



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
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February 16, 2023, 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes
Meeting was held via Zoom

<u>2023 RB PLANNING BOARD</u>									
P = Present		A = Absent				ARC = Arrived after roll call			
Robin Kaufman	P	Owen Nucci	P	Steve Dow	P	June Smith	P	Donald Bertsch	P
Benjamin Wier	P	Vicki Touchstone	P	Hugh Rothman	ARC	Patrick Batten	A		
Gary Long	P	Joni Edelman	P	Sonny Googins	A				
								Total Seated	12
								Total in Attendance	10

ITEM #1 Call to Order/Roll Call:

Robin Kaufman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She noted that the meeting is being recorded for accuracy in the meeting minutes, and noted that it is being conducted as if it were in-person and that participants should extend all courtesies as such.

ITEM #2 Chair Remarks:

Robin Kaufman reported that beginning in March the Planning Board would be resuming meetings in person (instead of over Zoom) per the Brown Act. A venue is still being sought at his time. Robin Kaufman also commented that she has obtained the address to send a condolence card to Tony Kempton’s family. Tony was our City Planner for 13 years, passing away unexpectedly over the holiday season.

ITEM #3 Non-agenda public comment (3 minutes per speaker):

Tony Heinrichs (a resident of Rancho Bernardo) provided an account of his December 2022 car accident at the corner of Pomerado Rd and Escala Dr, noting that this is a very dangerous intersection due to the curve on Pomerado Rd when approaching from the south. He urged the Board’s support for a current City capital project to be funded in which flashing beacon lights would be installed approaching the intersection.

Kathleen Lippett and Becky Rapp (Rancho Bernardo residents) provided comments on recent reports of detrimental effects of marijuana.

ITEM #4 Government Staff Reports (Information Item):

[Emily Piatanesi](#), the Mayor’s representative, provided comments to the Board regarding counter homelessness initiatives (service providers and encampment resolution), [Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment \(CARE\) Court](#) (a 24 hour court order care program), Mayor Gloria’s Housing Action Package, and road repair activities to address the backlog of pot-holes following extensive winter rains.

Vicki Touchstone and Robin Kaufman asked if there were any plans at the City level regarding modifications to the Brown Act (mandating in-person Community Planning Group meetings), including elevating the issue to the state level.

Sean McGee introduced himself to Board as Rancho Bernardo’s new community planner for the City Planning Department.

ITEM #5 Modification and Adoption of Agenda (Voting Item):

Benjamin Wier motioned to approve the agenda with a modification that #7 be a changed to Voting Item; Steve Dow seconded; motion approved 10-0-0.

ITEM #6 Administrative Items (Voting Item):

Approval of January 2023 Board minutes was motioned by Owen Nucci; seconded by Vicki Touchstone; motioned approved 9-0-1 (June Smith abstained due to absence at January Board meeting).

Gary Long provided the Treasurer’s Report: The Board has \$322.95 in the business checking account as of December 2022; additionally, \$500.00 in the reimbursable expense account with the city of San Diego. Two invoices expected to be submitted totaling about \$263.76. Gary Long motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report as submitted; seconded by Donald Bertsch; motion was approved 10-0-0.

ITEM #7 Discussion and Vote for Hats Off to Volunteers Recipient (Voting Item):

Robin Kaufman provided comprehensive evidence to support the Administrative Committee proposal that Benjamin Wier be the Board’s nominee to be the Hats Off to Volunteers recipient. Robin Kaufman motioned that the Board approve Benjamin Wier’s nomination; Gary Long seconded; the motion passed 10-0-0.

ITEM #8 Update on Cannabis Outlet at 16375 Bernardo Center Dr. (Voting Item):

Benjamin Wier provided an update on the Cannabis CUP application proposed at 16375 Bernardo Center Drive (formerly the El Torito restaurant): the Hearing Officer approved

the project on 25 January 2023. An ad hoc committee from the Rancho Bernardo Planning Board was formed and they submitted an appeal letter to the City. The appeal date is not known at this time.

No vote was held on this item at the Board.

ITEM #9 Election Committee Update (Information Item):

Robin Kaufman reported that the Election Committee has five applications for the upcoming Planning Board election upcoming on 16 March 2023. She encouraged the Board and community members to continue seeking opportunities to increase community communication and participation regarding Board activities.

ITEM #10 Meeting in Person Update (Information Item):

Robin Kaufman reiterated that beginning next month the Planning Board would resume meetings in person per the Brown Act. A venue is still being sought at this time.

ITEM #11 Sub-Committee Reports (Information Item):

Development ReviewBenjamin Wier
Regional Issues.....Vicki Touchstone
Traffic & TransportationHigh Rothman

ITEM #12 Liaison Reports (Information Item):

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

ITEM #15 OLD BUSINESS ITEM:

N/A.

ITEM #16 NEW BUSINESS:

N/A.

ADJOURNMENT:

Joni Edelman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Donald Bertsch seconded; motion passed 9-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Owen Nucci.

Standing Committee Meetings:

Regular meeting dates & times for committees are set as follows:

<u>Administrative Committee</u> The Monday 10 days prior to Regular Meeting, 6 PM Via Zoom meeting.	<u>Traffic & Transportation Committee First</u> Monday of each month, 6 PM Via Zoom meeting.
<u>Development Review Committee</u> First Tuesday of each month, 6 PM Via Zoom meeting.	<u>Regional Issues Committee</u> First Tuesday of each month, 7 PM Via Zoom meeting.

Rancho Bernardo Community Council via Robin Kaufman

- The Board approved the annual Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) budget. MAD oversees all the major medians and right of ways in our community, with the exception of Bernard Heights Parkway and Paseo Lucido.

- A presentation on both sides of PrOTECT (Prevent Over-policing Through Equitable Community Treatment) was given. The Board referred the subject to the Government Relations/Utilities subcommittee for a possible letter in support of one side or the other.

-The Board appointed an election ad hoc committee

-The Board approved the new format for the earth day fair this year. Instead of 30+ vendors and electric car show, they will hold a large earth day scavenger hunt at the RB Community Park on April 16.

- The Board appointed a new resident to fill a vacancy in the High Country West area.

San Dieguito River Park via Robin Kaufman

It meets the first Friday of the month, 10:30 a.m. We will need a new person to attend these meetings as David Wilson has stepped down from the Board. Robin Kaufman attended this meeting. It was their last zoom meeting as they have to abide by the City's regulations. They will go back to meeting at San Rafael church on Bernardo Center Drive.

There was a presentation on the gold spotted Oak borer which included how it is impacting the area, symptoms and possible treatments.

Coast to Crest Trails update, which included where there are still gaps. Director Anderson shared a presentation summarizing the status of the Get-to71-Miles CTC Campaign, which is at 88% of

the goal. Information on the CTC trail consultant selection procedure was explained, with the final selection scheduled for the December JPA meeting.. Director Anderson also reviewed the CTC gaps and trail options being considered.

There was an update on Surf Cup Sports Activities. Maggie Brown, representative from Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley, reported on the status of code enforcement by the City of San Diego stating that no violation corrections have been made by Surf Cup, and they continue to use the former Milan property for parking in violation of the zoning code.

SANDAG via Steve Dow

February 2023 highlights:

SANDAG's 2022 Annual Review video posted.

This video is a good summary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVR4KfgEAg0>

SD county Supervisor Nora Vargas to serve as SANDAG Chairwoman

San Diego arrests at a seven-year low (but felony arrests increased).

<https://www.sandag.org/-/media/SANDAG/Documents/PDF/data-and-research/criminal-justice-and-public-safety/bulletin-arrests-2021-law-enforcement-response-2023-01-01.pdf>

Felony arrests increased 14% from 2020 to 2021.

Misdemeanor arrests decreased 16% from 2020 to 2021.