



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
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September 17, 2020 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom

Due to precautions related to the present concerns of COVID-19, this meeting will take place via a zoom meeting. Please contact us at RBPBChair@gmail.com by 6:30 pm, Thursday, September 17 for the link.

2020 RB PLANNING BOARD								
P = present		A = absent			ARC = arrived after roll call			
Robin Kaufman	P	Sonny Googin	P	Joni Edlemen	P			
Patrick Vincent	P	Vicki Touchstone	P	David Wilson	P			
Gary Long	P	Thomas Lettington	P	Terry Norwood	P			
Benjamin Wier	P	Hugh Rothman	P	Dan Grobee	P		Total Seated	14
Mark Huettinger	A	Steve Dow	P				Total in Attendance	13

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 reminded everyone to stay safe while surviving the heat. Please observe all of the same protocols as in-person meetings. The resident traffic calming request did not qualify per the City of San Diego Engineer. She also reminded board members that they are liaisons to the districts that they represent.

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.

Cory Briggs, who is running for City Attorney, gave a brief campaign pitch.

Kathy Lippett, had the following comments regarding the proposed marijuana outlet in RB:

APPLICANT AND THEIR HIRED GUN COMMENTS (The city of SD puts the onus of truth on the applicant---no conflict of interest there!)

- We ensure products stays out of the hands of minors (TRUST US!)
- We've cleared all major issues with the city with only 2 outstanding issues remaining (Trust us)
- We've provided you the City Cycle Issue Report (no mentioned of it being dated which was nearly 5 mos old))
- OUR OWN TRAFFIC ANALYSIS FOUND "No indication that the project would have a significant impact" in the community; 42k sq ft and 3 stories high... no potential issue with traffic (trust us)
- We developed a grant funding project THAT WE WILL SHARE WITH YOU AFTER WE ARE PERMITTED (sounds more like a bribe)
- When asked whether the location wasn't in violation of some sensitive use distance restrictions, applicant asserted that the city would not have found the premise in compliance if those distance requirements had not been met

COMMUNITY MEMBER AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (The real stakeholders, authentic community voices)

- A community member said he had a petition with some 1k signatures opposing this project because of concerns for losing productive, badly needed services serving children. (The city will ignore them)
- The crimes associated with the increased sale of drugs (e.g. the shooting at a dispensary 2 wks previous) (The City will ignore associated crime)
- The existence of dispensaries in the neighborhoods already (e.g. the 2 MO's close by) (The city will ignore the undue concentration)
- The previous nefarious bad acts of the applicants or their _____ (? , representatives—not the word I'm looking for) (The city will ignore those)
- The out of state wealthy carpetbaggers coming to SD to exploit the numerous weaknesses in their pot written MJ ordinances)
- The history of the applicant ignoring the City's minimal posting (e.g. hiding the notice behind bushes or trees) and notifications to alert nearby residents and businesses of the pending project
- The deep pockets of applicants that now can afford to buy entire buildings that house "the productive and necessary community service-oriented tenants that will be displaced or lose their businesses from customers who no longer feel safe to visit them)
- The vulnerable community where the project wishes to locate that is already burdened with drug abuse, addiction and mental health issues that will all be exacerbated by pot sales.
- The vulnerable community that has already been predated by liquor licenses (e.g. 3 large liquor stores)
- The authentic community voices that continue to be silenced while city electeds ignore the voters who put them in office to serve them and now serve a for-profit, predatory drug industry.
- The vulnerable community that needs policing to lower the high crime, grocery stores, community businesses that serve the community's needs.

ITEM #4 Government Staff Reports:

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

Monique Tello informed the Board that she is leaving Council Member Kersey's office. She introduced Marc Schaefer who will be replacing her. September is safety awareness month. She shared sites on the City's website for reference. The smart camera survey program on the City streetlights is being turned off due to resident complaints about privacy. Marc Schaefer introduced himself and spoke about his background.

ITEM #5 Modification and Adoption of Agenda:

Hugh Rothman made a motion to accept the agenda. Vicki Touchstone seconded. Motion passed 13-0-0

ITEM #6 Administrative Items:

a. Approve July and August 2020 Meeting Minutes

Hugh Rothman made a motion to accept the July special meeting minutes. Joni Edelman seconded. Motion passed 10-0-3 with Gary Long, Hugh Rothman, and Patrick Vincent abstaining due to absence from the July special meeting.

Robin Kaufman made a motion to add a footnote to Item 8 on the August minutes. Hugh Rothman seconded. Motion failed 0-12-1 with David Wilson abstaining due to absence from the August meeting. Robin Kaufman made a motion to accept the August minutes. Vicki Touchstone seconded. Motion passed 12-0-1 with David Wilson abstaining due to be being absent from the August meeting.

b. Approve Treasurer's Report

Gary Long made a motion accept the Treasurer's report of \$322.95 in the Planning Board account with \$500 in City funding. Dan Grobee seconded. Motion passed 13-0-0.

ITEM #7 2020 Code Update Matrix and Draft Language

The City is working on the next update to the Land Development Code. There are 47 proposed amendments, including 26 corrections, 19 regulatory reform, 1 new regulation, 1 compliance with State Law. Of particular concern is Section 112.0310 Notice of Right to Appeal Environmental Determination; a proposal to reduce the time period for an appeal from 10 business days to 5 business days.

Vicki Touchstone presented on the changes to the item of concern which is the reduction of time from 10 days to 5 days. Pointed to an error of reference to an item that does not exist. Language should be added for storage containers needing permit from the City for the right-of-way. Concur for parking issues. Add items of action for use in bicycle and pedestrian right-of-way. Vicki proposed to send letter addressing these items. Sonny Googin seconded. Motion passed 13-0-0.

ITEM #8 Proposed Code Revision – Posted Notice Requirements

Review and provide comments related to a proposal by the La Jolla Community Planning Association requesting changes to City codes that would improve on-site and mailed public noticing for project applications submitted to the City's Development Services Department.

Vicki Touchstone presented on improving public notices, which was started by the La Jolla Community Planning Association, asking for re-notification after significant changes to the project along with larger signage. Vicki made a motion to send a letter supporting the La Jolla Community Planning Association. Terry Norwood seconded. Motion passed 13-0-0.

ITEM #9 CASA Land Acquisition and Zoning

Discussion on land acquisition and zoning.

Robin commented on the 10 acres north of Casa that was presumed sold to Casa in April and how the RBCPB was not notified. Sonny Googin said the the sale was completed via a land swap with the City of San Diego. Also in the discussion was the 17,000 sq/ft parcel that was presumed sold to Casa from the City. RBCPB is seeking clarification about the status of the parcel(s). Sonny commented that the area south of Casa was for parking and that the rocks were placed there by the City and not Casa.

ITEM #10 Discussion Regarding Measure E

A proposal to remove the Midway Community Planning Area from the current voter approved 30-foot height restrictions along San Diego's Coastal Zone.

Robin Kaufman gave a presentation about the proposal to remove the 30 foot height restriction along the Coastal Zones. She urged us to be aware of the Measures on the ballot and vote with educated knowledge on the measures.

ITEM #11 Request Community Members to Identify Themselves To Fill Vacancies.

Voting Item

Appointment to open vacancies in Districts B (Eastview), E (Seven Oaks), F (Bernardo Heights) and G (High Country West). Residents must first attend one full Board meeting prior to presenting themselves to fill a vacancy.

No one presented themselves.

ITEM #12 Sub-Committee Reports:

Information Item

Development Review..... Benjamin Wier
Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone
Traffic & Transportation..... Robin Kaufman

ITEM #13 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 Terry Norwood
- San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group.... David Wilson (Report attached)*
- Commercial Representative

ITEM #14 OLD BUSINESS ITEM:

The board would like info on political gatherings and police policy regarding them especially referencing Covid. Marc Schaefer commented that it fell into a grey area if they were allowed or not. He will look into getting the Board more information.

ITEM #15 NEW BUSINESS:

Hugh Rothman gave a brief presentation on how Measure E will be helpful for the City.

ADJOURNMENT: Terry Norwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joni Edelman seconded. Motion passed 13-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm

Respectfully submitted by Benjamin Wier

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

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

RB Community Council Summary by Robin Kaufman *

Rancho Bernardo Community Council Summary

- The Board recognized Chris Babler for his 20 years of service with the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and his promotion to Battalion Chief;
- The Board had a presentation by Dr. Beverly Harju pertaining to idling vehicles and the impact it has on our environment;
- The Board approved the findings of the annual financial review ad hoc committee;
- The Board approved to host a community forum on Proposition 15 on September 22;
- The Board approved a community-wide Halloween event. Procedures for event were approved by the Office of Emergency Services and the County;
- The Board approved sponsoring another blood drive on September 15;
- The Board approved the development of a drive-by Santa event since the annual hot cocoa with Santa and snow days in the park will not be taking place this year;
- The Board reviewed the City Council District 5 forum it's hosting on September 24.

RB Recreation Advisory Board Summary

- The recreation advisory board met for the first time since March.
- The budget and how it works was explained.
- Elections were held, but were vetoed due to no one being able to attend 3 consecutive meetings and preset themselves.

San Pasqual Lake Hodges Meeting - Sept 10, 2020

Called to Order by Chairman Marc Lindshield via Zoom.

Stated this would be the last meeting of this year. Possibility he would be reducing his role in the board.

No Public Comments

Meeting Minutes Approved from Last meeting

Guest

Quinton Grounds community representative from Mark Kersey's office and representative from Brian Main-schein's office present.

Safety Issues

Marc noted that internet service is spotty and/or not working and many in the valley have been without internet or phone for some time. Area is limited in choice of coverage but calls to ATT largely go unanswered or with delays in repairs. This poses danger with threat of fire. No resolution other than to make people aware of it and for multiple people to bring it the attention of the carrier.

Police Report

Community Relations Officer Julie Dragt

Gave an overview and answered questions

Members cite problems with squatters in vacant houses and homeless encampments.

Members complain that the Sheriffs department responds much more quickly to complaints but in Sheriffs state that they cannot enforce or remove if the area is within the jurisdiction of the San Diego Police. Members state that police continue to be much less responsive than the police. Officer Draght took note of this.

San Dieguito River Park

Brief discussion of interaction with River park staff and resignation of executive director. Looking forward to working with new staff and hoping to improve relations in future.

Brush Removal

Continues and is improving. Has been a hazard in the past with overhang. No new updates from last meeting, other than removal is progressing.

SGMA Basin

No new news to report, other than discussion of last meeting of advisory committee meeting. Next meeting scheduled for next year.

Notes from SANDAG Executive Committee meeting on 9/11/2020

Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Plan

- <https://www.sandag.org/index.asp?projectid=189&fuseaction=projects.detail>
- They are anticipating legal defense may be needed regarding the RHNA Plan – Setting \$100K aside for this, failed to gain majority support of the executive committee; may still go to the board though.

Campaign contributions

- Discussion about whether SanDAG leaders should ethically be allowed to support certain board members' political campaigns and whether this may give the appearance of a conflict of interest. Legal opinion during the meeting stressed this could be overreach to attempt to limit personal contributions, but requiring transparency may be good policy. No motion was made. Discussion only.

Regional Transportation Planning

- <https://sandag.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=f4e61292f3b545f39a2055cdc66940e9>
- This link should lead you to an informative interactive GIS map tool.

Electric Vehicle Charger Rebates coming to San Diego County

- Up to \$80,000 for DC fast charger; up to \$5,500 per Level 2 connector
- <https://calevip.org/incentive-project/san-diego-county>