



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

Meeting Agenda

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	Don Myers	P	April Warford	P	James Nadlonek	P		
Benjamin Wier	P	Vicki Touchstone	P	Rebecca Rapp	A	Emily Liebscher	P		
Gary Long	A	Hugh Rothman	P	Sujata Yellaepeddi	P	Michael Popper	P		
								Total Seated	12
								Total in Attendance	10

ITEM #1 **Call to Order/Roll Call:**
Meeting was called to order by Robin Kaufman, Chair at 6:32pm. A quorum was reached with 10 out of 12 members present.

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.
June Smith was seated as a new member, representing Seven Oaks, District E. She was in attendance. Once seated, members in attendance became 11.

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.
No comments from the public.

ITEM #4 **Government Staff Reports:** **Information Item**
Various government staff have an opportunity to present updates to the Board.
Alicia Gregory from Marni Von Wilpert's office gave a report. Date set for water rate review: October 6th. The court has struck down tiered water rates, coming back from legislative recess. In general, those who use less water would get a tiered rate that was lower in price, but that was rejected legally, so now the situation is being reanalyzed, and the process is starting over.

Charlotte Ancona, legislative intern from County Supervisor Joel Anderson's office gave a report. CBOS voted unanimously to approve the 9.1 billion budget. Supervisor Anderson's attempt to add further transparency to the CBOS meetings and committees was approved. Applications to become an intern for Supervisor Anderson's office are being accepted.

ITEM #5 **Modification and Adoption of Agenda:** **Action Item**
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Motion made by Jim Nadlonek/Seconded by Ben Wier. Motion approved 11-0-0.

ITEM #6

Administrative Items:

Action Items

a. Approve June 2026 Meeting Minutes:

Robin Kaufman/Sujata Yellaepeddi made a motion to accept the minutes, with the addition of adding the report from the Traffic and Transportation subcommittee. Motion approved 9-0-2 with June Smith and Mike Popper abstaining since they were not on the board for the June 2026 meeting.

b. Approve Treasurer's Report:

There is \$322.95 in our checking account. There is \$472.27 in our city expense account. Emily Liebscher/Jim Nadlonek made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion approved 11-0-0.

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.

Richard House presented himself to be a member of the RBPB. Mr. House was a previous member of the RBPB 13 years ago. Vicki Touchstone/Sujata Yellaepeddi made a motion to accept Richard House as a member of the RBPB. Motion passed 11-0-0. Robin Kaufman, Chair, informed Richard House that he is required by the city to take the mandatory, online training before he can be seated as a member.

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.

Nathan Causman gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the process and timeline of the Rancho Bernardo Community Plan. Ranch Bernardo has 6580 acres, 41700 people, 18000 dwellings, and the community represents 3% of the San Diego city population. Summer/Fall of 2026 is phase 1, collecting input from people that live and work in Rancho Bernardo about how to improve the community. A total of four phases will occur. Expect to be completed in Summer 2028.

The existing conditions report will be released at the beginning of phase 1, with an updated report released at the end of phase 1.

Mr. Causman stated that, currently, he is only in the preliminary stages of analyzing the existing plan. He also stated that he plans to utilize the RBPB for information, feedback on draft concepts, alternatives, policies, and engagement summaries, and that he is expecting the RBPB will be providing forums for community discussion regarding the new Rancho Bernardo Community Plan.

Any questions or comments can be emailed to PlanRB@SanDiego.gov and that community members may sign up for email alerts at SanDiego.gov/PlanRB.

ITEM #9

Planning Group's Infrastructure Priorities

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. This was discussed in last month's meeting. Everyone was to review and bring forth any comments regarding the suggested proposal to be submitted.

Jim Nadlonek asked for another item to add to the proposal, asking the city to narrow the medians on Rancho Bernardo Road between Bernardo Oaks and Bernardo Center Dr. Jim Nadlonek/Hugh Rothman made a motion to add this item. Motion passed 10-1-0 with Robin Kaufman voting against the motion.

Vicki Touchstone/Don Myers made a motion to send the proposals to the City Planning Department. Motion passed 10-1-0 with Robin Kaufman voting against the motion.

ITEM #10 Sub-Committee Reports: Information Item

Development Review.....Benjamin Wier

The KB Home process is ongoing. One major issue is whether the Town Center Covenants apply to the project and if so, whether it that approval will be given. The resolution of this issue is still to be determined. No meeting will occur in August.

Regional Issues.....Vicki Touchstone

Traffic & Transportation.....Jim Nadlonek

ITEM #11 Liaison Reports: Information Item

Community Council.....Robin Kaufman (Did not meet)

Community Planners Committee (CPC).....Vicki Touchstone *(Report Attached)

Community Recreation Group (CRG).....Robin Kaufman

The Community Park hours are going down from 60 hours a week to 40 hours, so a discussion occurred on how to handle these changes. The CIP project at the Community Park is ongoing, including trenchwork by the updated sidewalks to add irrigation. Also, modifications are being made to the dog park to get it up to ADA compliance as well as over improvements. A few field lighting issues are also being addressed.

SANDAG..... Sujata Yellaepeddi

San Dieguito River ParkVicki Touchstone (No meeting)

San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group..... Gary Long (No meeting)

Commercial Representative

ITEM #12 OLD BUSINESS ITEM:

ITEM #13 NEW BUSINESS:

Robin Kaufman stated there is a city-wide sewer manhole refurbishment. There are some streets in Rancho Bernardo where this will be having this done. Robin will send the RBPB members information about this project.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ben Wier/Emily Liebscher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm. Motion approved 11-0-0.

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.