



**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
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**July 19, 2018, 7:00 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Bernardo Heights Community Center**  
**16150 Bernardo Heights Parkway (Off of Avenida Venusto), San Diego, CA 92128**

<b>2018 RB PLANNING BOARD</b>									
<b>P = present</b>		<b>A = absent</b>			<b>ARC = arrived after roll call</b>				
Sonny Googins	P	Patrick Vincent	P	Benjamin Wier	P	Gary Long	P		
Thomas Lettington	P	Dan Grobee	ARC	Robin Kaufman	P	Mike Lutz	P		
Terry Norwood	ARC	Joel Doss	P	Ruth Coddington	A				
Mel Zadeh	A	Sherry Guthrie	P	Vicki Touchstone	P			<b>Total Seated</b>	<b>17</b>
Scott Hall	P	Kyle Turner	P	Jenny Yu	P			<b>Total in Attendance</b>	<b>15</b>

- ITEM #1**     **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair Robin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum was met with 13 present at roll call. Dan Grobee, and Terry Norwood arrived after roll call.
- ITEM #2**     **Non-agenda public comment (3 minutes per speaker):** None.
- ITEM #3**     **Chair Remarks:** Chair Kaufman reported that she had re-sent the short-term rental letter approved unanimously by the Board in October 2017 supporting Councilmember Bres’ plan. This item is scheduled to go before the Coastal Commission for further action; thanked members Hall, Vincent, Touchstone, and Zadeh for representing the Planning Board in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade; reminded members they must identify and notify the Planning Board Chair of any Board Committees they would like to serve on.
- ITEM #4**     **Government Staff Reports:** Justin Garver distributed Councilmember Kerseys’ newsletter. He reviewed activity on the short-term rentals. He noted the overlay and striping for current street repair work along Rancho Bernardo Rd. will not occur for a couple of weeks. Various government staff has an opportunity to present updates to the Board. Effective July 1, County Animal Control no longer handles animal services; the Humane Society has been contracted by the City to handle animal services. Chair Kaufman suggested Mr. Garver check the video available on the Community Council website relating to co-existing with coyotes, encouraging others to view it.
- ITEM #5**     **Modification and Adoption of Agenda:** Motion Sonny Googins, second Sherry Guthrie to approve the agenda with corrected name spellings. The motion passed unanimously 15-0-0.
- ITEM #6**     **Administrative Items:**
- a. Approve June 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes: Motion Gary Long, second Dan Grobee to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed 11-0-4 with Tom Lettington, Mike Lutz, Kyle Turner and Bill Wier abstaining as they were not in attendance at the June 21, 2018 meeting.
  - b. Approve Treasurer’s Report: Motion Gary Long, second Sonny Googins to approve the Treasurer’s report reflecting a \$322.95 balance in the Board’s account and \$500 appropriated by the City available. The motion passed unanimously 15-0-0.
- ITEM #7**     **Palomar College MTS Recommendation Letter:** The Board reviewed draft letter following up on their recommendation in April 2016 requesting an MTS bus route on campus. **Motion** Vicki Touchstone, second Terry Norwood to approve the letter modifying the last paragraph to include ‘we

are once again requesting that transit service be provided that will connect students from the college to the Rancho Bernardo Transit Center, as well as to areas in Rancho Bernardo and surrounding communities' in the last sentence.  
The motion passed unanimously 15-0-0.

**ITEM #8**      **Letter to Turtleback Elementary Principal Requesting More Safety Patrol:** Reviewed and approved letter to School Principal requesting safety patrol be added at the intersection of Maturin Drive and Turtleback Road to assist in alleviating some of the school traffic issues. A review of the situation will occur when school is back in session. **Motion** Gary Long, Second Ben Wier to approve the letter. Motion passed unanimously 15-0-0.

**ITEM #9**      **Appointment of the Election Procedure Ad Hoc Committee:** In accordance with the Board's Bylaws, the Chair recommended Gary Long, Ruth Coddington, Sherry Guthrie, and Robin Kaufman sit on the Ad Hoc Committee to develop election policy for the 2019 elections. **Motion** Robin Kaufman, second Joel Doss to have Gary Long (as ad hoc chair), Ruth Coddington, Sherry Guthrie, and Robin Kaufman sit on this Ad Hoc Committee. All members are invited and encouraged to provide input. The motion passed unanimously 15-0-0.

**ITEM #10**      **Request Community Members to Identify Themselves if Interested in Appointment to Open Vacancies in Districts D, E, and F and Appoint Qualifying Members:** None

**ITEM #11**      **Sub-Committee Reports:**

Development Review..... Vicki Touchstone: No July 2018 meeting held.  
Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone: No July 2018 meeting held.  
Traffic & Transportation..... Robin Kaufman: July 2018 meeting held.

**ITEM #12**      **Liaison Reports:**

Community Council.....Robin Kaufman (Report attached)\*  
Community Planners Committee (CPC)..... Vicki Touchstone:(Report attached)\*  
Recreation Council ..... Robin Kaufman (Report attached)\*  
Commercial..... Kyle Turner  
SANDAG..... Terry Norwood: (Report attached)\* All members are encouraged to sign up to receive the monthly newsletter and forward any issues being reviewed to the Chair for consideration and inclusion on an upcoming agenda. Vicki Touchstone will work with Terry Norwood.

**ITEM #13**      **OLD BUSINESS ITEM:** None

**ITEM #14**      **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Robin Kaufman meet with Sharp-Rees department heads to discuss traffic concerns on West Bernardo Road. They have agreed to install no right turn signs to reduce potential for accidents from their facility; a traffic study is being requested, additional speed limit signs are being requested between the facility and the traffic signal to the south. A medium would be the best solution but too expensive.
- b. Ministerial Projects: Tom Lettington expressed concerns with City's interpretation of ministerial projects and would like to this matter further addressed. This will be reviewed and presented in the future by the Regional Issues Committee.
- c. Vicki Touchstone will be meeting with the City's new Planning Director and requested members to forward any questions they have to her and she will present them.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion Robin Kaufman, second Gary Long to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. The motion passed unanimously 15-0-0.

**STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

<b><u>Administrative Committee</u></b> The Monday 10 days prior to Regular Meeting, 6 PM RB Swim & Tennis Club – Ceramics Room	<b><u>Traffic &amp; Transportation Committee</u></b> First Monday of each month, 6 PM Bernardo Heights Community Center
<b><u>Development Review Committee</u></b> First Tuesday of each month, 6 PM Bernardo Heights Community Center	<b><u>Regional Issues Committee</u></b> First Tuesday of each month, 7 PM Bernardo Heights Community Center

**Community Council Summary\*:**

- The Board approved a letter to San Diego Metropolitan Transit System to consider placing an on campus bust stop at Palomar College South Education Center (RB campus).
- The Board reviewed the 8<sup>th</sup> annual patriotic pet contest they hosted on July 4<sup>th</sup>
- The Board conducted a round table on what they would like to accomplish in the coming year.

**Recreation Council Summary\*:**

- The Council elected officers
- The Council discussed activities for the July 28 and August 11 movies in the park they will be offering this year.
- Andy Field, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Department gave a summary/debrief of what will be transpiring during the change in how Recreation Councils will function as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SANDAG Summary\*:**

SANDAG Vanpool Program provides for groups of five or more people to get to work in and around the San Diego region. Participants generally spend less than \$100 per month to get to work. The SANDAG Vanpool Program even provides a subsidy of up to \$400 per month to offset the lease price. In the military? You could save even more! Right now new vanpools can receive a \$100 gas card when they sign up and mention "SANDAG."

Multiple vehicle options can be customized with amenities like WiFi and satellite radio.

Guaranteed Ride Home program has you covered with a free ride home up to 3 times per year.

**Ready to join a vanpool?      Ready to start a vanpool?**

WazeCarpool, uberPOOL and Lyft Line. Riders enter their origin and destination to be matched with drivers traveling in the same direction via a smartphone app.

Uber for Business and Lyft for Work are corporate-sponsored transportation options that allow employers to either cover the cost of rideshare services for their employees, or integrate rideshare services into pre-tax benefit plans.

Free Ride Everywhere Downtown (FRED) is a fun, friendly, and free electric shuttle service in Downtown San Diego. Each week, thousands of riders hail free rides within the coverage area, which stretches from Little Italy to East Village.

For more information on shared mobility services, email [iCommute@sandag.org](mailto:iCommute@sandag.org).

**Community Planners Committee (CPC) Summary\*:**

**CITY ATTORNEY MARA ELLIOT** gave the City Attorney’s perspective on sidewalk liability and repair and Council Policy 200-12 (Effective Date: February 6, 1975)

[http://docs.sandiego.gov/councilpolicies/cpd\\_200-12.pdf](http://docs.sandiego.gov/councilpolicies/cpd_200-12.pdf). This presentation was likely made in response

to a previous presentation by Councilmember Alvarez who spoke about the need to revamp the sidewalk repair system because of the backlog of sidewalk repairs in the City. Another sidewalk issues that continues to be raised is the lack of sidewalks in various areas of the City. Elliot addressed the various claims that have been made against the City as a result of sidewalks in need of repair and indicated that when the City settles or loses a suit, if the property owner is responsible for the poor condition of the sidewalk (e.g., tree route damage), they recover some of the costs by collecting on the responsible party's homeowner's insurance policy.

**TREE CANOPY & CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP)** related issues were addressed by Lesley Henegar, Senior Planner. She presented information on implementing the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and its tree planting component to reduce carbon in the atmosphere. Current citywide tree canopy coverage is about 13%, with a goal of 15% tree canopy coverage by 2020, and 35% tree canopy coverage by 2035. The City is increasing street tree and park plantings, but these alone will not be sufficient to reach the City's goal. Residents are encouraged to participate by increasing tree canopy coverage on residential, commercial, and industrial zoned private property. I expressed concern about the recent removal of trees within our communities and the lack of replacement, asking if the based on the original development permits, the City could require replacement. The answer was yes and the complaint would be made through Code Enforcement.

**QUICKWAY TRANSIT** was presented by Alan Hoffman, Lecturer, School of Public Affairs, SDSU. This transit concept is intended to create a significantly faster, more direct, better-located, and more useful transit system for the region. The discussion was very interesting and addressed the issue of connecting main transit routes to employment nodes and other locations through smaller, much less expensive methods. Here are links to a few articles on this concept -  
<http://www.sandiegomagazine.com/San-Diego-Magazine/March-2017/San-Diegos-Best-Neighborhoods-2017/Your-Future-Commute/>  
<https://www.voiceofsandiego.org/public-transportation/its-the-kind-of-transit-system-that-ordinary-sandiegans-would-freely-use/>

**Open Space Canyon Advisory Committee:** Vicki Touchstone will be serving as one of two members from the CPC on the Open Space Canyon Advisory Committee, which meets twice a year.