



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
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March 19th, 2015 Minutes

7:00 PM, @ RB Swim & Tennis Club Club 21 Room
16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive

<u>2014 RB PLANNING BOARD</u>									
P = present		A = absent				ARC = arrived after roll call			
Lou Dell'Angela	P	Donald Gragg	P	Roberta Mikles	P	Vicki Touchstone	P	Sherry Guthrie	P
John Cochran	P	Scott Hall	P	Matt Stockton	P	Mike Lutz	P	Bernardo Bicas	P
Joe Dirks	4 th A			Kathy Keehan	P			Laura Benz	A
Robin Kaufman	P							Total Seated	14
								Total in Attendance	12

ITEM #1 **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – REGULAR MEETING:** The meeting was called to order 7:01 pm by Lou Dell Angela, chair. A quorum was met with 12 out of 14 members present.

ITEM #2 **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-**Garrett Hager**, Councilman Kersey’s representative, reported the following:

- 3-11 call system has been proposed in San Diego, giving people basic information on which department they can be connected to for a specific issue.

-the Councilman allotted funds for smart controllers in different areas of his district to help conserve water. He gave \$5,000 for one controller which will be utilized in one of the RB medians.

-there are a number of vacancies on volunteer City related boards. If anyone is interested in more information, they can contact Garrett directly at: ghager@sandiego.gov.

-**Mayra Salazar**, County Supervisor Dave Robert’s representative, introduced herself as his new community representative. She commented anyone can reach out to her directly at: mayra.salazar@sdcounty.ca.gov.

ITEM #3 **MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA / ADOPT DRAFT AGENDA VOTING ITEM :**

-Motion made Robin Kaufman/Roberta Mikles to remove item #9 as a voting item as members did not receive the information until a few hours prior to the meeting. **Motion passed unanimously, 12-0-0.**

-Motion made Robin Kaufman/Roberta Mikles to add appointment of vacancies as item # 10a. **Motion passed unanimously, 12-0-0.**

-Motion made Don Gragg/Robin Kaufman to approve the modified agenda. **Motion passed unanimously, 12-0-0.**

ITEM #4 **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS VOTING ITEMS:**

-Review, and approve February 2015 Meeting minutes: Motion made Sherry Guthrie/Vicki Touchstone to accept the minutes as presented. **Motion passed 11-0-1.** John Cochran abstained as he was not present at the February meeting.

-Review and approve February 2015 Treasurer’s report: Motion made Don Gragg/Kathy Keehan to accept the treasurer’s report of an ending balance o \$299.23. **Motion passed unanimously, 12-0-0.**

ITEM #5 **CHAIR REMARKS INFORMATION ITEM:** Lou Dell Angela commented on two items:

- a planning group chair workshop will be offered in the near future for all incoming chairs.
- he received a notice that Alcetuno and Bernardo Trails Dr met the City criteria for a stop sign.

ITEM #6 **PROPOSAL TO HAVE CITY INSTALL STOP SIGNS VOTING ITEM:** Traffic Committee Chair Robin Kaufman asked for audience input pertaining to the petition by area property owners for stop signs at the intersections of Lomica/Rodada Drives and Lomica/ Hispano Drives in Seven Oaks. Residents Jan and Bernie Colon gave background on the issue and how they worked with the City and the traffic committee to obtain signatures for the intersections. After some discussion on the locations and why they were chosen, a motion was made Robin Kaufman/Bernardo Bicas to have the Planning Board chair send a letter of recommendation for stops signs in the two locations. **Motion passed unanimously, 12-0-0.**

ITEM #7 **URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO VOTING ITEM:** The Urban Forest Management Plan is intended to assist the City in addressing issues such as livable neighborhoods, storm water reduction, water conservation, and applicable goals of the General Plan. Vicki Touchstone, Regional Issues Chair, gave the background to this plan. Motion made Vicki Touchstone/Don Gragg to send a letter, outlining our suggestions in regard to the plan (see attached letter). **Motion passed unanimously, 12-0-0.**

ITEM #8 **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN - DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT VOTING ITEM:** The City of San Diego has issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the draft Climate Action Plan. The NOP describes the specific environmental issues that the City proposes to address in an EIR and seeks input regarding these and other issues from the public. Vicki Touchstone, Regional Issues Chair, presented this information, including concerns the committee had on the plan. A motion was made Vicki Touchstone/Kathy Keehan to send a letter, outlining our concerns and suggestions (see attached letter). **Motion passed unanimously, 12-0-0.**

ITEM #9 **FINAL APPROVAL OF REVISED PLANNING BOARD BYLAWS.** It was agreed this item would be removed as a voting item. Lou Dell Angela gave an update on the bylaws committee last meeting which included the following:

- Districts will be left as is;
- Industrial and Business representatives will be elected by the board;
- We need to approve details of election procedures;
- There have been some wording adjustments;
- A copy of the changes was sent to Tony Kempton

ITEM #10 **REPORT OF ELECTION RESULTS VOTING ITEM:** Matt Stockton reported the following individuals were elected:

- District A: Katie Newbanks (14 votes), John Cochran (11 votes). Two votes were invalid.
- District B: Scott Hall (1 vote). One vote was invalid.
- District C: Roberta Mikles (13 votes) Two votes were invalid.
- District D: No one ran for the two positions up for elections this year.
- District E: Bettyann Pernice (1vote). Two votes were invalid.
- District F: Ruth Coddington (4 votes), Patti Hall (4 votes). All were valid.
- District G: No one ran for the one position up for election this year.

David Guthrie was the non-planning board member who helped count votes and verify the elections. The following is a list of vacancies: District B (1); District C (1); District D (2); District F (1). Motion made Vicki Touchstone/Scott Hall to accept and verify the election results. **Motion passed unanimously, 12-0-0.**

ITEM #10 a **APPROVAL OF VACANCY FILLING VOTING ITEM:** Laurie Madsen from District G (High Country West area) presented herself for the vacancy. Laurie has a background in urban planning. Motion made Scott Hall/Lou Dell Angela to accept Laurie Madsen. **Motion passed unanimously, 12-0-0.** Laurie will be seated at the April meeting.

ITEM #11 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Bylaws Ad-Hoc - Lou Dell Angela: See item #9
- Development Review -Vicki Touchstone: Committee will be meeting March 31.
- Publicity/Elections/Nominating – Sherry Guthrie/Mike Lutz/Matt Stockton: See item #10.
- Regional Issues - Vicki Touchstone: Committee will be meeting on March 31.
- Traffic & Transportation - Robin Kaufman: No meeting this month.

ITEM #12 **LIAISON REPORTS**

- Community Council - Robin Kaufman: see attached report.
- Community Planners Committee (CPC) - Lou Dell'Angela: No report.
- SANDAG - Not Filled.

ITEM #13 **OLD BUSINESS:** Robin Kaufman inquired about the annual report that the Chair is to submit to the board and the City the end of March. Lou Dell Angela commented he would need help writing the report. Vicki Touchstone offered her assistance.

ITEM #14 **NEW BUSINESS:** Vicki Touchstone recognized and distributed individual thank you cards to each of the outgoing members. Members stepping down: Kathy Keehan, Joe Dirks, Lou Dell Angela. The cards were signed by members. Joe Dirks' card will be mailed to him.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made Kathy Keehan/Bernardo Bincas to adjourn at 8:15 pm. **Motion passed unanimously, 12-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted by Robin Kaufman.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

Thursday April 16th, 2015 @ 7:00 PM
RB Swim & Tennis Club – Club 21 Room

STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Administrative Committee

6:00 PM - Monday, 10 days prior to Board meeting
RB Swim & Tennis Club - Ceramics Room

Development Review Committee

6:00 PM - First Tuesday of month
RB Swim & Tennis Club – Ceramics Room

Traffic & Transportation Committee

5:00 PM – 4th Monday of month
RB Swim & Tennis Club – Ceramics Room

Publicity/Election Committee

7:30 PM - 4th Tuesday of month
RB Swim & Tennis Club – Ceramics Room

Regional Issues Committee

7:00 PM - First Tuesday of month
RB Swim & Tennis Club – Ceramics Room

By laws (Ad-Hoc) Committee

...location & time TBD

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March 19, 2015

Ms. Melissa Garcia
City of San Diego
Planning, Neighborhoods & Economic Development Department
1222 First Avenue, MS 413
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Draft Urban Forest Management Plan for the City of San Diego

Dear Ms. Garcia:

The Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board appreciates the opportunity to review and provide comments on the draft Urban Forest Management Plan for the City of San Diego. The draft Plan was reviewed by the Planning Board's Regional Issues Committee and the Committee's comments and recommendations were considered at the Planning Board meeting of March 19, 2015. After some discussion, the Planning Board approved the following motion by a vote of 12-0-0.

Having reviewed the goals and recommendations of the draft Urban Forest Management Plan, the Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board supports the Plan's overall goal of protecting and expanding a sustainable urban forest throughout the City of San Diego.

The Plan does however provide an ambitious program for achieving this goal; a program that will require a commitment of long term funding from the Mayor and City Council, as well as a city-wide commitment from developers, landowners, and community leaders to support the installation, maintenance, and protection of the City's urban forest. The manner in which this Plan is implemented will influence how successful the City will be in achieving the goals of other City planning

documents, including the General Plan and a future Climate Action Plan. We therefore encourage the City to ensure that the action taken to approve this Plan is accompanied with the necessary actions required to ensure its long term implementation.

The Board also provides the following comments related to the content of the draft Plan:

- Page 2, paragraph 2 – Overall San Diego’s climate should be described as Mediterranean, not subtropical, which implies humid summers rather than dry summers. This discussion should also acknowledge the range of microclimates within the city limits – from more mild coastal climates to inland areas that can experience more extreme temperatures.
- CE-J.1.2 Actions – Canopy Cover Assessment and Goals – An action item should be added to ensure the incorporation of the Plan’s recommendations into the revised Landscape Standards for the Land Development Manual. In addition, an action item should be added that addresses the need to ensure that trees required by these landscape standards are retained throughout the life of project or replaced in kind in the event of loss.
- In the introduction of the monitoring section include the importance of monitoring not only to measure goals of the Urban Forest Management Plan, but also the goals and objectives of other plans. For instance, measuring the progress of achieving the Climate Action Plan’s call for increasing urban tree coverage by 15 percent by 2020 and by 25 percent by 2035; and the success of implementing the goals and objectives within individual community plans for planting and maintaining trees.
- Please clarify the table listing street tree species, as some of the species listed as appropriate for street trees are also listed under “suitable for parks, not street trees.” Also, there should be a category related to trees suitable for water quality/stormwater retention areas that lists native trees and shrubs such as willows, mulefat, oaks, cottonwoods, and sycamores.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide our comments. We look forward to working with the Urban Forest Manager and Planning Department staff to set canopy cover goals for Rancho Bernardo once the Plan has been adopted.

Sincerely,

Lou Dell'Angela
Chair, Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board

cc: Councilmember Mark Kersey, District 5

March 19, 2015

Ms. Rebecca Malone
City of San Diego, Planning Department
1222 First Avenue, MS 501
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the City of San Diego Climate Action Plan

Dear Ms. Malone:

The Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board appreciates the opportunity to provide input regarding the scope of the forthcoming draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the City’s draft Climate Action Plan (CAP). Presented below are the comments approved (by a vote of 12-0-0) for submittal to the Planning Department at the Planning Board’s meeting of March 19, 2015.

1. Introduction – As the intent of the PEIR is to streamline CEQA requirements for future projects, the Introduction section should describe the streamlining process. For instance, how will the determination be made that a project is consistent with projected GHG emissions presented in the PEIR?
2. Project Description – This section should clearly explain the basis for the estimate of GHG emissions in baseline year 2010, as presented in the CAP, as well as the basis for the estimates for 2020. The assumptions related to future

development intensity along with assumptions related the implementation of actions that would be in place to reduce overall GHG emissions should be clearly stated, as the validity of these assumptions will need to be monitored overtime. Should the assumptions prove to be invalid, future projects could no longer rely on the PEIR for streamlining under CEQA.

3. Greenhouse Gas Emissions – The PEIR should analysis the implementation proposals within the CAP to ensure that the goals presented are supported by specific actions intended to achieve the plan goals. This section should also analyze how the CAP proposes to monitorGHG emissions to ensure that the goals of the plan are being achieved.
4. Mitigation Framework – To ensure that the implementation of future projects will not result in GHG emissions that exceed current estimates for 2020, the mitigation framework should include a monitoring component that periodically evaluates how development within the City may differ from the assumptions made when the PEIR and CAP were approved. For example, General Plan amendments may be approved that exceed the development intensity assumptions; changes to the Land Development Ordinance result in increased development intensity; or the assumptions made in the CAP as they related to the Urban Forest Management Plan are invalid because budget decisions have limited the quantity of trees planted.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide our comments. We look forward to reviewing and commenting on the draft PEIR when it is made available for public review and comment.

Sincerely,

Lou Dell'Angela
Chair, Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board

cc: Councilmember Mark Kersey, District 5

RB Community Council
March 2015 Report:

- Guest speaker Nicole Capretz, founder of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) presented valuable information on the subject. The Community Council voted in regard to supporting the plan.
- The Community Council approved a new piece of artwork to be painted on one of the community's utility boxes
- The Northeastern Division Police Captain attended the meeting, giving various updates on recent public safety issues.
- The Battalion 7 Fire Captain attended the meeting, giving various updates on the hundreds of calls our station makes each month and the number of calls that are covered by other stations when our engine is on another run.
- The Community Council appointed Patti Hall as the Hats Off To Volunteers recipient
- The Community Council approved a second facebook page to focus on a specific item.
- The Community Council said goodbye to one of the members who has taken on other commitments which now interfere with the Community Council.
- The Community Council appointed an individual to fill the vacancy mentioned above by the member stepping down. The Community Council presently has all positions filled as well as the two student members and one member at large.
- The Community Council approved a community wide talent show to take place in October.
- An update was given on flags placed on the RB Rd medians during President's day.
- An update was given on the second annual community wide safety fair hosted by the Community Council.
- An update was given on the 5th annual chalk it up art event hosted by the Community Council.
- An update was given on the joint elections of the Community Council and Recreation Council. Recruitment begins the second week in March through April 30. Elections are at RB Alive and then the following Saturday at the library. Both election locations are staffed by volunteers.