



**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198  
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**May 19, 2022, 7:00 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting was held via Zoom**

<u><b>2022 RB PLANNING BOARD</b></u>									
<b>P = Present</b>		<b>A = Absent</b>			<b>ARC = Arrived after roll call</b>				
<b>Robin Kaufman</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Owen Nucci</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Steve Dow</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>June Smith</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Donald Bertsch</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Benjamin Wier</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Vicki Touchstone</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Hugh Rothman</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Patrick Batten</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Gary Long</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Joni Edelman</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Sonny Googins</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>David Wilson</b>	<b>P</b>		
								<b>Total Seated</b>	<b>13</b>
								<b>Total in Attendance</b>	<b>11</b>

**ITEM #1      Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Chair, Robin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Vice Chair, Benjamin Wier took roll call. Robin Kaufman also provided some initial Chair remarks welcoming the new Board members and reminding all members about initial and refresher [Community Planning Group Orientation Workshop](#) (COW) training opportunities.

**ITEM #2      Seat New Members:**

The Chair and Board welcomed the newly seated members.

- Donald Bertsch
- David Wilson
- Patrick Batten

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

Becky Rapp provided a brief update on the city’s marijuana ordinance; specifically the upcoming listening sessions planned to occur across the city to solicit inputs on social equity matters associated with cannabis sales. She also mentioned her recommendation to the city to adopt a flavored-marijuana ban in a manner similar to that of the city’s ban on flavored tobacco to minimize harmful effects on the youth.

**ITEM #4      Government Staff Reports (Information Item):**

N/A

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

Sonny Googins motioned to approved the agenda; Benjamin Wier seconded; motion approved 11-0-0.

**ITEM #6      Administrative Items (Voting Item):**

Approval of April 2022 Board Meeting Minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

Gary Long presented the Treasurer’s Report: the Board has \$322.95 as of May 2022; additionally \$182.34 in the reimbursable expense account with the city of San Diego. Gary Long motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report as submitted; seconded by June Smith; approved 11-0-0.

**ITEM #7      Proposed Changes to Council Policy 600-24 (Requirement for Appeal Fees; Voting Item):**

Steve Dow provided an update of the Regional Issues Subcommittee deliberations on the currently proposed revisions related to Council Policy 600-24. Several inputs from the Community Planning Boards have been considered by the City Council. However, the Regional Issues Committee recommended that the Board oppose to the proposed \$1,000 fee for Planning Groups to appeal a decision of the City and in turn drafted a letter to Mayor Todd Gloria and the City Council’s office for the Board’s consideration (the extant appeal process is here: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf>).

Steve Dow motioned that the Board agree to send to the letter; seconded by Sonny Googins; approved 11-0-0.

**ITEM #8      Appointment of Liaisons:**

Robin Kaufman volunteered to remain the liaison to the Community Council and the Community Recreation Group.

David Wilson volunteered to remain the liaison to the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

A representative for the San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group will need to be identified at a later date.

Steve Dow volunteered to remain the liaison to SANDAG.

A Commercial Representative will be identified at a later date.

**ITEM #9      Request Community Members to Identify Themselves if Interested in Appointment to Open Vacancies (Voting Item):**

N/A

**ITEM #10      Approval for Virtual Meeting for Next Month’s Full Board Meeting (Voting Item):**

Joni Edelman motioned that the Board approve the use of virtual meetings for next month; seconded by Gary Long; approved 11-0-0.

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

Development Review .....Benjamin Wier  
Regional Issues.....Vicki Touchstone  
Traffic & Transportation .....High Rothman  
Election Ad Hoc.....Gary Long

**ITEM #12      Liaison Reports (Information Item):**

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

**ITEM #13      OLD BUSINESS ITEM:**

N/A.

**ITEM #14      NEW BUSINESS:**

N/A.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Benjamin Wier made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Gary Long seconded; motion passed 9-0-0. Meeting adjourned 7:41pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Owen Nucci

**Standing Committee Meetings:**

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

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

**Community Council:**

-Polina Osipova, City of San Diego Recycling Specialist explained the City of San Diego’s expansion in organic waste recycling by adding weekly green bin service to collect food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard waste;

-The Board approved to be in the July 4th parade with some sort of float

- Election nominating ad hoc was appointed for officer positions

In accordance to our bylaws, Article IV, section 4.01 A, a Nominating Committee of three (3) Council members is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Council at the Council Meeting which precedes the Rancho Bernardo Community elections.

-Letter of support for SOTF July 4 event to be sent to the City was approved. The City requests this of us every year.: The City of San Diego requests this of us so the Spirit of the Fourth committee can open a special event permit. We have done this in the past when they use city property. The City wants to make sure we are aware of the event and the use of city streets.

-Voting procedures for this year were discussed and approved - absentee ballots will be offered as well as one day of in person voting for the two contested districts.

-The Board approved to conduct the annual patriotic pet contest on July 4

**Community Recreation Group:**

No meeting in May.

**RB Planning Board – SANDAG Update (Steve Dow; 5/13/2022)**

May 2022 Newsletter highlights o Bike Trails:

- Landis Bikeway opening (North Park / City Heights)  
Opened 11 miles new bikeway in 2021  
Expects to start construction of 11 more miles by end of 2022
- Free Transit for Youth Pilot Program  
Anyone under 18 can ride bus, Trolley, COASTER, and SPRINTER for free until June 2023.
- Fast Tracks Transit to Airport  
Central Mobility Hub now expected to be downtown  
Two direct transit centers expected at Pot HQ on Pacific Highway and the existing Sante Fe Depot.

These two will eventually connect to a future Central Mobility Hub downtown (location TBD).  
The Naval Information Warfare Systems Command (NAVWAR) location will no longer be explored as the main central hub location.

- SANDAG Hauled 26 Olympic-sized pools of sand to Moonlight and Cardiff State Beach o
- SANDAG celebrates Asian American & Pacific Islander month
- Justice System and Public Safety Survey  
Survey is available until May 27  
Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/atissurvey>  
Entitled: Alternatives to Incarceration