



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
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Annual Report April, 2018 – March, 2019

The Rancho Bernardo Planning Board was presented with a number of issues this fiscal year. This report chronologically emphasizes the work accomplished throughout the year due to the dedicated volunteers who compose this Board.

All letters sent by this Board throughout the year can be found on our website at www.RBPlanningBoard.com. We also post all of our draft monthly agendas, approved monthly Board minutes as well as all subcommittee draft agendas and approved minutes on our website.

April, 2018: The Rancho Bernardo Planning Board kicked off our new year by seating seven individuals who were elected during our March elections. The Board then elected all new officers as well as new subcommittee chairs. With increased community interest, three residents were appointed to vacancies.

Keryna Johnson, representing Councilmember Georgette Gomez then presented information relating to Smart Growth & Land Use Priorities.

The Board unanimously approved the previous year's annual report and also unanimously approved to prepare a letter to the City in response to the Public Notice for the preparation of an environmental impact report and scoping meeting for the Junipers project.

May, 2018: Jenny Yu presented herself and was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board.

The Board unanimously approved a letter to be sent in response to the five recommendations of the Grand Jury report pertaining to Planning Groups. The Board also discussed our booth at RB Alive, the community's annual street fair.

June, 2018: The Board unanimously approved to send a letter to the Palomar College Board of Directors for all the support they had given in regard to our EIR comments and for being a good neighbor.

The Board unanimously approved a traffic adjustment letter regarding cross traffic from/to Matinal Road and the College entrance.

The Board unanimously approved that a letter be sent to SANDAG with the results of the survey at our RB Alive booth in regard to the San Diego Forward Regional Plan.

July, 2018: The Board unanimously approved a follow up letter to the recommendations made in April 2016 which requested an MTS bus route be added to the Palomar College campus. The Board also approved a letter to be sent to Turtleback Elementary School's Principal requesting safety patrol be added at the intersection of Maturin Drive and Turtleback Road to assist in alleviating some of the school traffic issues.

August, 2018: Due to lack of agenda items, this meeting was cancelled.

September, 2018: Due to lack of agenda items, this meeting was cancelled.

October, 2018: A representative from SDG&E provided an update on the transmission line project for the Rancho Carmel Substations project to increase reliability of the electric system between substations. The representative noted that the existing overhead lines and poles will be removed and will be replaced with underground lines. It is scheduled for completion by second quarter of 2019.

Joe Tucker, from Casa de las Campanas, gave a presentation on the phase III expansion on their campus. The Board unanimously approved the project with the following findings:

1) The proposed development will not adversely affect the applicable land use plan;

The project is consistent with the Rancho Bernardo Community Plan's planning goal "To ensure a balanced community. Provide for a wide variety of housing types, densities, unit sizes and prices, with densities consistent with the Plan designations and aesthetically compatible with the surrounding neighborhood" (page 9 of the Community Plan).

In addition, the proposal complies with the recommendations for retirement housing projects presented on page 19 of the Community Plan in that the project is compatible with the existing neighborhood and does not overwhelm other buildings, open spaces and natural landforms, block views and/or disrupt the community's character.

2) The proposed development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare;

3) The proposed development will comply with the regulations of the Land Development Code including any proposed deviations that are appropriate for this location and will result in a more desirable project than would be achieved if designed in strict conformance with the development regulations of the applicable zone;

The proposed deviation in maximum height is appropriate for this location because the proposed height is not inconsistent with the overall design of the larger Casa campus and will result in a more desirable project than would be achieved if designed in strict conformance with the development regulations of the applicable zone because the project will increase capacity for needed assisted living and memory care accommodations.

Findings relevant to the CUP:

4) The proposed use is appropriate at the proposed location.

The project will redevelop and expand accommodations for the elderly within an existing retirement facility.

The Board also unanimously approved the 2019 election ad hoc committee.

November, 2018: The Board was reminded that the City is moving forward with the San Diego Park Master Plan and that residents can give input by taking a quick survey at: <https://cityofsandiegoparksplan.com/en>.

The Board unanimously approved a letter to be sent to Councilman Kersey asking him to work with the Mayor to include stakeholders from all areas of the City in future discussions pertaining to short term rentals as this impacts all of San Diego and not just the beach areas.

The Board unanimously approved a letter to be sent to Ms. Myra Herrmann, Environmental Planner, in regard to Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) to evaluate the potential impacts to the environment of under-grounding overhead utilities to underground facilities throughout the City.

The Board also unanimously approved a 'job aide' to be used as a guideline for the Board's annual elections.

December, 2018: Due to lack of agenda items, this meeting was cancelled.

January, 2019: The Board discussed the purchase of a new sound system, costs for elections supplies, a new Board brochure and expenses for our RB Alive information booth.

The Board unanimously approved creating two sub-groups of the Regional Issues committee due to the amount of issues the committee deals with and to afford more members an opportunity to get involved with such issues.

The Board also discussed the findings of the Grand Jury report pertaining to planning groups and the City's response to the findings.

February, 2019: City Councilman Kersey presented information on honorary name changes of two streets in Rancho Bernardo. One would be Bernardo Plaza Court for Harry Summers and the other would be Calle Sencillo for Bob Wells.

The Board unanimously approved a letter to be sent to all City Council members in regard to the transit priority area multifamily residential parking standards.

Comments were made on the 12th update of the City's land development code. No action was taken as the Community Planners Committee resolved the issue.

The Board unanimously approved specific expenditures which included up to \$400 for a P.A. system along with wireless and dynamic microphones as well as \$100 on election materials.

The Board unanimously approved Gary Long to be the recipient of the annual Hats Off to Volunteers recognition on April 13 for his dedication of chairing the election job aid committee.

March, 2019: The Board unanimously approved a letter to be sent to the City in regard to the City's proposal to reduce the time available to review the contents of the final California Environmental Quality Act document, including Final Environmental Impact Reports that contain responses to public comments, from 14 calendar days to a minimum of three (3) days before decision maker hearings.

The Board unanimously approved the honorary street renaming of Bernardo Plaza Court for Harry Summers and the other would be Calle Sencillo for Bob Wells.

The election results were presented with five (5) members being elected and one (1) individual unanimously approved after presenting herself to fill a vacancy. This information was forwarded to the City and the newly elected/appointed members will be seated at the beginning of our April meeting.

The Board agreed to have an information table at the annual Hats Off to Volunteers event on April 13 to help recruit new members and share information about the Planning Board.