A regular meeting of the Ad Hoc Task Force to Review the Rossmoor General Plan (Task Force) was called to order by the Chairman, Donald J. Liddle, at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Carol J. Edlund, Secretary, Christine A. Bertrand, and F. William Dorband. Alice S. Lau, Alan W. Swanson, and Robert D. Kelso were absent. Also attending were Warren T. Salmons, CEO; Leslie Birdsall, President, and Sue DiMaggio Adams, Director, GRF; and several residents.

The report of the Task Force’s regular meeting held on October 5, 2015, was approved as submitted.

No residents spoke during the first Residents’ Forum.

Environment and Sustainability – Ms. Bertrand

Ms. Bertrand presented the report. A few comments were suggested but no changes were made.

A motion to accept the Environment and Sustainability chapter was made, seconded, and CARRIED.

Open Space and Landscaping – Ms. Bertrand

Ms. Bertrand presented the report. A question was asked about what constitutes GRF management of open space and landscaping. Mr. Salmons responded that tree maintenance is contracted and open space areas are contracted for fire abatement. Staff people do very little in open space areas. The Ad Hoc Committee agreed that the focus of the report, as written, would be on landscaped areas.

A motion to accept the Open Space and Landscaping chapter, as presented, was made, seconded, and CARRIED.

The Chairman handed out a “General Plan Update” which the Task Force accepted as presented. He suggested that the Task Force look at the Summary Report (pages 71-91) in the General Plan. This matrix section lists the goals, policies, and actions and includes responsible parties and timeframes. The GRF Board governs the implementation of the recommendations while staff carries out the Board’s directions. Mr. Salmons reminded the Task Force that a lot of work went into putting together this summary and asked the members to consider only the most critical aspects. The Task Force’s recommendations are mainly in each individual report, i.e., then members address the language of each area’s policy,
actions, and goals. The question to consider at the next meeting is: what format does the Task Force present to the Board? The staff has ultimate responsibility for putting the report together.

The next regular meeting of the Task Force will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015, at 0:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex, at which time the Task Force will present its final suggestions for the report format.

No residents spoke during the second Residents' Forum.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Donald J. Liddle, Chairman
Ad Hoc Task Force to Review the Rossmoor General Plan

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