



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING (ZOOM)
Held September 3, 2020**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m.
2. Roll was taken.

Attendees: Alison Alexander, Terry Dugan, Dee Gavaldon, Kathy Gee, Larnell Gill, Richard Leimbach, Liz Lott, Jesus Mendoza, Jay Rutherford, Frank Teran

Absent: Carol Arbini-McFarland, Chris Peterson

Motion was made (R. Leimbach/L. Lott) and passed to adopt the agenda and approve the minutes of the August meeting.

Frank reminded residents to complete the 2020 Census which is important to received funds for services. He also said County junk removal services that are free once annually to residents are running behind.

3. **Presentation** – Frank gave a presentation on the benefits of outdoor home cameras and things to consider when shopping for a camera. Along with that information, he also suggested registering outdoor cameras with the Sheriff’s Electronic Eye (SEE) Program so if activity occurred that your camera may have picked up, the SCSO can contact you to request any footage that may be of assistance in their investigation. Neighborhood Watch (NW) on your street is also a crime prevention tool. There are currently 26 NW groups in Rosemont.
4. **Reports and Updates**
 - a. **County** – Rebecca Sloan reported on the Board of Supervisors’ awareness of homeless camps in the Rosemont area, particularly along Folsom Blvd. from Mayhew to Watt Ave. There is a multi-disciplinary team addressing this issue, however, due to current CDC guidelines, it is difficult to manage. The County is working to partner with businesses and County departments to provide Wifi access in public spaces depending on budget restrictions. County budget hearings are next week. Terry asked Rebecca to look into cleaning up a stretch of S. Watt between Jackson Rd. and Fruitridge because of illegal dumping. In response to a question regarding cleaning up trash left by the homeless, Rebecca warned that it is not safe and to advise the County where clean up needs to be done. She is also aware of the homeless information and resources sheets that Kathy forwarded to SCSO and herself to review before distribution. She will follow up on how the review is progressing.
 - b. **CRPD** – Terri Leimbach reported playgrounds are not opening due to the public’s inability to have children social distance and no disinfecting of equipment. Caution tape was installed around all playgrounds but have been removed by the public.
 - c. **Schools** – Christina Pritchett reported that technical glitches on the first day of school will be addressed quickly. Wifi “Internet Essentials” is available through Comcast. On 9/15 there will be a parent Listening Session; she will post on RCA Facebook pages. SCUSD will not be contracting with Sac PD for Resource Officers to save \$600,000. Concern for Rosemont is that it is not in the City and response time for SCSO averages 20 minutes. Dee Gavaldon will serve on the SCUSD Health & Safety Committee which makes recommendations on issues in the schools regarding health and safety.
 - d. **Cal Am Water** – California Public Utilities Commission has declined California American Water’s request for rate increase.
5. **Community Spotlight Award** – presented to Linda Kenner for her many years of dedicated service to the Rosemont community, serving as the Rosemont Community Association’s Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office, and participating in its programs and events.

6. Projects/Programs

- a. **Homelessness** – Homelessness information and resource list is being reviewed by the SCSO and other County agencies including Don Notolli's office.
- b. **Neighborhood Beautification** – Neighbors Helping Neighbors orientation will be held via Zoom on September 17 for volunteers interested in participating in the program to assist residents who are unable to care for their yards in mowing and trimming their front lawns.
- c. **Grants** – Grant funds have been received for the SMUD Shine Award and Sacramento County which will provide needed funds for upcoming fall/winter events – Halloween, food drive, Christmas/Holiday, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Neighborhood Libraries.
- d. **Neighborhood Libraries** – Alison reported that two residents with Neighborhood Libraries have moved and did not advise RCA. She will check with the new residents to see if they wish to carry on with the libraries or if they need to be removed. She is also checking on the status of repairs needed to any of the libraries.
- e. **Food Drive** – Frank attended a meeting of Atonement Lutheran Church who has supplied meeting space to RCA for many years. They expressed an interest in RCA assisting them with restocking their food closet which is available to the public who are in need. RCA will be hosting a food drive for non-perishable goods this fall. More information to come. Those interested in volunteering, please contact Frank or Kathy.
- f. **Fall/Winter Events** – Plans are being developed for Halloween and Christmas/Holiday events. Those interested in helping, please contact Dee or Kathy.

7. New Business

- a. **Revisions to the Board of Directors (BOD) Policies** – Board members were supplied documents in the September Board Packet outlining revisions recommended by the Governance Committee (GC) to be considered for approval. Motion was made (F. Teran/L. Gill) and passed to approve the revisions to the BOD Policies.
- b. **Governance Committee Purpose Statement** – Because of questions regarding the creation and role of the GC which was approved by the Board at the August meeting, directors were emailed a GC purpose statement to be considered for approval. Kathy spoke about the history behind the committee formation, its role as operations oversight for the Board, and its value to the Board and RCA. Motion was made (F. Teran/L. Gill) and passed to approve the purpose statement of the Governance Committee.

8. Administrative Reports

- a. **Storage Facilities** – Board members were asked at the August meeting to research storage possibilities. Kathy called six public self-storage facilities near Rosemont and she presented the rental fees. Terry had a possibility he is still researching. Motion was made (D. Gavaldon/A. Alexander) to rent a storage facility for the time being. Dee and Kathy will work with Jesus on getting things finalized.
- b. **Memberships** – Stickers for members and businesses will be arriving soon. There was no new information on memberships to report.
- c. **Treasurer's Report** – Motion made (L. Gill/J. Rutherford) and passed to approve the Treasurer's Report.
- d. **Communications** – Zoom meeting was opened for public comment. Frank allowed one person in the Chat box to speak at a time. Public members spoke about their displeasure with the current moderation of the RCA Community Forum Facebook page, its new rules, and members being muted, removed or blocked without reason or notice. Directors addressed their questions and stated that their concerns would be brought up at the next Facebook administrators meeting.

9. **Adjournment** – Motion was made (L. Gill/R. Leimbach) and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.