

Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
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DRAFT Meeting Notes

2023 RB PLANNING BOARD - Total Seated 13; Total in Attendance 9*

2023 RANCHO BERNARDO COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ROSTER									
P = present, A = absent, LE = left early									
Robin Kaufman	A	Sara Nucci	A	Steve Dow	P	June Smith*	LE		
Benjamin Wier	P	Vicki Touchstone	P	Hugh Rothman	A	Sujata Yellaepeddi	P		
Gary Long	P	Donald Bertsch	P	Sonny Googins	P	Keith Mikas	P		
Rebecca Rapp	P							Total Seated	13
								Total in Attendance	9*

*June Smith had to leave mid-meeting; leaving 8 in attendance, which was still a quorum.

ITEM #1 Call to Order/Roll Call: 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at

ITEM #2 Chair Remarks:

The chair, Robin Kaufman, was unable to attend the meeting, Benjamin Wier, presided over the meeting in her stead.

ITEM #3 Non-agenda Public Comment: None

ITEM #4 Government Staff Reports: No government representatives were present.

ITEM #5 Modification and Adoption of Agenda: There were no modifications to the agenda. Sonny Googins made a motion to adopt the agenda; seconded by Gary Long. Approved unanimously (9-0).

ITEM #6 Administrative Item:

- a. **Approval of the August, 2023 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the August 17, 2023 were approved, following a correction to the spelling of Keith Mikas last name as pointed out in an email from by Hugh Rothman, by a vote of 6 in favor and 3 abstentions (abstaining due to non-attendance at the August meeting were V. Touchstone, B. Wier, and J. Smith). Note: There were no meeting minutes for September 21, 2023, as that meeting was adjourned.

- b. Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Gary Long presented the treasurer's report. The Board's account remains at \$322.95. The City account, which provides \$500 for Board expenses on a reimbursable basis, was renewed in July. The City has been invoiced for \$234.50 for webpage software and \$191.88 for the webpage hosting package. There is approximately \$80 remaining in the City account. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Gary Long and seconded by Donald Bertsch. The motion for approval was unanimous (9-0).

ITEM #7 First Aqueduct Structures Rehab Project (Information Item): Representatives from the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) provided a presentation on the Southern First Aqueduct Facilities Improvement Project. This project will improve 99 unique aqueduct support structures in streets, along access roads, and within utility easements for Pipeline 1 and Pipeline 2 of the First Aqueduct. These lines, which are between 48 and 54 inches in diameter, can transport up to 120 million gallons of water per day to the San Diego region. The structures to be rehabilitated contain blow-off valves for releasing water and draining the pipeline, pipeline access points, or air valves for releasing and letting air into the pipelines. A number of representatives from the Water Authority were present to provide project information and answer questions. The system was installed in 1944 and support structures require periodic maintenance, but the pipeline itself has been evaluated and is in good condition. The current project includes work at various access points from Highway 76 to San Vicente reservoir. The northern segment of the project is already completed. Preparation for upgrades to facilities in the south segment which extends through north Escondido, Rancho Bernardo, and Poway, is currently underway. Some facilities are located in easements on or adjacent to properties in Rancho Bernardo.

There are six sites in Rancho Bernardo: three in the Trails in the vicinity of Polvera Avenue, one at Calle Esperonsa and Camino Ramillette, and two sites in Oaks North in the vicinity of Avenida Marbella. The Water Authority has been working with the affected residents. Effects to streets as a result of this project are limited as no work on the pipeline itself is required.

For more information go to: https://www.sdcwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/SDCWA-First-Aqueduct-Fact-Sheet_10.18.2023_FINAL.pdf.

ITEM #8 City Asphalt Overlay Group 2306 Project (Information Item): Janice Jaro, Senior Engineer from the City of San Diego, provided information regarding the City's upcoming street resurfacing projects in various locations in Rancho Bernardo. This project will resurface approximately 5.3 miles of existing roadway in Rancho Bernardo, Carmel Mountain Ranch, and Rancho Penasquitos, as well as install/replace approximately 49 curb ramps with ADA compliant curb ramps, and remove/replace damaged crossgutters and sidewalks. Construction will occur Monday-Friday, 7:30 am to 4 p.m. Affected residents will be notified approximately 5 days prior to construction. The project is expected to occur from fall 2023 to spring 2024, but is subject to change. For more information email: engineering@sandiego.gov.

Board members had several comments related to the proposal. Vicki Touchstone, although thankful to hear some streets in RB will be repaired, was disappointed to see that despite two years of sending letters to the council office regarding street conditions in Villa Ladera, including

Avenida Nobleza, a street that has been identified for more than ten years as being in poor condition, was not included on the list. Keith Mikas asked why some streets, such as those in the vicinity of Westwood Elementary, are so frequently repaired/resurfaced. There were also questions related to why short cul-de-sacs in need of repair and located adjacent to streets undergoing repair, such as those in High Country West, are left in such poor condition (e.g., consisting of loose regraded asphalt) and not repaired in association with adjacent street repair work.

Item #9 Review of New Bylaws and Supporting Document (Information Item): Gary Long described the status of the work being conducted by the Bylaws Committee on the new bylaws required by the City. The final version must be submitted to the Planning Department by 12/31/2023. The Committee has been working to ensure that the current draft version is consistent with the City’s requirements. The link to the City’s site related to the revisions is <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community-plans/cpg/recognition-operations>.

Item #10 Update on Website Expenditures (Voting Item): Gary Long explained that Ben Wier has been paying for website expenses while we wait for the City to provide reimbursement, but this year, the costs for the website have gone up significantly. He asked the Board to approve a motion to reimburse Ben using the funds in the Planning Board checking account as we wait for City reimbursement which takes multiple months to receive. The motion was made and seconded; and approved unanimously (8-0).

Item #11 Formation of an Ad Hoc Election Committee (Voting Item): A request was made for volunteers to serve on an Ad Hoc Election Committee. Gary Long, Ben Wier, and Keith Mikas agreed to serve. A motion to approve the committee members was made by Sujata Yellaepeddi and seconded by Vicki Touchstone. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Item #12 Request for Community Members to Identify Themselves if Interested in Appointment to Open Vacancies in Districts A, B, C, E, F, and G and Appoint Qualifying Candidates: No one was present to express interest.

Item #13 Sub-Committee Reports:

Development Review Committee – Ben Wier stated the committee did not meet last month.

Regional Issues Committee – Vicki Touchstone stated the committee did not meet last month.

Traffic & Transportation Committee – Hugh Rothman was not present, but indicated prior to the meeting the committee did not meet last month.

Item #14 Liaison Reports:

Community Council.....Robin Kaufman prepared a report, which was attached to the agenda.

Community Planners Committee (CPC)..... Becky Rapp prepared a report, which was attached to the agenda.

Recreation Community Group.....Robin Kaufman prepared a report, which was attached to the agenda.

SANDAG..... Steve Dow

San Dieguito River ParkNo report.
San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group....Did not meet.
Commercial RepresentativeNo representative.

ITEM #15 Old Business Item – None

ITEM #16 New Business: Becky Rapp provided an update on SEED, indicating that the proposal is currently on hold. She will continue to monitor the status and provide future updates.

ADJOURNMENT: Gary Long made the motion to adjourn and Sujata Yellaepeddi seconded the motion. By unanimous approval (8-0), the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.