



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
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June 15, 2023, 7:00 PM

Meeting Agenda

Hybrid Meeting: In-Person and Zoom option

InPerson: 7 Oaks Community Center 16789 Bernardo Oaks Dr, San Diego, CA 92128

Zoom:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85989244894>

2023 RB PLANNING BOARD							
P = present		A = absent		ARC = arrived after roll call			
Robin Kaufman		Sara Nucci		Steve Dow		June Smith	
Benjamin Wier		Vicki Touchstone		Hugh Rothman		Sujata Yellaepeddi	
Gary Long		Donald Bertsch		Sonny Googins		Keith Mikas	
Rebecca Rapp							
						Total Seated	13
						Total in Attendance	

- ITEM #1 **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair will call the meeting to order and take roll call

- ITEM #2 **Chair Remarks:**

- ITEM #3 **Seat New Members:** New members shall be seated at the start of the regular meeting in order to allow their full participation as elected members at the June planning group meeting.

- ITEM #4 **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.

- ITEM #5 **Government Staff Reports:** **Information Item**
 Various government staff has an opportunity to present updates to the Board.

- ITEM #6 **Modification and Adoption of Agenda:** **Voting Item**

- ITEM #7 **Administrative Items:** **Voting Items**
 - a. Approve April, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approve Treasurer’s Report

- ITEM #8 **Annual Chair Report:** **Voting Item**
 The Chair will present the Annual Report to be sent to the City.

- ITEM #9 **Appointment of Ad-Hoc Committee for Development of By Laws:** **Voting Item**
 Appointment of an Ad-Hoc committee for the development of new By Laws that are being required by the City.

- ITEM #10 **City’s proposed SEED cannabibis program:** **Voting Item**
 Discussion and vote on the City’s proposed cannabis equity program and changes to the local ordinances. <https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/cannabis>

- ITEM #11 **Request Community Members to Identify Themselves if Interested in Appointment to Open Vacancies in Districts A, B, C, E, F and G and Appoint Qualifying Candidates:** **Voting Item**

ITEM #12 Sub-Committee Reports: **Information Item**
Development Review..... Benjamin Wier:
Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone
Traffic & Transportation..... Hugh Rothman

ITEM #13 Liaison Reports: **Information Item**
Community Council.....Robin Kaufman (Report attached)*
Community Planners Committee (CPC)... Vicki Touchstone & Robin Kaufman (Report Attached)*
Recreation Community Group.....Robin Kaufman
SANDAG..... Steve Dow (Report Attached)*
San Dieguito River Park
San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group....
Commercial Representative

ITEM #14 OLD BUSINESS ITEM:

ITEM #15 NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Community Council report: By Robin Kaufman

- Lieutenant Lara from the San Diego Police Department gave a brief presentation on the City’s proposal to utilize smart streetlight and automated license plate recognition to investigate and solve crimes in May;
- The Board approved the annual letter of support the City requires of us for the July 4th event in May;
- The Board approved participating in the July 4th event;
- The Board approved the formation of a fundraiser ad hoc committee;
- The Board approved the election process;
- The Board appointed a nominating committee (for election of officers);
- The Board approved to once again place senior congratulations signs on the median by the middle/high schools;
- An update was given on the earth day event, the chalk it up event and placing flags on the median on Memorial Day;
- The Board commemorated middle school and high school graduation by placing ‘congratulation’ lawn signs on the median in front of the school each day last week (last week of school);
- The Board approved a letter to be sent to the Mayor and City Councilmembers in support of the smart streetlight, license plate recognition technology. They also requested some be placed in RB;
- The Board appointed an annual financial review ad hoc committee
- The Board approved to allow the Planning Board usage of the zoom account for special meetings (not all meetings);
- The Board reviewed last minute details for the 13th annual chalk it up sidewalk chalk art event at the community park on June 4.

Community Recreation Group report: By Robin Kaufman

- The Board approved the annual unfunded park improvements list
- The Board reviewed the annual elections (deadline was May 1). No contested race. All members will be seated at next meeting;
- The Board approved to participate in the annual parade;
- An update/presentation on the \$790,000 grant money for the park was given by Emily Platanesi, Mayor Gloria’s community representative.

RB Planning Board – SANDAG Update By Steve Dow

- **May 2023 highlights**
 - SANDAG Bike Anywhere Day – 5/18/2023
 - <https://www.sandag.org/bike>
 - New Pacific Beach “The Beach Bug” Shuttle
 - Electric Vehicle shuttle service
 - <https://www.sandiego.gov/sustainability/pbshuttle#>
 - SANDAG requesting input for potential new bus routes
 - Take survey by 5/18/2023
 - <https://www.sandag.org/NextGenRapid>
 - SANDAG wants feedback on plans for transit to Airport
 - Feedback collected until 6/05/2023 (click link below and scroll towards bottom)
 - <https://sandag.mysocialpinpoint.com/cmhandconnections>
 - SANDAG’s Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTCA)
 - Addresses accessibility issues
 - Annual public hearing to collect input from “transit-dependent and transit-disadvantaged individuals” on 5/16/2023
 - Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87451335637#success>
 - SANDAG Bike Path to U.S.-Mexico Border
 - In May, started construction Border to Bayshore Bikeway
 - Planned completion in 2025
 - <https://www.sandag.org/news/news-release-sandag-breaks-ground-on-new-bikeway-connecting-us-mexico-border-to-bikeway-05-04-23>
 - Crime Statistics
 - Violent crime up (but homicides decreased by 9%); Overall crime down
 - <https://www.sandag.org/-/media/SANDAG/Documents/PDF/data-and-research/criminal-justice-and-public-safety/criminal-justice-research-clearinghouse/cj-bulletin/cj-bulletin-43-years-of-crime-san-diego-region-2023-05-03>

Notes from the Community Planners Committee Meeting - Thursday, May 23, 2023 **Prepared by V. Touchstone**

The CPC was back to meeting on Thursday nights in Balboa Park. There was better participation at this meeting than the initial meeting, but we still just had a quorum.

Election of the Executive Board was postponed until the June meeting. The remaining three discussion items were all information items.

1. Cannabis Social Equity and Economic Development Program

City staff provided an overview of the program (for more information go to: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/report_with_attachments.pdf).

The major recommendations for the program, as described in greater detail in the report include:

1. Establish a Cannabis SEED Program Task Force
2. Fund Legal Services for Cannabis Expungement Efforts
3. Create Comprehensive Financial Assistance Program
4. Collect Cannabis Operator and Industry Demographic Data
5. Restrict Background Checks for Cannabis Convictions
6. Adopt Phased Licensing
7. Allow Conditional Approval with No Real Estate Requirements
8. Identify Real Estate Opportunities
9. Create Business Support Services
10. Create Legal Business Identification
11. Reduce/Waive Permit and Business Operation Fees
12. Create a Mentorship Program

Public and CPC comments included comments both in favor of and in opposition to the proposal, which includes reduction in setback requirements for sensitive uses. The Planning Commission heard this item on June 8, the staff report is available for review at <https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/cannabis>.

2. Equity Forward Initiative and Economic Development

Per the City's webpage on this topic (<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/equity-planning>), "equity Forward is a comprehensive approach to creating a more equitable, healthy and enjoyable place for all San Diegans. The evolving policies, plans and processes under Equity Forward will create more equitable opportunities and investments in San Diego. By acknowledging the effects of policy decisions that have resulted in inequitable outcomes, Equity Forward will leverage the diversity of voices in our city to benefit all San Diegans." The fact sheet on Understanding Equity Forward is available at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/equity-forward-fact-sheet.pdf>. This is an ongoing project and includes various layers of public involvement. For more information, to provide comments, or to get on the mailing list, go to the City's webpage.

Unauthorized Camping Ordinance

The Proposed Ordinance would generally prohibit camping and maintaining an encampment on public property in the City of San Diego, but the prohibition would not be enforced when there is no available shelter. The Proposed Ordinance would also authorize the City to enforce a prohibition on camping even if shelter is not available in specified locations or when the activity poses an immediate threat or unreasonable risk of harm to any natural person or to public health and safety. The Land Use and Housing Committee forwarded the Proposed Ordinance to Council without a recommendation and requested the Office of the City Attorney prepare a legal analysis of the Proposed Ordinance and address legal questions raised during the meeting. The legal analysis is available at: <https://docs.sandiego.gov/memooflaw/MS-2023-4.pdf>. To review the staff report, go to: <https://sandiego.hylandcloud.com/211agendaonlinecouncil/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=5597&doctype=1&site=council> – scroll down to Item 613 – a link to the staff report will be on the right side of the page.

The CPC members are disappointed that this item was not a voting item.

Final Meeting Notes

The next CPC meeting will be held on Thursday June 29th, in the main ballroom at the Balboa Park Club.

City owned rooms have been secured for the rest of the year, and the full calendar will be discussed at the next meeting.

Following a reminder about the COW training on Monday, June 12, the meeting was adjourned.

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April CPC report By Robin Kaufman

There were lots of introductions of new Chairs of planning groups. We also welcomed Wally Wulfeck back as SRPG Vice Chair and Alternate CPC rep. During public comment, Mat Walstrom spoke from the Public seating area. He is currently not on his planning committee because of some accusations from a specific member of his planning group - they complained to the City Planning Department that he had violated the Brown Act.

The Planning department sent their Senior Planner, Jeff Ryan to quickly...and I mean, quickly go over the Housing Action Plan 2.0 that will be voted on this summer. [Housing Action Package 2.0 | Planning Department | City of San Diego Official Website](#)

It was a quick presentation that didn't answer a lot of questions - especially regarding infrastructure. The one thing he emphasized was that the 2.0 package was to implement SB 10 into law for San Diego, as though it was a requirement. He tried to communicate that the city was required to implement it, but that is not a fact. It is an opt-in implementation - and once you've opted-in, you cannot reverse it. In other words - it will upzone 50% of San Diego's residential housing areas and you cannot reverse it.

The Housing Package Ad Hoc Committee made the following recommendation for your consideration: The Ad Hoc subcommittee on Housing Action Package 2.0 met this evening, April 12, 2023 and made the following recommendations:

1. With regard to SB 10 Implementation/Missing Middle Income Homes, the subcommittee recommended, as to Section 143.1520, that the affordability requirement be increased to 30%, to be composed of 15% very low and low income households, and 15% for moderate income households. It further recommended, as to Section 143.1525, that because of the impact that enhanced density will impose, Developer Impact Fees generated under SB 10 upzoned land be directed to the planning area where the projects are built.
2. Also, with respect to SB 10 implementation, that SB 10 not be implemented by San Diego at the current time.
- 3) With regard to Complete Communities Housing Solutions Amendments, that they be accepted as specified in the Land Development Code.

The board voted (and you'll have to view the minutes once they come out for accuracy of my recollection) to change the order of the recommendations above. To 1 - Not implement SB 10 at this current time. However, 2 - If the City DOES implement it, then it should be changed to reflect the above requirements. This got a mixed vote by the planners. Some planners felt the city was going to implement it anyway, so we should at least give our minimum recommendations - those voted "Aye". Others felt that voting in favor of anything was a bad deal, so they voted Nay. And of course there was at least one Planning Committee that was in favor of HAP 2.0, but he had to leave before the vote. At the time this discussion was going on and they switched the recommendation around.

Many good points were raised by not only the planners but many of the public. The meeting was well attended by the public and had 26 CPC board members there who made great points. Here are some of them:

1. Biggest issue is that any law that states in the law that it can't be reversed is a bad law and should never be enacted.
2. There is no infra-structure plan to implement such an extreme change to zoning that would increase the population of San Diego by hundreds of thousands. Jeff could not answer anything regarding a plan for electricity, water, parking, roads, etc. It is premature and should not be implemented. The Mayor's desire is to be the "First" major city in California to implement SB 10 is no reason to implement it.
3. The plan is weighed too heavily on Low to Very Low income housing and has very little in the way of Middle Income housing.
4. There is no plan at all for a path to home ownership. It is all pointed toward rental and rental income only, making San Diego a huge desire for investment properties from out of town investors.
5. Right now, the bill requires that you have to be within one mile of transportation or FUTURE transportation. That opens it up for all of San Diego, including the suburban areas that currently don't have bus lines. All it would take would be a "future" bus line to be proposed (in our case) along Scripps Poway Parkway. - My opinion
6. The environment is completely ignored, allowing for a cement city in these once beautiful neighborhoods.

After that discussion ended - we had a Mobility presentation that was from the 10,000 foot view. An encouragement to fill out a survey which Andrea emailed after the fact.

MAYOR'S APRIL REPORT

SMART STREETLIGHTS

- The San Diego Police Department is proposing to turn on the Smart Streetlights to help investigate and solve crimes through a new and more transparent public process.
 - In 2022, the City passed San Diego Privacy Ordinance to enforce rules that govern the use of camera surveillance.
 - The City also created a Privacy Advisory Board to address the concerns of San Diegans and ensure public oversight and input are directly involved in the process.
 - Starting March 6, SDPD conducted a series of community meetings to inform the public and gather feedback on the proposal to use Smart Streetlights and Automated License Plate Recognition technologies.
- The Privacy Board will be meeting on *April 27 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers* and encourage you to attend to ensure your input is heard.

BUDGET REPORT

- On April 14, 2023 Mayor Todd Gloria released his “Getting It Done” [Fiscal Year 2024 proposed budget](#). The \$5.12 billion spending plan focuses on delivering on the major investments included in the last two budgets, while adding strategic new expenditures to address **homelessness, repave streets and enhance public safety**.

- The budget is called “Getting It Done” for its emphasis on execution; Mayor Gloria said the goal is to sustain all funding from the prior budget year, maintaining service levels while adding expenditures needed to make progress in key priority areas.

HOMELESSNESS – BUDGET

The total budget of \$81.7 million for homelessness services includes considerable state and federal funding (the largest source of which is the State of California’s Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention program, which provides \$30.8 million of the total budget)

Shelter

- The FY24 Proposed Budget expands general fund support for homelessness adding \$24.5 million to maintain and operate the nearly 70% in additional shelter bed capacity the City has achieved to date under Mayor Gloria’s leadership.

- The FY24 budget also includes:

- \$5 million funding for a Safe Sleeping program
- \$2.3 million for rental assistance for San Diegans who are at risk of losing their housing
- \$1.4 million in funding to support new positions and vehicles to remove waste from the public right-of-way in areas most heavily affected by encampments.

PUBLIC SAFETY – BUDGET

The FY24 Proposed Budget fully funds the City’s Police and Fire-Rescue departments for the third straight year, with strategic investments that will help first responders be more effective in their life-saving operations.

San Diego Police Department

- The FY24 Proposed Budget adds

- \$2.2 million to fund 10 Police Investigative Service Officers and 11 other civilian positions to support administrative functions more cost-efficiently for the Police Department.
- It also provides \$4 million for the smart streetlights program which will be placed throughout the city to help solve crime and investigate collisions involving fatal and serious injuries.

- Funds regarding opioid manufactures include:

- \$4.4 million for homelessness, medical services, and law enforcement.
- \$2.7 million for harm-reduction and safe-haven shelters
- \$762,000 for the PLEADS restorative justice system
- \$775,000 for new vehicles for the Resource Access Program that helps high-needs 911 callers who struggle with chronic mental health or substance.
- \$196,000 for equipment to help law enforcement detect fentanyl

San Diego Fire Rescue Department

Critical new positions are being added to the Fire-Rescue Department...

- 4 positions that will be focused on fire safety inspections and the hazardous-materials management
- 2 new lifeguard positions for La Jolla Shores beach, with one of those positions for the winter months for year-round coverage.
- The budget also funds the Lifeguard Division’s biannual Advanced Lifeguard Academy, a 10-week lifeguard academy that provides advanced training in law enforcement, cliff rescue and water rescue and other advanced disciplines.

INFRASTRUCTURE - BUDGET

- The Fiscal Year 2023 “Ready to Rebuild” budget marked the City’s largest-ever investment in infrastructure and significantly expanded the capacity of the City’s workforce to deliver critical capital projects that benefit San Diego communities.

- This year’s budget is focused on delivering on the promise of crucial investments and additional investments in road repair, stormwater and facilities like parks.
- **The proposed budget allocates nearly \$140 million to street repair/resurfacing – the most the City as invested in any given year. The funding is expected to enable the City to resurface 157 miles of streets, including both full overlay and slurry seal.**
- The budget adds \$21.5 million to the Infrastructure Fund to continue making necessary improvements to city facilities, parks and stormwater infrastructure.
- The budget includes \$38.6 million in Capital Improvement Program funding for parks and playgrounds, as well as the development of new green spaces throughout the city.

EQUITY FRAMEWORK

- The budget is the first developed under a Budget Equity Framework designed to ensure department-level budget requests and proposals were evaluated with an equity lens to identify disparities and begin the process of eliminating them, so that ultimately, no neighborhood will be left behind.
- While the FY24 budget is balanced for a single year, its development considers future years and accounts for the likelihood of a revenue dip in the next few years that could necessitate cuts.
- The spending plan was developed to avoid creating new programs that will later need to be cut, and adds \$6.8 million to General Fund reserves, bringing the City’s total reserves to a responsible level.

Mayor Gloria will formally present his proposed budget to the City Council on **April 24**, followed by several weeks of department-level public hearings leading up to the release of a revised budget on May 18 that incorporates City Council and community feedback. Final consideration by the City Council will take place in mid-June, with adoption of an appropriation ordinance due no later than June 30.