to latent powers and opined that the poll did not represent a large enough sampling of the community.

Adam Probolsky stated that his company's goal was always to be accurate, balanced and factual; 300 people was a very good indicator and a remarkably large percentage of the Rossmoor population with a willingness to respond. Director Hough stated that Probolsky Research had a stellar reputation and that Supervisor Moorlach himself had been a client at one time. Mark Nitikman spoke in support of latent powers; that the RCSD Board needed to articulate a clear strategy to the public.

The majority of the public demanded clear financial data from the County and suggested the Board pursue that information in order to disprove the County's claim, once and for all that Rossmoor wasn't a financial drain on the County.

Director Coletta articulated the District's strategy and stated that Rossmoor had taken care of its own; had been fiscally sound for over 50 years; that Rossmoor residents nor their descendents are interested in inheriting the taxes and pension costs associated with Supervisor Moorlach's super-city model.

Resident Tony DeMarco stated that he liked what he heard from Director Coletta and asked how to get that information out to a wider audience. Director Coletta invited Mr. DeMarco and the public to participate in the Rossmoor Advisory Committee meetings held at Rush Park.

Discussion ensued relative to a hearing date. Motion by Director Coletta, seconded by Director Hough to hold a public hearing at the June 14<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

**THE BOARD TOOK A 10 MINUTE RECESS AT 9:45 P.M. AND RESUMED AT 9:55 P.M.**

**E. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1a. MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2011**

**1b. MINUTES-SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2011**

**2. FEBRUARY 2011 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

**3. DISTRICT STATUS REPORT**

**4. QUARTERLY TREE REPORT**

**5. QUARTERLY RECREATION REPORT**

Motion by Director Hough, seconded by Director Casey to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. Motion passed 5-0.

**F. PUBLIC HEARING-None**

**G. RESOLUTIONS**

**1. RESOLUTION 11-12-04-01 REJECTION OF GOVERNMENT CLAIM-  
RAIGN**

Approve Resolution No.11-04-12-01 by reading the title only and waiving further reading as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT'S REJECTION OF GOVERNMENT CLAIM-RAIGN**

Motion by Director Hough, seconded by Director Coletta to approve Resolution No.11-04-12-01 by reading the title only and waiving further reading. Motion passed 5-0.

**H. REGULAR CALENDAR**

**1. NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCY RE: RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR SHANNON HOUGH**

Recommendation to give direction to General Manager for filling of a Board vacancy by appointment or calling for a Special Election. Discussion ensued relative to the considerable cost of holding a Special Election versus filling the Board vacancy by appointment.

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Coletta to fill the Board vacancy by appointment and post a notice of vacancy no later than 15 days; by 5:00 p.m. on April 29, 2011. Motion passed 5-0.

**I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS**

The General Manager expressed his pleasure, and that of the staff at having had the opportunity to work with Shannon Hough. He stated that she served the Board with style, dignity and purpose and would be greatly missed.

**J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

Director Kahlert had direct comments relative to the latent powers issue and due to recent articles and derogatory comments in the media made by Supervisor John Moorlach, he'd lost a lot of respect for him. He also demanded factual proof that Rossmoor was indeed a drain on the County as Moorlach claimed. In closing he stated it had been a pleasure knowing Director Shannon Hough and wished her well in all her future endeavors.

Director Casey stated that he could find no evidence regarding Moorlach's allegations of missing data in the Probolsky Poll. He commented that he hated to see Shannon Hough go. He characterized her as highly motivated, knowledgeable and dedicated; she would be greatly missed.

Director Coletta referenced some earlier comments made by a resident regarding communication and emphasized its importance. He suggested composing a cover letter for the Probolsky Poll and having it signed by the RCSD President and the RHA President and

remit the documents to each member of the County Board of Supervisors and the County Sheriff. The remainder of the Board concurred.

Director Coletta stated that things happen for a reason and that Shannon Hough helped bridge the gap between Rossmoor residents for and against incorporation. He wished her much happiness and a beautiful life.

Director Hough thanked General Manager Henry Taboada for his kindness and mentorship. She encouraged the Board to continue the fight for Rossmoor's Latent Powers and independence. She stated that her time on the Board had been a truly remarkable experience that she would never forget.

President Rips encouraged the residents to attend the Rossmoor Community Festival, cosponsored by the District on May 5<sup>th</sup>. He requested that the General Manager bring back the rejection of the parkway tree MOU from the County. He also requested that the parking lot repaving cost data be researched and submitted to the Board at their next meeting. Finally, in order to economize and reduce paper costs, and in light of Rossmoor's recent designation as a Tree City USA he requested staff research electronic tablet devices for the Board.

President Rips thanked Shannon Hough for her service and wished her well. He added that she was determined, hard working, courageous and a true role model for the community. He said Rossmoor was a better place for having known Director Hough and he was sorry to see her go.

#### **K. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session for Public Employee Performance Evaluation-Pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54957-Title General Manager at 10:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened to open session at 10:50 p.m. President Rips reported that no reportable action was taken during closed session.

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Director Coletta, seconded by Director Casey to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:00 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **SUBMITTED BY:**

**Henry Taboada**  
**Consulting General Manager**