



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
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Thursday April 16, 2026 at 6:30pm

Meeting Minutes

In Person: Seven Oaks Community Center 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, CA 92128

<u>2026 RB PLANNING BOARD</u>									
P = present		A = absent			ARC = arrived after roll call				
Robin Kaufman	P	Vicki Touchstone	A	April Warford	A	Jim Nadlonek	P		
Benjamin Wier	P	Hugh Rothman	P	Rebecca Rapp	P	Emily Liebscher	P		
Gary Long	P			Sujata Yellaepeddi	P	Robert Gallo	ARC		
								Total	11
								Total in Attendance	9

ITEM #1 Call to Order/Roll Call:
Jim Nadlonek, election co-chair, took roll call.

ITEM #2 Seat New Members
 New members shall be seated at the start of the regular meeting in order to allow their full participation as elected members at the April planning group meeting.
No new members presented themselves to be seated.

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.
None

ITEM #4 Government Staff Reports: **Information Item**
 Various government staff have an opportunity to present updates to the Board.
None

ITEM #5 Election of Officers **Action Item**
 Positions up for election are Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
Jim Nadlonek/Sujata Yellaepeddi made a motion to nominate Robin Kaufman, Ben Weir, Hugh Rothman, and Gary Long to be the officers. Motion passed 9-0-0. Robin Kaufman now takes over running the meeting. Robin Kaufman thanked Jim Nadlonek and Sujata Yellaepeddi for running the election this year.

ITEM #6 Modification and Adoption of Agenda: **Action Item**
Emily Liebscher had her name misspelled on the agenda. It was corrected. Motion made by Gary Long/Sujata Yellaepeddi to adopt the modified agenda as submitted. Motion passed 9-0-0.

ITEM #7 Administrative Items: **Action Items**
 a. Approve March 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Emily Liebscher noted that she had mentioned concerns about traffic and pedestrian crossings on Paseo Del Verano in the Oaks North neighborhood. This was missing from the notes in the New Business section. Gary/Sujata made a motion to approve the minutes with an amendment to add Emily's addendum. Motion passed 9-0-0.

b. Approve Treasurer's Report:

San Diego account of \$500 allotted per fiscal year. Gary Long mentioned an outstanding invoice of \$96.17 coming in. Gary Long/Jim Nadlonek made a motion to approve the report. Motion passed 9-0-0.

ITEM #8 **Community Members to Identify Themselves if Interested in Appointment** **Action Item**
Community members can present themselves for open positions on the Board providing they have met the pre-qualifications.

Mike Popper from Casa de las Campanas presented himself to represent District A. Don Meyers from Oaks North presented himself to represent District C. Motion made proposing that both individuals join the board. Motion passed 9-0-0. The two individuals will be officially seated at the next meeting.

ITEM #9 **Appointment of Subcommittee Chairs** **Action Item**
Committees include: Development Review, Regional Issues, Traffic and Transportation, Community Outreach.

Robin Kaufman/Gary Long made a motion to approve the following individuals to be chairs as follows:

- **Development Review: Ben Wier**
- **Regional Issues: Vicki Touchstone**
- **Traffic and Transportation: Jim Nadlonek**
- **Community Outreach: Robert Gallo**

Motion passed 9-0-0.

ITEM #10 **Appointment of Subcommittee Resident Members:** **Information Item**
All subcommittees may have resident members as long as the resident members do not hold a majority of positions on the subcommittees. The resident members are appointed by the Chair and approved by the full board membership present.

Ben Wier/Gary Long made a motion to table this item. Motion passed 9-0-0.

ITEM #11 **Appointment of Liaisons:**
Appoint liaisons for the attendance and reporting on the regional councils and committee.

The following individuals were appointed liaisons:

Community Council: Robin Kaufman

Community Planners Committee (CPC): Vicki Touchstone (with Rebecca Rapp as an alternate)

Community Recreation Group (CRG): Robin Kaufman

SANDAG: No one presented themselves (but Sujata Yellaepeddi is considering it)

San Dieguito River Park: Vicki Touchstone

San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group: Gary Long

Commercial Representative: No one presented themselves (but an individual considering joining the board is also considering being the Commercial Representative (pending whether the individual does decide to join))

ITEM #12 **Sub-Committee Reports:** **Information Item**
Development Review.....

The KB Homes proposal will likely be voted upon at the upcoming May meeting. KB Homes was hoping to be ready for the April meeting, but they had some outstanding issues that needed to be resolved first.

Regional Issues.....

Rebecca Rapp gave a summary of the situation regarding marijuana dispensaries in the city.

Traffic & Transportation.....

No meeting occurred.

ITEM #13

Liaison Reports:

Information Item

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

ITEM #14

OLD BUSINESS ITEM:

No old business

ITEM #15

NEW BUSINESS:

Rebecca Rapp made some calls and discovered that the CUP for the marijuana dispensary being proposed at the old El Torito location is still active, and that another permit was filed in order to allow renovation. Ben also heard speculation from other sources that the dispensary will not work in that location, and in fact, Discount Tires may be taking over that building.

A further discussion occurred regarding signage for the tobacco shops in Rancho Bernardo possibly being illegal. Robin volunteered to call the city’s Code Compliance department about this issue.

Gary Long gave an update regarding the SB79 issue, and that exceptions should be allowed particularly in our case for path of travel rather than ‘as the crow flies’ for distance to transit centers. This will affect the KB Homes project.

ADJOURNMENT: Ben Wier/Jim Nadlonek made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Community Planners Committee Meeting Notes - Meeting of March 24, 2026 Via Vicki Touchstone
There were two main items addressed at the March 2026 CPC meeting:

1) An information item by City staff regarding DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES (DIF)
The presentation was made by Sameera Rao, Assistant Deputy Director from City Planning and Caryn McGriff, Assistant Director of Engineering & Capital Projects. They explained the current process for determining how DIF funds are collected and used. A pdf of the presentation is attached. The main message was that DIF funds need no longer be used in the community in which they were collected. The City can determine where they are most needed.

2) An information item by Preserve Greater Golden Hill
Jen James and others from Greater Golden Hill Neighbors, united to preserve what matters: livability, inclusivity and a thriving community for everyone, gave a presentation on how new development has changed the character and in some cases the livability of this historic community. A pdf of the presentation “COMPLETE COMMUNITIES DENSITY TRACKING PROJECT” is attached. The discussion showed how densities have increased within this historic neighborhood – densities well beyond what the City indicated would occur. Additionally, most of the new units do not meet the definition of “affordable.” The PowerPoint presentation is attached in the agenda package

RB Community Council report: Via Robin Kaufman

- Congressman Scott Peters provided an update on important matters he is working on and what is transpiring with different issues in Congress.
- The Board approved the annual general liability insurance.
- The Board approved a letter of support for the Spirit of the Fourth. The City requires this from the Board on an annual basis.
- An update was provided on the large, 10th annual earth day fair scheduled for April 12th.
- An update was provided on the election process.

-An update was provided on the 3rd zone zero presentation the Board hosted on April 4th.

-An update was given on the annual sidewalk chalk art event the Board is hosting on May 2nd, 8:30 a.m. through 2 p.m. at the community park.