

Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)

Record of Action

Date: 06/26/2025

Location: Rodeo Senior Center

Called to Order: 7:05 pm

Quorum Met: Yes

Chair: Dr. Anthony Hodge

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Dr. Anthony Hodge opened the meeting and welcomed community members and presenters. He acknowledged the ongoing efforts by local faith-based organizations and volunteers to support the unhoused in Rodeo through hygiene kits, spiritual support, and cleanup engagement.

2. Public Comment

- Community gratitude was expressed to Zion Hill Church, New Hope Community Church, and Kinders BBQ for their ongoing support to the unhoused.
 - The Hercules-Rodeo Rotary Club expressed interest in expanding their volunteer efforts to support local homelessness solutions.
 - Concerns were raised regarding visible trash and debris near encampments and the need for accountability alongside compassion.
 - Dr. Hodge emphasized a referral-based model, wraparound services, and plans for a centralized support hub, “New Horizons,” in Rodeo.
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3. Announcements

- **Rotary Grant Recognition:** A \$5,000 grant from the HRC Rotary Club was presented to Rodeo Hills Elementary School for community hall improvements. Combined contributions now total \$15,000.
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4. Agency Reports

a. Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire):

A representative shared updates on the successful annexation of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire District into Con Fire. A change of command ceremony is scheduled for July 30 at 11 AM at Hercules

High School. Community members are encouraged to attend the event, which includes an open house and flyover demonstration.

b. John Swett Unified School District (WCCUSD):

Trustee Marina Ramos provided an update on the superintendent search.

- 26 applications were received; four candidates remain.
- Final interviews will take place July 11 and July 14.
- The full board, union reps, and classified and certificated staff are participating in the process.

c. Office of Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston (District 5):

District Representative Brandon Evans shared the following updates:

- Community office hours have been successful in building local relationships.
- A goal-setting meeting was hosted in May to identify 1-year priorities for Rodeo.
- The Community Benefit Advisory Panel interviews are complete. Appointments for both Phillips 66 and Marathon panels are expected in early July.
- Public grant applications are projected to launch in August using Benevity software.
- The CBA covers \$10 million over 13 years, with \$3 million currently available.
- Evans announced he will transition out of the office at the end of July to pursue a seat on Richmond City Council. He affirmed that a strong replacement will be introduced and the supervisor will remain engaged in West County.

5. Grants

Approved Mini Grants:

1. **New Horizons – \$1,000**
To support the 16th Annual Rock the Block Back-to-School Block Party (August 9), which will include food, vendors, youth activities, and a petting zoo. Over 27 vendors are currently confirmed.
2. **Hercules-Rodeo Rotary Club – \$1,000**
For their 5th Annual 4th of July 5K Run/Walk, now hosted at the Rodeo Marina. The event promotes wellness, small business engagement, and family participation, and includes live performances and youth-focused giveaways.

Both grants were approved unanimously (4–0).

6. Council Vacancy

A seat remains vacant on the Rodeo MAC. Interested residents are encouraged to apply via the Contra Costa County Boards & Commissions webpage. Applications are accepted year-round.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12. The next Rodeo MAC meeting will be held on August 28, 2025.