



**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198  
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**August 20, 2020 7:00 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

<b>2020 RB PLANNING BOARD</b>								
<b>P = present</b>		<b>A = absent</b>			<b>ARC = arrived after roll call</b>			
<b>Robin Kaufman</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Sonny Googin</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Joni Edlemen</b>	<b>P</b>			
<b>Patrick Vincent</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Vicki Touchstone</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>David Wilson</b>	<b>A</b>			
<b>Gary Long</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Thomas Lettington</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Terry Norwood</b>	<b>P</b>			
<b>Benjamin Wier</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Hugh Rothman</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Dan Grobee</b>	<b>P</b>		<b>Total Seated</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Mark Huettinger</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Steve Dow</b>	<b>P</b>				<b>Total in Attendance</b>	<b>13</b>

**ITEM #1 Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Chair, Robin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**ITEM #2 Chair remarks**

Chair, Robin Kaufman commented that there’s a full agenda and please limit comments and stay on point. She also commented on the open board positions within the Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board.

**ITEM #3 Non-agenda public comment (3 minutes per speaker):**

To discuss items not on the agenda, yet within the jurisdiction of the RB Planning Board. Board members should limit discussion of non-agenda items so as not to detract from the time available for agenda items.

City Council Member for District #1, Barbara Bry spoke of her campaign for Mayor, City of San Diego. She spoke about her campaign on land use and differences that her and opponent ,Todd Gloria, have on different assembly bills that she is currently watching.

**ITEM #4 Government Staff Reports:**

Various government staff has an opportunity to present updates to the Board.

Monique Tello from Council Member Kersey’s office shared that the City Council is on recess till mid September. She let the board know of a scam where people are posing as SDG&E and 2nd Chance employees to get into residents house. Monique also informed the board that SDPD Officer, John Wise, was recognized by the City with a special proclamation. Officer Wise arrested the Chabad Synagogue shooter and rescued the girls that were trapped in a car after it was driven off a cliff. An update was given on the Rancho Bernardo Rd/West Bernardo Dr right turn signal modification as it is still in the approval process.

**ITEM #5 Modification and Adoption of Agenda:**

Mark Huettinger made a motion to accept the agenda and was seconded by Patrick Vincent. Motion passed 13-0-0.

**ITEM #6 Administrative Items:**

- a. Approve June 2020 Meeting Minutes
  - Terry Norwood made a motion to approve the minutes and Sonny Googin seconded.
  - Motion passed 13-0-0.

b. Approve Treasurer's Report

Gary Long presented current balance of \$322.95 in the RBCPB account. \$29.98 was paid out for Zoom meeting fees. \$500.00 in City funding. Gary Long made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Mark Huettinger seconded. Motion passed 13-0-0.

**ITEM #7 Proposed slow street program on Acena Drive**

The City of San Diego is proposing these streets in various communities during COVID-19. This initiative is intended to create safe shared spaces allowing residents get around their neighborhoods for essential travel while maintaining physical distance from others. Slow Streets San Diego supports the City's Vision Zero Program, which aims to make our streets and sidewalks safer for all road users.

Monique Tello from Council Member Kersey's Office presented on the proposed slow street program on Acena Dr. Seven Oaks resident Barry questioned the ingress and egress to the neighborhood and proposed start time of the project. Seven Oaks resident and representative for the Seven Oaks Community Group commented that the Group and her personally do not agree with the proposed slow street. Mark Huettinger commented that he believes it will create a bigger problem than may already exist. Seven Oaks resident Ron said that he sees very few pedestrians out on Acena. Seven Oaks resident Patrick Coyle made a suggestion to pick another street as Acena is a busy street. Nancy Hylbert made the comment that closing Acena would route traffic to an already busy Bernard Center Dr. Monique Tello had a final comment that most of the feedback has been against the slow street on Acena Dr.

**ITEM #8 Briefing by Casa de las Campanas**

Justin Sager (Arch Consultants Ltd), representing Casa, will present a status report on construction of the Skilled Nursing Facility. He will also provide information on Casa's proposal to acquire city-owned property immediately to the north of the Casa campus.

Justin Sager presented on how Casa de las Campanas is currently awaiting structural review for the 17,000 sq/ft lot purchased for parking, south of the skilled nursing center. Expected completion is end of the year. Justin also presented on how Casa de las Campanas is looking to purchase the 10 acres adjacent and north of the facility. Short term use will be to control brush and for fire mitigation. Long term use would be to expand the facility. Steve Dow questioned if solar was in the works for the parking structures that Casa de las Campanas already has. Vicki Touchstone made a comment that the 10 acres in question is currently designated as open space. Sonny Googin speaking as a representative for Casa de las Campanas suggested that a tour be given for the board once the facility is reopened to the public after Covid.

**ITEM #9 Pomerado Park Reservoir Upgrade**

Presentation by Engineering and Capital Projects department, City of San Diego, of project currently in design stage. Links to project information provided in attachments.

Tabled to the September meeting.

**\*\*Gary Long had to unexpectedly leave the meeting changing the attendance number to 12\*\***

**ITEM #10 Complete Communities - Parks Master Plan**

The draft Parks Master Plan will be heard by the City Council in September. We will review comments from other planning groups and the recommendations forwarded to the Council by the Planning Commission. It is unclear from the Commission agenda if public comments were provided to the Planning Commission for consideration, or if any changes were made to the draft plan as a result of public comment; see the agenda at: [https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsd\\_pcagenda\\_20200618.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsd_pcagenda_20200618.pdf). Other documents for this item are available at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/completemunities/play-everywhere>.

Vicki Touchstone presented the concerns that were written in the draft letter to the City of San Diego Council Members. Terry Norwood reiterated the Community Planning Groups should have input on open space use and that the City is not always forthcoming with the information. Vicki Touchstone made a motion to send the proposed letter and Hugh Rothman seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #11 Housing Legislation Code Update Package**

The City is proposing amendments to the San Diego Municipal Code to address: 1) recent State housing legislation that would increase density in single family zones and other zones, and 2) additional amendments to increase density that are not required by State legislation (see those items in the draft Code Package that say Reg Relief, as that will be the focus of our discussion). For more information, go to: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/land-development-code/updates-in-process>

Vicki Touchstone gave a presentation summarizing the draft letter to the City of San Diego Council Members. Vicki Touchstone made a motion to send the proposed letter and Mark Huettinger seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #12 La Serena Sign Monument Signs**

The La Serena Apartments near Bernardo Heights would like a new monument sign in a couple of locations and have asked us to review.

Adreanne Devlin with La Serena Apartments presented on the proposed new monument signs for the La Serena Apartments. Benjamin Wier made a motion to approve the new signs and Vicki Touchstone seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #13 Rancho Vista Monument Signs - (Process 2)**

Rancho Vista Corporate Center Neighborhood Use Permit to install ground mounted and building mounted signage for an existing commercial building campus per Master Sign Program located at 16397, 16399, and 16409 Bernardo Center Drive. The 67.5-acre site is in the CC-2-3 Zone within the Rancho Bernardo Community Plan area in Council District 5.

Adam Burrows with Ware Malcomb presented on the new monument signs for the Rancho Vista Corporate Center. Benjamin Wier made a motion to approve the new signs and Terry Norwood seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #14 Fast Signs/Genius Repair Storefront sign**

Fast Signs representing Genius Repair in the Rancho Bernardo Plaza is asking for the board to review proposed signage to be placed above the store front.

Cindy Ren with Fast Signs presented on the proposed store front sign for Genius Repair. Benjamin Wier made a motion to approve the sign and Terry Norwood seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #15 Via Del Campo Easement Vacation second review.**

The Via Del Campo Pedestrian Easement Vacation and Water Easement Vacation that we reviewed in June and recommended to approve has been changed from a process 2 to a process 5 needs a 2nd look from us. A vacant lot in the industrial park off of Via Del Campo had a previously envisioned multiple building business park and was approved to have a lot split with water and pedestrian easements traversing through the landlocked parcels. That project never came to fruition and the current project places one property owner/one building over the entire vacant lot (parcels 2-5), rendering the previously recorded easements useless. Project site is 16945 Via Del Campo, lots 2- 5. Applicant is seeking a Process 2 Pedestrian Access Easement Vacation and Public Water Easement Vacation.

Benjamin Wier presented on how the board had previously approved this project when it was a process 2 item. The project was changed to a process 5 do to the pedestrian aspect of the project and requiring a second look by the planning board. Benjamin Wier made a motion to approve the project and Vicki Touchstone seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #16 Request Community Members to Identify Themselves To Fill Vacancies.**

Appointment to open vacancies in Districts B (Eastview), E (Seven Oaks), F (Bernardo Heights) and G (High Country West). Residents must first attend one full Board meeting prior to presenting themselves to fill a vacancy.

No one identified themselves.

**ITEM #17 Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Information Item**

- Development Review..... Benjamin Wier
- Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone
- Traffic & Transportation..... Robin Kaufman

**ITEM #18 Liaison Reports:**

**Information Item**

Community Council..... Robin Kaufman (Report attached) \*  
Community Planners Committee (CPC)..... Vicki Touchstone  
Recreation Advisory Board..... Robin Kaufman.  
SANDAG..... Steve Dow (Report attached) \*  
San Dieguito River Park ..... Terry Norwood  
San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group.... David Wilson  
Commercial Representative .....

**ITEM #19 OLD BUSINESS ITEM:**

No old business items.

**ITEM #20 NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business items

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dan Grobee made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mark Huettinger seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:26

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Benjamin Wier

**STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Regular meeting dates & times for committees will be set.

<b><u>Administrative Committee</u></b> The Monday 10 days prior to Regular Meeting, 6 PM	<b><u>Traffic &amp; Transportation Committee</u></b> 6: First Monday of each month, 6 PM
<b><u>Development Review Committee</u></b> First Tuesday of each month, 6 PM	<b><u>Regional Issues Committee</u></b> First Tuesday of each month, 7 PM

**RB Community Council Summary by Robin Kaufman \***

A special proclamation was presented to Officer Jonathan Weise for rescuing a father and two children after their vehicle went over a cliff;

City staff gave a presentation on a proposed slow street program on Acena Drive;

The Board discussed and voted on a letter pertaining to additional solar cell/battery infrastructure at the Rancho Bernardo Community Park;

The Board voted again on updated information pertaining to the Hats Off To Volunteers event;

The Board discussed and voted on the cost of holding forums for the upcoming election period;

The Board approved appointment of the student member selection ad hoc committee;

The Board discussed and voted on a virtual Halloween event;

The Board discussed and voted on sponsoring a community blood drive;

The Board discussed and voted on partial reimbursement for landline usage;

The Board presented information on District vacancies;

An update was given on the annual Mardi Gras fun-run;

An update was given on the proposed drive in movies event.

**\*SANDAG Summary S. Dow:**

- **2021 Regional Transportation Plan**

o Planning process presented in August 2020 to SANDAG Policy Advisory Committees and SANDAG Board of Directors

o <https://www.sandag.org/index.asp?meetingid=5412&fuseaction=meetings.detail>

o Takeaway: Main Focuses of Plan -- “5 Big Moves”

§ Complete Corridors: “They provide a balance of dedicated, safe space for everyone, including freight vehicles and people who walk, bike, drive, ride transit, and use Flexible Fleets.”

§ Transit Leap: “The Transit Leap will create a complete network of high-speed, high-capacity, and high-frequency transit services that connect major residential areas with employment centers and attractions throughout the San Diego region... Improvements to existing transit services—such as the Trolley, COASTER, SPRINTER, and Rapid—may include additional rail tracks, more frequent service, dedicated transit lanes, and traffic signal priority to keep transit moving quickly.”

§ Mobility Hubs: “Mobility Hubs are communities with a high concentration of people, destinations, and travel choices. They offer on-demand travel options and supporting infrastructure...”

§ Flexible Fleets: “Flexible Fleets are shared, on-demand transportation services that provide convenient and personalized travel options. While they build on the popularity

*of services such as rideshare, bikeshare, and scootershare, fleets can also include neighborhood shuttles and delivery services...”*

*§ Next OS: “Next OS is the ‘brain’ of the entire transportation system. It is a digital platform that compiles information from sources such as passenger vehicles, buses, ridesharing vehicles, delivery trucks, bikes, and scooters into a centralized data hub... Next OS is the digital network that will analyze data in real time from these physical networks and make them all work better—more integrated, more efficient, and most of all more responsive to people’s immediate needs.”*

- **2019 Juvenile Arrestee Drug Use**

o Takeaway:

*§ “Almost three-fourths of the youth reported having tried all three gateway drugs (alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana) and the mean age of first use was around 13.”*

*§ “Just over three-fourths (76%) of the youth interviewed reported ever vaping...”*

*§ “Youth who abuse prescription and over-the-counter drugs more likely to use other illicit drugs.”*

*§ “Around 1 in 3 (35%) youth reported they had previously received drug treatment.”*

- **Construction**

o Takeaway:

*§ Miscellaneous construction projects continue: Elvira to Morena double track project, Meade and Landis Bikeways project, State Route 11 (SR 11)*

*§ Encinitas Bike and Pedestrian Improvement project is now complete and open*

*§ FYI – Paleontologists monitoring digging on the SR 11 site find fossils (including camels, horses, rodents) that likely date between 16-28 million years ago (a period with little recorded previously). Fossils will be on display at SD Natural History Museum.*

- **SANDAG Call for Cycle 11 Projects**

o Takeaway:

*§ Cycle 11 of the Specialized Transportation Grant Program (STGP).*

*§ \$7.2 million in funding available to improve mobility options for seniors and those with disabilities (i.e. shuttle programs).*

- **TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) Report**

o Takeaway:

*§ Performance audit is pending.*

*§ Fiscal and Compliance audit for 2019: “Recipient agencies were generally in compliance with the major TransNet provisions with a few exceptions.”*

- **iCommute Update**

o Takeaway:

*§ Bike education classes (for how to safely commute on bike, etc.) are virtual.*

*§ Guaranteed ride home program. For those that sign up, can get reimbursed \$100 to get home in an emergency – up to three times per year.*