



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
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July 21, 2022, 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes
 Meeting was held via Zoom

| <u>2022 RB PLANNING BOARD</u> | | | | | | | | | |
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| P = Present | | A = Absent | | | ARC = Arrived after roll call | | | | |
| Robin Kaufman | P | Owen Nucci | P | Steve Dow | P | June Smith | P | Donald Bertsch | P |
| Benjamin Wier | P | Vicki Touchstone | P | Hugh Rothman | ARC | Patrick Batten | P | | |
| Gary Long | A | Joni Edelman | P | Sonny Googins | P | David Wilson | P | | |
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ITEM #1 Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chair, Robin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She noted that the meeting is being recorded for accuracy in the meeting minutes, and noted that it is being conducted as if it were in in-person and that participants should extend all courtesies as such.

ITEM #2 Chair Remarks:

N/A

ITEM #7 Councilmember Marni Von Wilpert (Information Item):

(Item out of order per agenda to accommodate visitors)

[Councilmember Marni von Wilpert](#) discussed a range of topics for District 5 followed by a Q&A period. Topics included the recent passing of the city budget, including substantial increases to infrastructure improvements; ineffective street preservation ordinances; a new police unit for drag racing enforcement; Rancho Bernardo park improvements; and on-going emergency repairs at Lake Hodges (below the waterline). The Councilwoman also commented on the upcoming Comic-Con in San Diego, noted that the council’s recent update on the Climate Action Plan (2.0), highlighted recent

legislation that bans flavored tobacco products, and noted the first conviction resulting from the “ghost gun” legislation aimed to counter non-serialized firearms across San Diego. The City Council is about to go into legislative recess.

Kathleen Lippitt commented on the lack of accountability for prospective marijuana outlet applicants that do not adhere to application processes such as residential notifications and lack of community board engagement.

Becky Rapp asked about what the city council can do to buttress and enforce municipal marijuana outlet applications’ transparency and regulation.

Hugh Rothman asked about counter-homelessness initiatives across San Diego. The Councilwomen commented on her continued support for homeless conservatorships, shelters where common underlying behavioral health and substance abuse issues can be addressed.

Benjamin Wier asked the Councilwomen and staff to look into the current marijuana outlet being proposed at 16375 Bernardo Center Drive (formerly the El Torito restaurant) and the lack of adherence to property-line controls.

Steve Dow asked about wildfire control and brush maintenance programs and policies.

Sonny Googins thanked both Becky Rapp and Councilwomen Marni von Wilpert for their enthusiasm for public service.

Joni Edelman voiced her concern about the city’s lack of adherence regarding the 100’ set-back for potential marijuana outlets from residential spaces.

Hugh Rothman asked the Councilwomen to look into the traffic signal update at the corner of Rancho Bernardo Road West Bernardo Drive.

Victoria LaBruzzo and Robin Kaufman voiced their concerns to the Councilwomen about the proposed amendments to planning group membership policies and how the changes may disincentivize participation and generally negatively affect communities across District 5. The Councilwoman is looking forward to hearing additional feedback at an upcoming all-Chairs meeting.

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

Becky Rapp voiced her concern about cannabis outlet allocation in the RB area, particularly the on-going license application at the location at 16375 Bernardo Center Drive (formerly the El Torito restaurant) in which this active application entails a site that directly borders a residential property line.

ITEM #4 Government Staff Reports (Information Item):

[Emily Piatanesi](#), Community Representative for Council Districts 5 and 7, introduced herself and provided updates on behalf of Mayor Gloria from District 5 on the new San Diego budget and commented on counter-homelessness strategies.

Diana Lara from State Senator Toni Atkins provided updates including the recent recognition of the non-profit Zero8Hundred Military Transition Assistance.

ITEM #5 Modification and Adoption of Agenda (Voting Item):

Benjamin Wier motioned to approve the agenda; Sonny Googins seconded; motion approved 12-0-0. In addition, the agenda was noted for an errant Traffic & Transportation chair (corrected in the Meeting Minutes).

ITEM #6 Administrative Items (Voting Item):

Approval of April 2022 Board Meeting Minutes was motioned by Sonny Googins; seconded by Benjamin Wier; motion was approved 8-0-4 (abstentions by Robin Kaufman due to absence at April 2022 board meeting; Donald Bertsch, David Wilson, and Patrick Batten due to not being seated board members at the time of April 2022 board meeting).

Approval of the May 2022 Board Meeting Minutes was motioned by Sonny Googins; seconded by Owen Nucci; motion passed 10-0-2 (abstentions by Vicki Touchstone and Hugh Rothman due to absence at the May 2022 Board Meeting).

Robin Kaufman covered the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Gary Long. The Board has \$322.95 in the business checking account as of July 2022; additionally \$182.34 in the reimbursable expense account with the city of San Diego. Hugh Rothman motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted; seconded by Robin Kaufman; motion was approved 12-0-0.

ITEM #8 Geoff Hueter Presenting for Neighbors for a Better San Diego (Information Item):

Geoff Hueter from *Neighbors For A Better San Diego* provided a briefing on Transit Priority Areas within San Diego.

David Wilson departed the Board meeting at this time.

ITEM #9 Hats Off to Volunteers (Voting Item):

Robin Kaufman nominated Owen Nucci to be the Hats-Off-to-Volunteers recipient; Sonny Googins seconded; motion passed 11-0-0.

ITEM #10 Request Community Members to Identify Themselves if Interested in Appointment to Open Vacancies (Voting Item):

N/A

ITEM #11 Approval for Virtual Meeting for Next Month’s Full Board Meeting (Voting Item):

Vicki Touchstone motioned that the Board approve the use of virtual meetings for next month; seconded by Owen Nucci; approved 11-0-0.

ITEM #12 Sub-Committee Reports (Information Item):

Development ReviewBenjamin Wier
Regional Issues.....Vicki Touchstone
Traffic & TransportationHigh Rothman
Election Ad Hoc.....Gary Long

ITEM #13 Liaison Reports (Information Item):

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

ITEM #14 OLD BUSINESS ITEM:

N/A.

ITEM #15 NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Dow thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent the RB Planning Board during the 4th of July parade.

ADJOURNMENT:

Robin Kaufman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Patrick Batten seconded; motion passed 11-0-0. Meeting adjourned 8:44pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Owen Nucci.

Standing Committee Meetings:

Regular meeting dates & times for committees are set as follows:

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| <u>Administrative Committee</u> The Monday 10 days prior to Regular Meeting, 6 PM Via Zoom meeting. | <u>Traffic & Transportation Committee First</u> Monday of each month, 6 PM Via Zoom meeting. |
| <u>Development Review Committee</u> First Tuesday of each month, 6 PM Via Zoom meeting. | <u>Regional Issues Committee</u> First Tuesday of each month, 7 PM Via Zoom meeting. |

Community Council: Robin Kaufman

The Board reviewed their donut dash fundraiser;
The Board certified the election results;
The Board approved their Hats Off To Volunteers recipient;
The Board elected officers, sub-committee chairs as well as historian and PR liaison. The Board appointed a website ad hoc committee.

RB Planning Board – SANDAG Update (Steve Dow)

May 2022 Newsletter highlights

BikeTrails

- Landis Bikeway opening (North Park / City Heights)
- Opened 11 miles new bikeway in 2021
- Expects to start construction of 11 more miles by end of 2022

Free Transit for Youth Pilot Program

- Anyone under 18 can ride bus, Trolley, COASTER, and SPRINTER for free until June 2023.

Fast Tracks Transit to Airport

- Central Mobility Hub now expected to be downtown
- Two direct transit centers expected at Pot HQ on Pacific Highway and the existing Sante Fe Depot. These two will eventually connect to a future Central Mobility Hub downtown (location TBD).
- The Naval Information Warfare Systems Command (NAVWAR) location will no longer be explored as the main central hub location.

SANDAG hauled 26 Olympic-sized pools of sand to Moonlight and Cardiff State Beach

SANDAG celebrates Asian American & Pacific Islander month Page 2 of 3

Justice System and Public Safety Survey

- Survey is available until May 27
- Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/atissurvey>
- Entitled: Alternatives to Incarceration

June 2022 Newsletter highlights

“Bike to work” day was May 19 – first after 2-year Covid hiatus

“GetConnected”Program

- <https://getconnected.sandag.org/>
- Services to teach people about internet; affordable connectivity programs; access to public Wi-Fi; low-cost computers

All Grant Program

- <https://www.sandag.org/index.asp?classid=13&projectid=641&fuseaction=projects.detail>
- “Program funds projects and programs that expand on-demand Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) services for individuals with disabilities in San Diego County”

Orange Striping for construction zones

- https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Build_NCC
- Survey available to help SANDAG assess effectiveness of the orange striping.

Updates on Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plans (CMCPs)

- <https://www.sandag.org/index.asp?subclassid=83&fuseaction=home.subclasshome>
- San Vicente (Rt 67 area) plan is available for review / comment: <https://sandag.mysocialpinpoint.com/sanvicente>
- Draft CMCP for South Bay to Sorrento project is pending

North Coast Corridor (NCC) ribbon cutting held on June 4th at San Elijo Lagoon

San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Citizens Advisory Committee June 24, 2022

Call to Order – Chair Chris Khoury. Roll call, minutes from last meeting approved.

Chair’s report -Attendance - Regarding a quorum, JPA attorney recommends waiting 15 minutes, and then cancelling if no quorum. Recommended not having informational meeting which was proposed. Will abide by this. JPA meeting cancelled for June. Discussion of alternates to cover for those who cannot attend due to scheduling conflicts. All must be approved by JPA before voting.

Exec Director’s Report

Sikes Adobe event a success. Good attendance from all, including Congressmen Scott Peters attended.

JPA and partners received at \$258k state parks grant for outdoor equity program. Will fund watershed explorers for 3 years to bring underserved youth in Escondido.

New rangers hired in May. Anthony, Jose, and Dylan. Orientation for new CAC member and representatives to be scheduled to explain CAC and JPA. August or September.

Public comment. None.

Discussion -Shawna - SURF cup trail and property activities

CAC purpose is to advise JPA board on land use matters in affected areas. SURF has long term lease. But acquired a new property nearby in May. Leased from City who owns this property. Was set aside when Fairbanks ranch was developed as open space and is supposed to remain this way. Concern that land use by SURF is expanding and no buffer for trail.

No Buffer- Previous requests by JPA have been ignored by the city. 100 ft buffer requested and denied. Impact to the habitat when too close to the river. Not sustainable. Have tried to work with SURF.

Maggie- Company wants to build a senior facility. Parcel is a concern. Friends filed against SURF for abuse of wetlands. Code compliance is understaffed and complaint still active.

Questions: Where is the mitigation for surf cup destruction of wetlands? 2. How can SURF spend 6.6 million for parking but ignore their obligations to restoration of wetlands? City allows it to continue. Long discussion about how to get surf to comply. May write asking JPA to get involved.

Committee Reports - Project review committee – Jan- Del mar horse park new lessee is NY company w good reputation and will continue equestrian use. Trails committee – Jeremy – no report. Interpretation committee- Liz Met but insufficient attendance.

Adjourned

**San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA)
Meeting July 15, 2022 – 11AM**

Virtual Teleconference approved. AB 361

Exec Directors Report – Shawna Anderson

Review of SDRP Budget. FY 21-22

Balanced budget. Some expenses have risen. Doing well w endowment because market has done well. It is not now, so we should review endowment.

Sikes adobe event was a success.

In May \$257k outdoor equity grant was awarded! Part of watershed explorers' program.

Escondido public library is community hub. For underserved families and bringing them to the watershed. Local community activities like career pathways, volunteerism, etc. 3 yr program. Science, art, overnight camping.

Public Comments - none

Report from JPA Ad-hoc alternates committee

Councilmember Joe LaCava

County supervisors can now appoint a non-elected official to represent their agencies. This will ensure they will be represented and can vote when the supervisors have other commitment and cannot attend.

Status of Coast to Crest Trail Gap Funding Campaign – Shawna

East San Pascual Gap, and Lake Sutherland gaps were discussed. Cindy Outlaw introduced- has background w trail and fundraising. Discussed campaign timeline to raise money. First is a feasibility study. Then kickoff Nov 6, 2022, at River Valley Fest. Confident they can raise between \$1.5-\$2mil for campaign for the JPA. Vote to proceed w campaign passed.

Amended Trail easement for Ozuna segment of Coast to Coast Trail.

Shawna. Environmental issue came up. Had to work with property owner to get the easement permitted. Recorded amendment to reroute part of the trail. Amendment approved.

Approval of CAC Coastal Property Owner Alternate

Sue Carr approved. Local realtor, has attended meetings in past. Will act as alternate if one of the other two coastal property members cannot be present.

Coordination Reports

Presentation by San Dieguito River Conservancy- focus on acquisition. Education.

Jurisdictional Status Reports

Dwight Worden former Del Mar mayor gave a brief update re Del Mar, as did Dustin Fuller.

Adjourned