

AD HOC TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE
ROSSMOOR GENERAL PLAN REPORT

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015, AT 9:00 A.M.

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, August 17, 2015, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Carol J. Edlund, Secretary, Christine A. Bertrand, F. William Dorband, Alice S. Lau, Alan W. Swanson, and Robert D. Kelso, GRF representative and ex-officio member. Mary Hufford, Vice Chairman, was absent. Also attending were Leslie Birsdall, President, and Sue DiMaggio Adams, Director; GRF: Jeffrey P. Matheson, Director of Resident Services; Glenn Mix, Fleet Manager; and several residents.

Attendance

The report of the Task Force's regular meeting held on July 20, 2015, was accepted as submitted.

Report
Accepted

No residents spoke during the first Residents' Forum.

Residents'
Forum/

Mr. Matheson and Mr. Mix spoke about bus transportation and ridership analysis. They explained that fixed routes are the "bread and butter" services of the system, which includes four routes within Rossmoor and the "green" line, which goes outside the valley. The latter is partially funded by Measure J (\$68,000 annually). In addition, a paratransit bus is available by appointment only. While necessary for those residents who need it, this service is not cost effective. The Dial-a-Bus program is on-demand and people call an hour ahead of time.

Transportation
Update

Federal capital funding (5310 grants) is another source of revenue used to purchase new buses. Analysis, which is tracked daily based on driver head counts, indicates that ridership is heaviest in the morning. Software (Microsoft) is also used to track rider use. Since ridership is lower in the evening, these hours have been shortened. While other means for scheduling pickups could be considered, to date, phone calls are the preferred method. Approximately 115,000 to 120,000 rides are conducted every year with a budget of \$1.1 million and a staff of 11 bus drivers. Concerning safety and liability issues, relative to the number of miles traveled, the record is very good. While a satellite tracking system on the buses would be a "dream" service if money were available, it is not likely to happen. Whether the Department would go back to diesel buses depends on EPA regulations. Another consideration would be electric buses, but here the issue is charging stations. In answer to the question -- what needs fixing? -- both Mr. Matheson and Mr. Mix said they are constantly looking at all matters. Their primary concern is always to provide an effective and efficient system.

Governance – Ms. Lau and Mr. Liddle

Sub-
committee
Presentations

Ms. Lau read through the document, and Mr. Liddle asked for questions and/or comments from each section.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed modifications on "Governance". A vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED.

Security – Mr. Kelso and Mr. Liddle

Mr. Kelso presented the proposed document. Task Force members voted to include Securitas as the security contractor. Mr. Liddle encouraged the Task Force to add changes or clarification.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the modifications in the entire package. A vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED.

Mr. Dorband asked the Task Force to review several appendices (particularly E, G, H, and I) in the original plan as to how or whether the Task Force might want to amend them. The issue will be considered at the next meeting. He also passed out copies of the Facilities Subcommittee report for review.

Review of
General
Plan
Appendices

The next meeting of the Task Force is August 31st with presentations from the Mutual Presidents and Subcommittee reports from Technology, Facilities, and Communication. Subsequent Monday meetings in September were discussed, but since each presents a scheduling problem, the Task Force agreed to meet on Monday, September 28th, and then finally on Monday, October 5th.

Future
Speakers
and Meeting
Dates

No residents spoke during the second Residents' Forum.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Task Force will be held on Monday, August 31, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

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Donald J. Liddle, Chairman

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