Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
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Annual Report April, 2019 – March, 2020

The Rancho Bernardo Planning Board was presented with a number of issues this fiscal year. This report chronologically emphasizes the work accomplished throughout the year due to the dedicated volunteers who compose this Board.

All letters sent by this Board throughout the year can be found on our website at www.RBPlanningBoard.com. We post all of our draft monthly agendas, approved monthly Board minutes, as well as all subcommittee draft agendas and approved minutes on our website. We also submit our monthly Board draft agendas and approved Board minutes to the City Planning Department to place on website, which can be found here: https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpg/agendas.

You can find this annual report, as well as all past annual reports on our website as well as the City Planning Department website.

April, 2019: The Rancho Bernardo Planning Board kicked off our new year by saying good-bye to six members and seating three new members who were elected during our March elections. The Board then elected all new officers as well as new subcommittee chairs. We started our new year with 14 Board members.

After appointing new officers, the Board reviewed and voted on the following items:

- Having reviewed and considered the proposed Ivy Leaf School Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the operation of an education center at 16469 Bernardo Center Drive in the CC-2-3 zone, the Board unanimously recommended City staff and Planning Commission approval of their CUP with four recommendations. Details can be found in our April, 2019 Board minutes.

-The Board also voted on approval of the Bernardo Heights Community Center Entrance Sign. Approval of the sign failed 4-3-3.

-A presentation on the proposed Rancho Bernardo Marijuana Outlet with the address of 16375 Bernardo Center Drive was given by representatives of property owner, Mr. Khoa Nguyen. A number of residents and representatives from Hope United Church spoke on the matter. Since the Development Review Committee had not yet reviewed this item prior to the full Board and that new details were being presented such as the size of the area proposed to be utilized, the Board unanimously voted to table the matter until such time as the City Department Services Department supplied us with updated material.

-As with every April meeting, the Board reviewed and approved the annual report, appointed subcommittee chairs as well as appointed liaisons.

May, 2019: Due to lack of agenda items, this month's meeting was cancelled.

June, 2019: Due to one of our Board members moving, our meeting started off with a membership of 13. We heard from several community members voicing concerns and oppositions of the proposed marijuana outlet.

The following items were unanimously approved by the Board:

- approved the Via Tazon project located at 16950 Via Tazon. This item was a request to amend the existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP), which allows medical office use on this IP-2-1 zoned property.

- to send a letter to Councilman Kersey requesting his continued support for community planning groups, emphasizing the importance of planning groups in communities and to encourage the City Council's assistance in recruiting members.

- to send a letter to the City in response to the NOP outlining issues that should be evaluated in the PEIR.

- approved to seat David Wilson to fill a position on the Board.

Finally, board member Vicki Touchstone reported on SANDAG's (San Diego Association of Governments) 2021 regional transportation plan.

July, 2019: We started this meeting with Robin Kaufman, Board Chair, announcing that Bernardo Heights Community Center was no longer allowing us to meet at their facility. Robin Kaufman announced she secured a new location for our full Board meetings at Seven Oaks Community Center, Development Review and Regional Issues subcommittees will meet at the Rancho Bernardo library and Traffic and Transportation along with the Administrative subcommittees will meet at High Country West Community Center.

Two residents addressed concerns pertaining to a marijuana outlet opening in our community.

Voting items which were unanimously approved by the Board include:

-to send a letter to the City Council, State Senator and State Assemblyman encouraging them to keep such decisions associated with SB 592 (formally SB 50 and 330) at the local level.

- to send a letter to Georgette Gomez, Chair of the MTS (Metropolitan Transit System) Board of Directors cc to Councilman Kersey requesting several of our recommendations be included in the input being gathered by MST as part of the Elevate San Diego 2020 public input process. Details can be found in our July minutes.

-The Board approved a new San Pasqual Planning Board Representative

August, 2019: Voting items which were unanimously approved by the Board include:

- Bernardo Center Drive TM (Project No. 512554), 16781/16785 Bernardo Center Drive. This was to subdivide a 12.78-acre lot to create a 0.362-acre parcel currently improved with a restaurant within the Plaza shopping center. The proposed lot, which would make the previously sold site a legal parcel, included the existing restaurant and the surrounding sidewalk, no parking spaces.

-Approval of Verizon – RB Village Review Letter (Project No. 632762), 17010 Pomerado Rd. Details can be found in our August minutes.

-Request for a more detailed traffic study for the proposed marijuana outlet as there is a very limited scope to the traffic study.

-Appointment of an ad hoc committee to review our website and make possible upgrades

-Appointment of Recreation Advisory Board representative and SANDAG representative.

-Appointment of new Board member Joanne Edelman and Dan Grobee.

September, 2019: Due to lack of agenda items, this meeting was cancelled.

October, 2019: Due to lack of agenda items, this meeting was cancelled.

November, 2019: Voting items which were unanimously approved by the Board include:

- A Process 3 Site Development Permit for a new two-story single-family residence with garage on a vacant lot within Environmentally Sensitive Lands (ESL). The 3.16-acre site is located in the AR-1-1 base zone in The Trails development. Details can be found in the November minutes.

- The City's Community Planning Group reform task force recommendations on revisions on Council Policy 600-24 were reviewed. The Board agreed to submit a letter to the task force addressing our concerns with some of their findings.

-The Board reviewed the 41 amendments the City was recommending to the Land Development Code. One of our main focuses was on the language pertaining to measuring the distances from marijuana outlets to residential property and those where minors are located. With the exception of one member, it was agreed to send a letter to the CPC, City Council, and City Planning Group to reject the suggested changes and stay with the current language of direct measurement as opposed to "path of pedestrian travel".

-The Board selected Ben Wier and Gary Long to be the new co-chairs of the Development Review Subcommittee, replacing Vicki Touchstone.

-The Board selected Ben Wier, Gary Long and Terry Norwood as the election subcommittee members.

December, 2019: Voting items which were unanimously approved by the Board include:

-The Board drafted a letter to the City with comments pertaining to the updated information on the City's housing element portion of the General Plan for 2021-2029. See letter posted on our website for details.

-The Board approved expenditures for the annual elections.

-Updates to the website were reviewed.

January, 2020: Voting items which were unanimously approved by the Board include:

-The Board agreed to draft a letter with comments pertaining to the City's Mobility Choices Regulations/DEIR.

-The Board agreed to send a letter to the City expressing the legal information pertaining to the footage regulations to residential property, why the location is not suitable, how residents feel about it being approved in this particular location and that we support the Planning Commission's recommendations pertaining to the 1,000 feet regulation.

-An update on the Board's elections were discussed.

February, 2020: Voting items which were unanimously approved by the Board include:

-The Board approved the drafted letter pertaining to the City's Mobility Choices Regulations/DEIR discussed the previous month.

-The Board agreed to send a letter to the Planning Department regarding the issues pertaining to zoning errors in Rancho Bernardo which were first identified in November, 2014 and that the City has yet to resolve.

March, 2020: Due to the impact of the Corona Virus and with an abundance of caution for members and guests, this meeting was cancelled. Due to the same unique situation, our Board elections were delayed until May.

We also had a few Traffic and Transportation Committee issues that were presented to the City this year:

-installation of traffic safety pylons October, 2019 on West Bernardo Drive by Sharp Rees Stealy. Several accidents and one death has transpired by their facility since they opened in 2017. The pylons will prevent vehicles from exiting their facility to go southbound and from entering that one particular entrance.

-installation of no-turn on red January, 2020 both east and westbound on Rancho Bernardo Road at the West Bernardo Drive intersection.

-installation of an all way traffic light May, 2020 at the intersection of Bernardo Heights Parkway and Calle Pueblito after a pedestrian was killed crossing the area October, 2018.

This Annual Report was **(unanimously) approved May 21, 2020 by the full board vote count.**

Robin Kaufman

Chair, Rancho Bernardo Planning Board