



**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
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**MINUTES**  
 Thursday March 15, 2012 @ 7:00 PM  
 Oaks North Community Center

**ITEM #1 ROLL CALL**

<b><u>2012 - 2013 RB PLANNING BOARD</u></b>									
<b>P = present</b>		<b>A = absent</b>				<b>ARC = arrived after roll call</b>			
Lou Dell' Angela	P	Richard House	P	Alissa Messian	A	John Woods	P		
Teri Denlinger	P	Dick Katz	P	Wolfie Pores	P				
Fred Gahm	P	Robin Kaufman	P	Peter Tereschuck	P				
Bob Gretel	P	John Kowalski	P	Vicki Touchstone	P				
Scott Hall	A	Jeff Frederick	P	Estelle Wolf	P			Total Seated	14

**CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:03 PM

**ITEM #2 NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Complete and submit a speakers slip prior to the start of the meeting for issues not on the agenda but that are within the jurisdiction of the Rancho Bernardo Planning Board.. There can be no discussion or action, other than a referral. Three minutes per speaker.*

Shirley Cooper, Oaks North resident, expressed her dislike for the recent changes to the center medians on Pomerado, and asked why MAD did not get input from the community before doing the work.

Roberta who lives on Pomerado agreed with Ms. Cooper's remarks

Vicki McCutchin, a resident of Oaks North, expressed concerns for the changes to the medians, stating they are unattractive. She asked why alternatives such as drought tolerant plants, rocks, or a different color of asphalt were not considered. She also stated remarked the black medians represented a danger at night for drivers.

The Chair stated the topic should be addressed by the RB Community Council which oversees MAD, and asked Council President Robin Kaufman to address the comments.

Ms. Kaufman provided some history about the medians, indicating that the Community Council would discuss the issue at their March meeting (Thursday, March 22), and that additional work will be done to the medians to make them look smoother.

Robin Kaufman commented as a follow up regarding the submission of Ellen Willis to the Hall of Fame. Ms. Kaufman explained that the bylaws do not permit someone who has passed away to be considered for induction.

**ITEM #3**

**MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA / ADOPT DRAFT AGENDA**

**VOTING ITEM**

Teri asked that the Board modify the agenda to add the Nominating Committee under the committee reports.

Lou asked that the Board modify the agenda to add a discussion about the center medians to the agenda under New Business for further explanation.

Motion by Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katz to accept the agenda with the two proposed modifications. The motion passed 13-1 (Robin Kaufman) -0.

**ITEM #4**

**CHAIR REMARKS**

- Teri advised the Board that Eugenia resigned from the Board as well as the Sign Committee.
- Jeff Frederick will not be returning to the Board when his term expires, but he has agreed to continue as a non-member liaison for the Miramar Community Leaders Forum. His reports will be posted on the website as an attachment.

Oaks North will no longer host Planning Board meetings after June 2012, so the Board will need to identify a new meeting location for our July meeting. Potential sites include Club 21 at Swim and Tennis and Bernardo Heights. Roberta Michaels, an Oaks North Board member, explained that their insurance company and attorney advised them that outside organizations should no longer be permitted to meet at their facility. Teri and John both expressed thanks to Oaks North for providing meeting space for the Board over the past few years.

**ITEM #5**

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**VOTING ITEMS**

- Review and approve minutes for February 2012  
The February minutes were not available for review but will be prepared for the April meeting
- Review and approve Treasurer's report  
Alissa was not present, so Teri gave the report. Last month the balance was \$903.11; election expenses were \$73.49, leaving a balance of \$829.62. Motion by Woods, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katz to approve the treasurer's report. Unanimously approved.

**ITEM #6**

**COUNCILMEMBER CARL DEMAIO LIAISON REPORT**

Tiffany Vinson, Councilmember DeMaio's Community Representative, noted that the bridge lighting issue continues to move forward. She has reviewed the MOU between the City and the River Park. The River Park's engineer has estimated that the cost of the electricity for the lighting will be \$0.92 per day. The cost of connecting to the City's electric source is \$6,000.

Tiffany has arranged a meeting with City staff to discuss updating the Facilities Financing Plan. (Question from the public about the inclusion of a second fire station in the plan, Tiffany responded that it is already included in the existing plan.)

Tiffany also handed out an information packet regarding the City of San Diego Recycled Water Master Plan Update 2005 that describes the Los Peñasquitos Recycled Water Pipeline project, which is Phase II of the water master plan. Rancho Bernardo will be part of Phase III. More information is available at <http://www.sandiego.gov/water/recycled/>.

Tiffany announced that street repaving is finally scheduled for Rancho Bernardo and provided a handout of the affected streets. The project will begin in June and extend through February. Attention to this area may be a result of the road repair rally.

**ITEM #7**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISOR PAM SLATER-PRICE REPORT**

Steve Hadley, Supervisor Slater-Price's Representative, handed out a flyer regarding the upcoming California Public Utilities Commission Public Hearing related to SDG&E's request to recover liability costs from taxpayers for the 2007 and future wildfires. The meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2012 from 4 – 9 PM at the Al Bahr Shrine Center. He encouraged participation.

Future Board agendas will include a Report from Supervisor Slater-Price.

**ITEM #8**

**COMMUNITY SIGN**

**VOTING ITEM**

Teri thanked the committee for their work and noted special thanks to John Woods for all the time he contributed to preparing renderings of the sign. John gave a brief presentation indicating that the intent of the sign was to be simple and authentic, like it has always been there. Vicki thanked Ed Muna for organizing the committee and Vicki and Dick also expressed thanks to John for his hard work. Robin explained that it would likely take six months to a year before the sign is installed. Lou made the motion to approve the sign and forward the recommendation to MAD; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter.. The Motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM #9**

**HATS OFF**

**INFO ONLY**

Dick Walker will be honoree to accept the award. He was very happy to be recognized. Teri will be present at the event, but the Board will not have a booth this year.

**ITEM #10**

**ELECTION RESULTS**

**VOTING ITEM**

Teri announced the election results as follows.

- District A – Robin Kaufman (non-contested)
- District B – Teri Denlinger (Teri 51 / Allen Gates 16)
- District C – Wolfie Pores (non-contested)
- District D – Peter Tereschuck (non-contested)
- District E – Estelle Wolf (29 - two year term) and Joe Dirks (23 - one year term)
- District F – No Candidates
- District G – Mike Lutz (13) Jeannie Foulkard (0)

The new board will be seated in April and new officers will be elected at that time.

The Board currently has four vacancies. Lou suggested we place a notice in the local media regarding the vacancies, and Robin suggested posting a notice at the affected community/ recreation centers. We will also discuss the retreat in April once the new board is seated.

Teri thanked all of this year's officers for their hard work. She noted there was some confusion with the elections and therefore, the process will be reviewed at the next Bylaws Committee meeting. Teri has reviewed the process followed by most other planning groups and with the exception of Rancho Penasquitos and Rancho Bernardo, the planning groups hold elections at the regular March meeting.

Motion by Woods; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katz that the Board approve the election results. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM #11**

**RB ALIVE**

**VOTING ITEM**

Estelle Wolf stated that an application for a booth had been submitted and that we would not have to pay any fees for the booth. The committee will likely bring a budget and request to the Board at the next meeting to obtain approval to expend some funds for supplies to the booth (signage, copies). The Committee will meet at the Starbucks in Westwood on Saturday, March 17 at 8:30 AM.

**ITEM #12**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ByLaw revision	Teri Denlinger	Teri is compiling changes that have already been discussed by the committee. Once completed, she will provide the draft to the committee members and discuss the changes at the next committee meeting.
Community sign	John Woods	No additional report
Development Review	John Woods	No report
Publicity & Election	Teri Denlinger	Eugenia has resigned so we will need a new committee chair. The vacancies on the Board will need to be advertised in the media and at the appropriate centers.
RB Alive * ad hoc	Touchstone/Wolf	No additional report
Regional Issues	PeterTereschuck	At the March meeting, recycled water, high speed rail, and the CIP process were discussed. The Governor is still pursuing the high speed rail project and there remains considerable opposition to the project. CIP process is ongoing. A meeting with the City is to be scheduled to provide information about the CIP and Public Facilities Financing Plan processes.
Traffic & Transportation	Dick Katz	At the last meeting, the crosswalks at Bernardo Center Drive and Rancho Bernardo Road were discussed. The aprons for the crosswalk need to be re-cut. Also addressed the problems with lane markings on Bernardo Center Drive; they need to be redone. The committee will be looking into possible compliance issues related to the Rancho Bernardo Inn. Traffic issues remain a concern for local area residents.
Nominating Committee	John Woods	John Woods will set a meeting of the committee and seek Nominations to be presented to the Board in April

**ITEM #13****LIAISON REPORTS**

Commercial Representative	John Woods	No report
Community Council	Robin Kaufman	The Community Council will consider the community sign at the next meeting and a presentation will be given by an Eagle Scout regarding his virtual trail project for Los Penasquitos Canyon Regional Park.
San Dieguito River Valley Park	John Kowalski	The River Park continues to work with the City on issues related to obtaining electricity for the Lake Hodges Bridge.
CPC	Teri Denlinger	John Kowalski reported that the CPC passed the changes to the Council Policies related to review by community planning groups of projects proposed the Park and Recreation Department. Also, the committee addressed the Housing Element update that is currently underway at the City.
San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group	John Kowalski	The group held its annual meeting
Maintenance Assessment District (MAD)	Estelle Wolf	MAD approved the community sign and addressed the center median issue.
COMPAC/SANDAG	Richard House:	Richard explained that COMPAC is no longer a recognized City Committee and the CPC has considered making COMPAC a subcommittee of the CPC, but the members of COMPAC do not support this idea.
Miramar Community Leaders Forum	Jeff Frederick	Jeff described the renewable energy efforts at Miramar involving the use of methane gas from the landfill and from solar panels. Between these two sources, 50 percent of the energy for the base comes from renewable sources.  The San Diego Military Advisory Council is opposed to the proposal to construct a football stadium on the waterfront as it could jeopardize current military operations. The anticipated downsizing of the military is not expected to affect San Diego operations.

**ITEM #14****NEW BUSINESS**

Center Medians – The Board discussed the recent re-asphalting of the center medians in Rancho Bernardo that were funded by the MAD. There were questions regarding why different materials (different colors) or techniques (artificial grass, plants) could not be used. The City required that the medians be re-asphalted and there was not adequate funding available to implement other alternatives throughout the community. Some medians were enhanced, but in most cases, there are no water lines in the medians which make conversion to planted areas very expensive. Teri encouraged Board members to attend the MAD meetings, as this is an issue that is addressed through MAD and the Community Council.

**ITEM #15****OLD BUSINESS****NONE****MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:43 PM****NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting is schedule for Thursday April 19 at the Oaks North Community Center