

Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council



**Supervisor Shanelle Scales -
Preston, District V**

Dr Anthony Hodge
Chairperson of the Rodeo MAC
189 Parker Ave
Rodeo, CA 94553

*The Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council serves as an advisory body to the
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Agency.*

RECORD OF ACTION (MINUTES)

January 23, 2025

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

- Meeting called to order with a quorum present.
- Roll Call: Dr. Anthony Hodge (Chair), Deborah Drake (Secretary), Jeron Davis (Secretary Nominee), Barbara Vargen-Kotchevar (Vice Chair), Lauren McCollins (Treasurer).
- Deborah Drake was absent (excused).

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Recited by all in attendance.

3. Public Comment

- **Stephanie:** Raised three points: a proposed dirt biking zone, beautification efforts (flower planting), and opposition to a development project on 2nd Street due to view obstruction.
- **Bob:** Expressed safety concerns at crosswalks and raised homelessness as a crisis needing fairground space utilization.
- **Linda:** Promoted Contra Costa community alert text service and shared a QR code.
- **Sandy:** Voiced concern about inadequate CEQA notification regarding a 2nd Street development and lack of neighbor engagement by the Planning Department.

4. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion:** To approve agenda with addition of a presentation by the John Swett Unified School District (JUSD) Community School Coordinator.
- **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

5. Swearing-In Ceremony

- Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston administered the oath of office to all RMAC members.

6. Board Officer Elections

- **Chair:** Dr. Anthony Hodge nominated and unanimously elected (4-0).
- **Vice Chair:** Lauren McCollins nominated and unanimously elected (4-0).
- **Treasurer:** Deborah Drake retained as Treasurer (4-0).

The Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities planning to attend the meeting who contact Supervisor Glover's Office at least 72 hours before the meeting at (925) 608-4200.

Materials distributed for the meeting can be obtained by contacting Brandon Evans at (925) 608-4200 or by email at Brandon.Evans@bos.cccounty.us

Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council



**Supervisor Shanelle Scales -
Preston, District V**

Dr Anthony Hodge
Chairperson of the Rodeo MAC
189 Parker Ave
Rodeo, CA 94553

- **Secretary:** Jeron Davis nominated and unanimously elected (4-0).

7. Approval of Record of Action

- **Motion:** To approve previous meeting minutes with necessary corrections.
- **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

8. Agency Reports

- **Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office:** Provided December incident report. Notable items:
 - 460 calls for service, 42 formal reports.
 - Crimes included assault with deadly weapon, firearm discharge, grand theft, and vandalism.
 - Noted success of holiday gift-giving program funded by RMAC grant and others.
- **BNSF Railway:** No report provided; staff is coordinating a future appearance.
- **RHFPD/Con Fire:** Concerns expressed over ongoing absence from meetings. RMAC requested formal accountability or explanation for non-attendance.

9. Presentation – John Swett Unified School District

- **Presenter:** Mr. Junio “Mr. Somos” Margain-Salvador, Community Schools Coordinator.
- **Key Topics:**
 - Overview of the Community Schools model.
 - JUSD’s approach to restorative practices, mental health, and wraparound student support.
 - Current efforts at engagement, wellness rooms, cultural responsiveness, and family partnerships.
 - District participation in a 5-year state grant for the program.

10. Supervisor & Staff Updates

- **Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston:**
 - Committed to monthly Rodeo office hours.
 - First round of meetings hosted at the Senior Center with strong resident participation.
 - Discussed improving communication and responsiveness.
- **Staff Report – Brandon Evans:**
 - **Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) Panel:** Update on advisory board creation, including representation from Rodeo, Crockett, and county agencies.
 - **Town Plaza Redevelopment:** Exploring options to revitalize former redevelopment parcels for local-serving uses.
 - **Willow & Hawthorne Development:** Continued community coordination with developers and Planning Department.

The Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities planning to attend the meeting who contact Supervisor Glover's Office at least 72 hours before the meeting at (925) 608-4200.

Materials distributed for the meeting can be obtained by contacting Brandon Evans at (925) 608-4200 or by email at Brandon.Evans@bos.cccounty.us

Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council



**Supervisor Shanelle Scales -
Preston, District V**

Dr Anthony Hodge
Chairperson of the Rodeo MAC
189 Parker Ave
Rodeo, CA 94553

- **Rodeo Creek Trail Improvements:** Project to upgrade trail access, safety features, and landscape amenities underway.
- **Meeting Space Improvements:** County working on A/V upgrades and maintenance at the Senior Center.
- **Public Use of Meeting Space:** New Google form in development to streamline reservations for community use.

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned after final comments and acknowledgments from board members and the public.

The Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities planning to attend the meeting who contact Supervisor Glover's Office at least 72 hours before the meeting at (925) 608-4200.

Materials distributed for the meeting can be obtained by contacting Brandon Evans at (925) 608-4200 or by email at Brandon.Evans@bos.cccounty.us