



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
www.rbplanningboard.com

Thursday July 16, 2026 at 6:30pm

Meeting Agenda

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

2026 RB PLANNING BOARD									
P = present		A = absent		ARC = arrived after roll call					
Robin Kaufman		Don Myers		April Warford		James Nadlonek			
Benjamin Wier		Vicki Touchstone		Rebecca Rapp		Emily Liebscher			
Gary Long		Hugh Rothman		Sujata Yellaepeddi		Michael Popper			
								Total Seated	12
								Total in Attendance	

ITEM #1 Call to Order/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 current planning group meeting.

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: **Action Item**

ITEM #6 Administrative Items: **Action Items**
a. Approve June 2025 Meeting Minutes:
b. Approve Treasurer's Report:

ITEM #7 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.

ITEM #8 Rancho Bernardo Community Plan Update **Information Item**
Nathan Causman, Senior Planner and Sean McGee, Principal Planner with the City of San Diego, will give a presentation on the early points of the Rancho Bernardo Community Plan update.

ITEM #9	<u>Planning Group's Infrastructure Priorities</u>	Action Item
	The City Planning Department invites planning groups to submit priorities for infrastructure projects and improvements for the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) , which helps the City plan future infrastructure projects. Our Groups knowledge and input will help the City prioritize where to direct infrastructure so that it best meets community needs and enhances quality of life for Rancho Bernardo.	
ITEM #10	<u>Sub-Committee Reports:</u>	Information Item
	Development Review.....Benjamin Wier	
	Regional Issues.....Vicki Touchstone	
	Traffic & Transportation.....Jim Nadlonek	
ITEM #11	<u>Liaison Reports:</u>	Information Item
	Community Council.....Robin Kaufman (Did not meet)	
	Community Planners Committee (CPC).....Vicki Touchstone *(Report Attached)	
	Community Recreation Group (CRG).....Robin Kaufman (Did not meet)	
	SANDAG.....	
	San Dieguito River ParkVicki Touchstone	
	San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group..... Gary Long	
	Commercial Representative	
ITEM #12	<u>OLD BUSINESS ITEM:</u>	
ITEM #13	<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>	

ADJOURNMENT:

Notes from the Community Planners Committee Meeting of June 23, 2026

Prepared by V. Touchstone

Note: Final Meeting Minutes and PDFs of Presentations are available at www.sdcpc.org.

Non-Agenda Public Comment:

1. Becky Rapp – Discussed permitting of pot shops and the need to provide public notice when these facilities change hands, as well as provide communities with information related to enforcement history.
2. Encanto/Chollas Valley Representative – Discussed the upcoming July 7 City Council hearing where a proposal to build homes in an area identified in the Community Plan as the community's only public park will be considered.
3. Comment regarding how SB 79 will be implemented in the Normal Heights area by trading FARs to provide a more compatible distribution of higher density areas. For the Kensington-Talmadge historic district used an FAR overlay rather than a rezone in an effort to preserve historic resources.
4. The CIP information on the City's website at streets.sandiego.gov is not adequate and should be removed from the site.
5. On August 13, the La Jolla Town Council will discuss the Fire Safety Zone Zero
6. A representative from the OB Rag, a local online news site that provides information about issues affecting city residents, will be seeking stories from throughout San Diego on community issues. It was originally intended to address coastal issues in and around Ocean Beach, but now addresses issues throughout the City, such as City Council actions, protest events, civic events, etc. ([VT Personal Note – I encourage you to check it out, as it is a good source of local planning issue news.](#)) The editors are interested in preparing an article for each of the communities in the City.

Agenda Items:

1. **Installing a Community Garden** – Paul Coogan from the Normal Heights Community Planning Group gave a presentation on how they planned and developed a community garden in cooperation with the City Park's Department. The PowerPoint presentation should be on the SDCPC website soon.
2. **CPG Technology Landscape** – Paul Coogan discussed the multitude of electronics and website services that can be used for holding planning group meetings. (Some CPGs apparently have much way more money than we do!!) OWLS are very expensive, but used ones can be cheaper.

Because we are required to retain records of our meetings, recordings of meeting provide the added complication of having to store the recordings somewhere on line, which can cost additional money. We are also supposed to include information in our bylaws regarding operating meetings virtually. (Information in the CHAT is not part of the public record.) There is a memo prepared by the City regarding hold virtual CPG meetings. If we don't have it, we should ask for it.