



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
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October 19, 2023, 7:00 PM

Meeting Agenda

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

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

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

- ITEM #6** **Administrative Items:** **Voting Items**
 - a. Approve August, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approve Treasurer’s Report

- ITEM #7** **First Aqueduct Structures Rehab Project** **Information Item**
 SD County Water Authority will give a presentation on the retrofit project of the aqueduct that delivers water to eleven of the regional water authorities.

- ITEM #8** **City’s AC Overlay Group 2306 Project** **Information Item**
 Information will be given on the upcoming planned street resurfacing project(s).

- ITEM #9** **Review of New Bylaws and Supporting Docs.:** **Information Item**
 The Planning Board will review and make suggestions on the new bylaws that will need to be submitted The City by 12/31/2023. Please refer to the following link:
<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community-plans/cpg/recognition-operations>

- ITEM #10** **Update on Website Expenditures** **Voting Item**
 Expenses on maintaining the website have increased drastically.

- ITEM #11** **Formation of an Ad Hoc Election Committee** **Voting Item**
 Requesting volunteers to serve on the Ad Hoc committee for the election process

- ITEM #12** **Request Community Members to Identify Themselves if Interested** **Voting Item**

in Appointment to Open Vacancies in Districts A, B, C, E, F and G and Appoint Qualifying Candidates:

ITEM #13 Sub-Committee Reports: **Information Item**
Development Review..... Benjamin Wier:
Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone
Traffic & Transportation..... Hugh Rothman

ITEM #14 Liaison Reports: **Information Item**
Community Council.....Robin Kaufman (Report attached)*
Community Planners Committee (CPC)..... Vicki Touchstone(Report Attached) by Becky Rapp
Recreation Community Group.....Robin Kaufman (Report Attached)*
SANDAG..... Steve Dow
San Dieguito River Park
San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group....
Commercial Representative

ITEM #15 OLD BUSINESS ITEM:

ITEM #16 NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Community Council via Robin Kaufman

A letter was approved to be sent to the City in support of power San Diego ballot initiative; a letter to the City and to the County was approved in support catalytic converter legislation; a date and expenditures for the annual hot cocoa with Santa/snow days in the park was approved; a date and expenditures for the annual earth day fair was approved; updates on the student elections a well as the safety fair were reviewed.

Community Recreation Group via Robin Kaufman

The Board elected new officers, chose dates for the annual Halloween and snow days in the park events. An update on the lawn bowling property was given; discussion on the annual budget transpired as well as possible summer concerts

CPC Meeting Notes 6-30-23 via Becky Rapp

Non-Agenda Public Comment

1. Uptown- read declaration from PG chair regarding the planning department showing disrespect towards uptown planners committee.
2. Normal Heights – CPPS ‘Community, Programs, products & Services’ Funding for community groups, grant money that can be applied for.
3. Eastern Area- Laura- need to change the recommendation of SEED presentation from meeting minutes to include all sensitive uses, not just schools. Bullet point #2 amended.
4. I spoke regarding SEED presentation and will send you my outline separately.
5. Proposal for CPC Subcommittees “Blueprint SD” will forward hand out.

Elect Executive Board

Secretary – Paul from Normal Heights

Vice-chair – Nick from Clairmont

CPC chair – Incumbent

Recognition of CPG Application

The presentation was provided by Marlin. There was a lot of discussion and I'll try to capture the comments the best I can. The slide show presentation is available on the planning department website as well as the application and application process.

The application process is currently open and will be through the end of the year. Workshops will be provided to help with the process. New entities can represent and there will be an application approval process. The city council decides if more than one applicant applies.

Application is posted now with links demonstrating how to navigate.

Workshops (can be attended virtually)

July 11th. University Community Library

July 17th. College Rolando Library

July 24th. San Ysidro Library

Questions/Comments/Answers

1. Homeowner vs. Property owner. Can you be on 2 planning boards if you own property in one area and live in another? A: Yes
2. What if you live outside the state or the country? A: you have to be able to attend meetings
3. Is the survey mandatory for all applicants applying to be on the planning group? A: Yes, the survey is important when creating diverse planning groups. The city needs to know the background of individuals. Income, race, etc. gender is not required.
4. Many planning group members will not want to divulge income due to privacy. A: Fill out the survey anonymously, no name attached.
5. How has this been advertised? Has it been put into the newspaper for the entire city to be made aware? This looks like social engineering. A: This is a web-based application, it is all online. Yes, you have to be computer-literate to apply.
6. Does the application include all member classifications? What's keeping someone from filling out multiple surveys if no names are required? A: Nothing, PD will do their best to make sure the system is fair and equitable.
7. An unelected group could potentially represent a community if the city council decides their group is more diverse? A: Yes! Based on their commitment to diversity. Demographics are linked to the SANDAG census to help verify diversity.
8. If SANDAG says that downtown has 3% black people then there will be virtually no black people on the downtown planning group. How does that show diversity? Someone could go out and collect 20 black people and have them fill out surveys in one area. No accountability. This is the complete opposite of diversity. Using the term equity for the city's advantage and not to really create equity. A: Yes, diversity will be based on the proportions received from SANDAG data.

9. Navajo- Who has access to surveys and where will this information be published? It's easy to put names to info. There's no privacy to this. A: All surveys can be requested through a public records request.

10. Eastern- Laura- How will you know a new group will be properly trained? Would you really let a new group in and make decisions with no experience? There's a huge learning curve. Doesn't seem to be any logic here. A: We only look at criteria if there's a competing group and the group applying can lobby the city council which will make decisions.

11. According to SANDAG there are only 5 ethnicity groups listed. I'm ethnically diverse but don't fit into the SANDAG criteria.

12. College Area- This is fraud- No accountability. CC, PC, and the city Attorney can all be persuaded. High density is their goal, they'll pick a group to further their agenda based on diversity arguments.

13. Clairmont- Please add more security and promote privacy in this process

14. Linda Vista- Completed applications are subject to a public records request and all info including surveys are public? A: Yes

15. Kensington Talmage- Can the council not approve any applicant and leave the community without a PG? A: Yes

16. University- How do you look at a business or business records vs. residents and resident records? A: We'd look at the individual and make the best decision based on personal information.

17. Normal Heights- How many applications do you expect? A: We expect at least 42 based on 42 planning group areas but we really won't know until applications are filled out.

18. We have a DEI program in place and there's more to it than just demographics. Why isn't gender included? A: We decided we needed consistent data to pull from and there are more than two genders.

19. Otay Mesa- There's nothing preventing one person from applying on multiple applications. A: No, nothing preventing them. Q: Will the CC really vote on 42 different planning groups individually? A: Yes

20. When does this go to the city council? A: Spring, we will try to look at the groups fairly and equitably.

21. N. Scripps Ranch – How are you reaching out to the community and groups other than CPGs? A: Nonprofit partners through their contact. Institute for Public Strategies. Q: We'd like to know, not one of us was on that list, we're not aware nor were contacted. Who was on the list? Is it a public record? We'd like to have that information. A: Yes, it is a public record that can be pulled.

22. Scripps Ranch- The city Planning Department and the CC will be making decisions for the city that they FEEL are more diverse. NO democratic process. A: The city will be fair and equitable as possible. Q: So, no accountability.

23. All neighborhood newspapers should be made aware and notified. This is not how America is run. Downtown feels they can do things their own way. Not the American way.

My public comment:

Good Evening

SEED Presentation at Planning Commission on 6-8-23. It was heard by this committee on May 27th. Less than 2 weeks prior. It doesn't seem like enough time for the CPC members to return to your planning group areas, agendize the item and then have time to discuss it with your planning group.

The city is once again rushing to change the municipal code without consent, approval, or even a recommendation from the communities in the city. Planning group members I've spoken with are frustrated. Parents like myself rely on planning groups to relay information to the community that impacts neighborhoods.

Where businesses are located matters to residents.

The proposed changes the Cannabis Business Division suggests will drastically impact communities that have relied on sensitive use separations to protect children and youth. There are current regulations being ignored. I would suggest to city staff that they propose a plan to enforce current regulations on the existing businesses before expanding the market.

Back on November 7, 2022 The Department of Cannabis Control regulated the marijuana market by limiting the substances that can be used to add flavor to inhaled products, including flavors that are attractive to children, masking the natural flavor and aroma of marijuana.

This is a huge step in the right direction in efforts to protect children and young adults from inhaled marijuana products.

If you've been to a pot shop recently, you'll notice that marijuana vape flavors are still covering the shelves.

It's concerning that the city takes such drastic measures to weaken the municipal code, removing barriers purposefully put into place to protect children. As well as not coming up with a way to enforce clearly stated CDC requirements put in place to protect children. The city is allowing the pot industry an opportunity to infiltrate our city with complete disregard for the law.