



**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
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**June 17, 2021, 7:00 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Held Via Zoom**

<b>2020 RB PLANNING BOARD</b>									
<b>P = present</b>		<b>A = absent</b>			<b>ARC = arrived after roll call</b>				
Sonny Googins	P	Patrick Vincent	P	Benjamin Wier	P	Gary Long	P		
Thomas Lettington	P	Joni Edelman	P	Robin Kaufman	P	David Wilson	A R C		
Rebecca Cole	P	Steve Dow	P	Vicki Touchstone	P				
Hugh Rothman	A	Owen Nucci	A R C					<b>Total Seated</b>	<b>13</b>
								<b>Total in Attendance</b>	<b>12</b>

**ITEM #1**      **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair, Robin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**ITEM #2**      **Chair remarks:** Chair, Robin Kaufman welcomed all to the meeting. All meeting are conducted as if they were in person. Please no eating on screen during the meeting. Meeting is being recorded for clarity in the minutes

**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.

Becky Rapp gave comments about attending a Hearing Officer meeting about a dispensary that is 1032 feet away from a March and Ash dispensary in Mission Valley. Many people spoke out against the dispensary’s current business practice and have seen drop in business at neighboring businesses with some businesses even relocating.

Benjamin Wier gave an update on the proposed cannabis outlet. There have been no updates within the last 30 days. 1st cycle reviews from the City have denied the applicant due to the location being with 1000 feet of a sensitive use (Church of RB). Cycle review information was not shared at the May meeting since they were released the day of the meeting at the applicant had not seen them yet

**ITEM #4**      **Government Staff Reports:**

Various government staff has an opportunity to present updates to the Board.

Evlyn Andrade Policy Advisor for County Supervisor Lawson-Remer gave an update: The Supervisor partnered with Supervisor Fletcher to launch an initiative to create an Office of Evaluation, Performance, and Analytics. The motion passed with unanimous support. The portal for businesses to submit application for relief is now open with \$30M in funding. This was a project spearheaded by Supervisors’ Lawson-Remer and Anderson. Superior Lawson -Remer is taking action to assure for a seamless and transparent budgeting process to include a public forum.

Robin Kaufman asked about re-districting and if there any plans for that. Evlyn Andrade responded that Lawson-Remer’s office is not involved in that process. Steve Dow asked about how to get information on that process. Robin Kaufman will share information that the Community Council has on the subject.

**ITEM #5**      **Modification and Adoption of Agenda:**

Patrick Vincent made a motion to accept the agenda. Benjamin Wier seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #6**      **Administrative Items:**

**a.** Approve May 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Benjamin Wier made a motion to accept the May minutes with addition of verbiage to ITEM #7 regarding payment transactions for cannabis outlets. Rebecca Cole seconded. Motion passed 11-0-1. Patrick Vincent abstained due to be absent from the May meeting.

**b.** Approve Treasurer's Report

Gary Long made a motion to accept the Treasurers' report of \$119.67 in the Board account and \$50.38 in City funding. Tom Lettington seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #7**      **Prioritize RB Capital Improvement Projects –**

The City is developing the 5-year (2022 – 2026) Capital Infrastructure Plan and seeking Community Planning Group input. We are being asked to consider and prioritize potential projects for submission to the City. The Regional Issues Committee will present a list of projects for the Board's consideration, and additional information regarding past projects will also be reviewed.

Vicki Touchstone gave an overview of the five proposed projects. 1. Installation of a storm drain on Pomerado Rd at the intersection of Pomerado Rd and Pomerado Pl to address safety issues for when it rains and to remove the pooling that occurs. 2. Installation of a storm drain on Pomerado Rd at the intersection of Pomerado Rd and Mirasol Dr and Viselay Ln to address safety issues for when it rains and to remove the pooling that occurs. 3. The installation for solar panels and charging station at the Rancho Bernardo Community Park. Currently there are no panels on the recreation center building itself. 4. Funding for an additional fire station within Rancho Bernardo. This would improve response times and support current needs. 5. Completion of a sidewalk on Escala Dr between Deveroux Rd and Volsin Ct. Vicki Touchstone made a motion to approve the projects in order of importance. Sonny Gogins seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #8**      **Proposed Changes to Parking Requirements for Non-Residential Uses in Transit Priority Areas (TPA) and Neighborhood Serving Commercial (NC) Uses**

City staff is proposing to eliminate parking requirements for non-residential land uses within TPAs and for all NC zoned properties throughout the City. Although RB includes a TPA, the community was not notified of the proposal or hearing dates. The proposal has already been heard by the Planning Commission, so any input will have to go directly to the City Council for consideration.

Robin Kaufman gave an overview of the proposed parking changes. Vicki Touchstone supplemented with more information on the proposed changes. The Regional Issues Committee felt that the proposed changes are not feasible within the community of Rancho Bernardo. The examples given by the City were the Cities of Portland and Seattle that have public transportation systems that far exceed the City of San Diego. Vicki Touchstone made a motion to send a letter to the City Council. Patrick Vincent seconded. Joni Edelman suggested that we cc' Senator Toni Atkins. Steve Dow commented that verbiage be added to show that the parking is being reduced to zero. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #9**      **Letter to Councilmember Marni von Wilpert on Community Involvement –**

The Board will consider sending a letter to Councilmember von Wilpert regarding the continued lack of notification to planning groups on planning issues and development regulations.

Vicki Touchstone gave an overview on how planning groups are not being informed of proposed changes and being eliminated from input on these issues. Some of the examples given were Revised Park Master Plan, Proposed Changes to Parking Requirements. Vicki Touchstone made a motion to send a letter to Councilmember von Wilpert and the Mayor. Joni Edelman seconded. Resident Becky Rapp commented that she was speaking with the Chair of the Linda Vista Planning Group and shared this item was on our agenda. He was happy to hear that we were discussing this item. He asked if we could share a copy of our letter with him. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #10**      **Revised Draft Park Master Plan -**

The City's Park Master Plan has been revised and is available for review. No information regarding the review process or hearing schedule is provided on the website. Review past concerns to see how they have been addressed in the revised plan.

Vicki Touchstone gave an overview and suggested that the Board take a position similar to the Board's previous position supported by our previous letters. Vicki Touchstone made a motion to write letter in support of PARC regarding the Park Master Plan in that the standards for population based parks remain and further request that land set aside to preserve natural habitat does not get used for parks or opened to trails without the proper CEQA approval and that the City commits to a Master Trail Plan and that trails be designed as sustainable and protectable if they do get opened. Patrick Vincent seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #11)**      **Vote on speed limit increase on Matinal Rd between Poblado Rd and West Bernardo Drive:**

Due to a traffic study, the City is required to follow procedures set by the State of California and the California Speed Trap Law (California Vehicle Code Section 40802). A recent study of this area indicates the enforceable speed be raised to 30 miles per hour.

Robin Kaufman gave an overview of the proposed speed limit change. This item was reviewed at the Traffic and Transportation Committee with a number of residents attending and giving their options on why the speed limit should not be raised and keep the speed limit where it is currently at. The citizens also recommended that some curbs be painted red and all-way stops are added at intersections. Robin Kaufman made a motion to send a letter to keep the speed limit at its current limit of 25MPH. Tom Lettington seconded. Tom Lettington commented in giving support to keeping the limit at 25MPH and suggested that we look into other methods of keeping the traffic speeds limited. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #12)**      **Participation on Independence Day Celebration at the RB Community Park:**

Due to the Spirit of the Fourth deciding to only offer fireworks to the community this year, the RB Community Council and RB Recreation Advisory Board are offering an 'old fashion' parade and carnival at the community park on Saturday, July 3. The Planning Board has been invited to be in the parade and have a booth.

Robin Kaufman gave an overview on the Independence Day Celebration. Many thought that participation was good, however, most of the members had previous commitments and not able to participate.

\*Benjamin Wier left the meeting changing those in attendance to 11.

**ITEM #13)**      **Request Community Members to Identify Themselves to Fill Vacancies:**

Individuals must attend one (1) full Board meeting before presenting themselves. Positions are available in the following Districts: B (Eastview), C (Oaks North), E (Severn Oaks), F (Bernardo Heights), G (High Country West).

No one identified.

**ITEM #14**      **Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Information Item**

Development Review..... Benjamin Wier:  
Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone  
Traffic & Transportation..... Robin Kaufman Draft meeting notes attached\*  
Election Ad Hoc Procedure Development Ad Hoc Committee:

**ITEM #15**      **Liaison Reports:**

**Information Item**

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

**ITEM #16      OLD BUSINESS ITEM:**

Vicki Touchstone asked about that no parking agenda item on Bernardo Center Dr. from previous meeting to see if an update is available. Robin Kaufman responded that no update has been given.

**ITEM #17      NEW BUSINESS:**

Robin Kaufman brought up that UCSD Health Center is planning to build a new facility close to the current one. The Board should look into this so that the Board can have input and to avoid the traffic situation that was created by Sharp Reese Stealy when that went in. Board had no input because it was ministerial project. Tom Lettington commented that it appears the City is deeming a lot of project as ministerial when maybe they shouldn't be.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Joni Edelman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26. David Wilson seconded. Motion passed 11-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Benjamin Wier

**STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Regular meeting dates & times for committees will be set.

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

**\*RB Community Council Summary by Robin Kaufman:**

Senator Toni Atkins was the guest speaker, giving an update on state voting. She also answered various questions;

Bylaws were reviewed and several updates were proposed;

The annual financial review ad hoc committee was appointed;

The Board approved financial matters pertaining to the October/Halloween event co-hosting with the Recreation Advisory Board;

The Board appointed a time capsule ad hoc committee to chronical the impact of the pandemic in our community;

The Board approved placing the annual 'congratulations graduating seniors' lawn signs on the median by the high school this year;

The Board approved once again promoting graduating seniors on the Facebook page;

The Board approved the community July 3 ad hoc committee (which also gave an update on the event)

**\*Recreation Advisory Board**

- The board heard a presentation by a 13-year-old who would like to develop a community garden at the RB Community park;

-A presentation was made by the Park and Recreation Coalition (PARC)

-Two new members were seated;

- Elections of officers were approved;
- The annual budget was approved;
- Movies in the park were approved – July 17 and August 21;
- The July 3 event, co-hosted with the RB Community Council, was approved;
- An update was given on the already approved Halloween event (approved in January 2020 and approved by the RB Community Council February, 2020). This would be co-hosted by the RB Community Council and include a beer garden and chili tasting event. Some permits will be required.

**\*SANDAG Summary by Steve Dow**

- **Highlights of June 2021 SANDAG Newsletter**
  - SANDAG 2021 Regional Plan (Transportation)
    - This is the “5 Big Moves” plan (“complete corridors, transit leap, mobility hubs, flexible fleets, next OS”)
    - <https://sdforward.com/mobility-planning/2021-regional-plan>
    - Can provide targeted comments through web form.
    - Comments will be part of the public record.
  - SANDAG/Caltrans/Co. of San Diego \$7M identified to expand broadband fiber along SR 67 corridor.
  - Central Mobility Hub Project Begins Environmental Review Process
    - <https://sandag.mysocialpinpoint.com/CentralMobilityHub>
  - SANDAG mental health report
    - [https://www.sandag.org/uploads/publicationid/publicationid\\_4777\\_29162.pdf](https://www.sandag.org/uploads/publicationid/publicationid_4777_29162.pdf)
- **Per the 6/11/2021 Executive Committee agenda**, the SANDAG Board of Directors will be reviewing and recommending committee restructuring.
  - <https://www.sandag.org/index.asp?committeeid=15&fuseaction=committees.detail>
  - I. Executive Committee
  - II. Transportation Committee
    - 01. Active Transportation Working Group
    - 02. Cities/ Cities/County Transportation Advisory Committee
    - 03. Coordinated Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan Working Group
    - 04. Regional Short-Range Transit Planning Task Force
    - 05. San Diego Region Conformity Working Group
    - 06. San Diego Regional Traffic Engineers Council
    - 07. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council
    - 08. Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues
    - 09. <Temporary> Bayshore Bikeway Working Group
    - 10. <Temporary> Freight Stakeholders Working Group
  - III. Regional Planning Committee

- 11. Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group
- 12. San Diego Regional Military Working Group
- 13. Shoreline Preservation Working Group
- 14. Regional Energy Working Group
- 15. Regional Planning Technical Working Group
- 16. <Temporary> Regional Plan Social Equity Working Group
- IV. Borders Committee
  - 17. Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities
  - 18. Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues
- V. Public Safety Committee
  - 19. Chiefs'/Sheriff's Management Committee
  - 20. Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS) Business Working Group
  - 21. ARJIS Technical Working Group
- VI. Audit Committee
  - 22. San Diego Regional Litter Abatement Subcommittee
  - 23. Audit Committee and Compensation Ad Hoc Subcommittee