



**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198  
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**March 21, 2024, 7:00pm**

**Meeting Agenda**

**InPerson: 7 Oaks Community Center 16789 Bernardo Oaks Dr, San Diego, CA 92128**

<b>2024 RB PLANNING BOARD</b>							
<b>P = present</b>		<b>A = absent</b>		<b>ARC = arrived after roll call</b>			
Robin Kaufman		Sara Nucci		Steve Dow		June Smith	
Benjamin Wier		Vicki Touchstone		Hugh Rothman		Sujata Yellaepeddi	
Gary Long		Donald Bertsch		Sonny Googins		Keith Mikas	
Rebecca Rapp		Steve Gallant					
						<b>Total Seated</b>	<b>14</b>
						<b>Total in Attendance</b>	

- ITEM #1**      **Call to Order/Roll Call:**
  
- ITEM #2**      **Chair Remarks:**
  
- 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.
  
- ITEM #4**      **Government Staff Reports:** **Information Item**  
 Various government staff have an opportunity to present updates to the Board.
  
- ITEM #5**      **Modification and Adoption of Agenda:** **Voting Item**
  
- ITEM #6**      **Administrative Items:** **Voting Items**
  - a. Approve February 2024 Meeting Minutes:
  - b. Approve Treasurer’s Report:
  
- ITEM #7**      **12578 Oaks North Dr; PRJ 1095646** **Voting Item**  
 Review of an existing wireless communication facility that is in need of a permit renewal.
  
- ITEM #8**      **2024 Land Development Code Update** **Voting Item**  
 Review the draft comments provided by the Regional Issues Committee for proposed citywide amendments to the City’s Land Development Code (LDC) and send final comments to the City for consideration. All of the proposed changes to the LDC are available at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/land-development-code/updates-in-process>. Regional Issues Committee comments are included in the draft March meeting notes.
  
- ITEM #9**      **Equity Forward Worksheet** **Voting Item**  
 As part of the City’s review process for the draft Environmental Justice Element of the General Plan, the City has developed an Equity Forward Worksheet. The Regional Issues Committee drafted responses to the worksheet questions for the full Board's consideration. The Board will review and provide comments/additions to the Committee's draft responses and approve a final version to submit to the City.

**ITEM #10      Draft Environmental Justice Element      Information Item**

The City is proposing to add environmental justice (EJ) as a new element of the General Plan. The draft element is currently available for review and comment. Vicki Touchstone will present a brief overview of the draft. The Regional Issues Committee will return in April with specific comments for the Board's consideration. The draft element is available for review at:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/environmental-justice-element>.

**ITEM #11      Update from Election Committee:      Voting Item**

Election committee to provide an update on the elections for 2024 and approve the results.

**ITEM #12      July 4th Community Fair      Information Item**

Discussion on if it would be beneficial to have a booth at the community fair to promote the RBCPB.

**ITEM #13      Sub-Committee Reports:      Information Item**

Development Review..... Benjamin Wier  
Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone  
Traffic & Transportation..... Hugh Rothman

**ITEM #14      Liaison Reports:      Information Item**

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

**ITEM #15      OLD BUSINESS ITEM:**

**ITEM #16      NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

RB Community Council's report via Robin Kaufman

The Board approved to send letters to our Senator, Assembly representative, and CA Utilities Commission in opposition of the impending income graduated fixed electricity charges currently under review by the PUC;

The Board approved partnering with the RBCC Foundation in expanding the annual Safety Fair to include a chili cook off with a number of chili tasting booths. This would still include a separate chili cook off between northeastern division police department and fire station 33. The RBCC Foundation is the 501(c)3 entity for the Community Council, which is a 501(c)4;

The Board approved payment for the annual Directors and Officers insurance as well as the liability insurance;

The Board approved of placing collection boxes in the library lobby for flood victims. This would include canned/boxed food items and new/gently used clothing;

An update was given on the Earth Day Fair scheduled for April 14, 10 am - 1 pm at the RB Community Park.

**RB Planning Board – SANDAG Update  
(Steve Dow; 2024-02-12)**

## • February 2024 highlights

- o SANDAG offered E-Bike Classes 2/13/2024
- o SANDAG Housing Policy Leadership Academy and Housing Policy Bootcamp – register by 2/22/2024
  - <https://gpla.co/sandag-hpla-2024/>
- o SANDAG Event to learn about commuting options for organizations -- 2/29/2024
  - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/moving-together-networking-series-tickets-807084350017?aff=oddtcreator>
- o 2022 Arrest Rates – down in adults; up in juveniles
  - <https://www.sandag.org/-/media/SANDAG/Documents/PDF/data-and-research/criminal-justice-and-public-safety/criminal-justice-research-clearinghouse/cj-bulletin/cj-bulletin-arrests-2022-law-enforcement-response-crime-2024-02.pdf>
- o San Dieguito Double Track Project
  - \$53 Million grant towards replacement of single track wood bridge with double-track concrete bridge
  - <https://www.sandag.org/projects-and-programs/featured-projects/del-mar-bluffs-and-lossan-rail-improvements>
- o Regional Tolling System Issues
  - SANDAG has action plan to resolve issues
  - <https://www.sandag.org/news/sandag-board-approves-action-plan-to-resolve-regional-tolling-system-issues>

## Community Planners Committee (CPC) Meeting of February 27, 2024

Provided by: Vicki Touchstone

### Non-Agenda Public Comment

1. Supporters of the nonprofit San Diego Canyonlands asked the CPC to address the need for better City coordination with the community when implementing projects within the City’s canyonland areas to ensure that areas previously funded and restored by volunteers are not adversely impacted. Where they must be impacted, requirements for adequate restoration of native habitat must be part of the project. They requested that the requirement for a CEQA process be restored for these areas, as the current Process 2 10-day review period does not provide adequate time for public input and protection of previously restored areas.
2. Power San Diego came to inform the CPC that they have launched an effort to collect more than 80,000 signatures in order to get a measure on the 2024 ballot that would, if passed, replace SDG&E with a public power entity. The current initiative only applies to residents of the city of San Diego. The organization, which is funded by individual donations, wants to create a power municipality. Power San Diego says San Diegans would immediately pay 20% less for electricity.
3. City staff reminded the CPC members to complete the Equity Forward Public Engagement worksheet available at the City’s Equity Forward website.

### Land Development Code Update – Action Item

Liz Saidkhanian (City Development Project Manager) and members of her staff provided information on the currently proposed changes to the Land Development Code. They reviewed a select number of changes and took questions. There were questions regarding Items 30 (changes to the physical environment), 58 (should better define effects on the Community Plan Implementation Overlay Zone and sensitive lands), 63 (Complete Communities issue related to more flexible public spaces), and 67 (Child Care Facilities), among others. A subcommittee provided recommendations for consideration by the CPC members. A number of members were concerned that their CPG had not yet taken a position on this item as we awaited recommendations from the subcommittee, and would therefore abstain. (Rancho Bernardo was one of the many groups that abstained.)

### **Approval of Non-Elected CPG Boards – Action Item**

The CPC members discussed the approval of a letter with recommendations to the City Council on how to address what actions a newly formed planning group can take should one be approved by the City Council. The primary question is – how can the new group make recommendations before they hold a community wide election for their members. A timeline for holding elections was recommended, with no actions on projects permitted before the group has held an election.

### **Reports to the CPC**

An update was provided on information the CPC will be providing to the Grand Jury related to the reallocation of DIF funds from individual communities to a city-wide fund in which the Council decides how and where the funds should be spent. The ad hoc committee is continuing to gather information for inclusion in the submittal package.

**Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned about 7:45 pm.