



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
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Annual Report April, 2022- March, 2023

Due to the Corona Virus and an abundance of caution for members and guests, all meetings associated with the Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board during this fiscal year were again conducted via zoom meetings. In accordance to State regulations pertaining to the Brown Act, we were required to begin in-person meetings beginning March, 2023. Our March meeting was a hybrid meeting, offering residents the opportunity to attend in-person or via zoom. All meetings associated with the Rancho Bernardo Planning Board are open to the public.

All letters sent by this Board throughout the year can be found on our website at www.RBPlanningBoard.com. We post all of our draft monthly agendas, approved monthly Board minutes, as well as all subcommittee draft agendas and approved minutes on our website. We also submit our monthly Board draft agendas and approved Board minutes to the City Planning Department to place on website, which can be found here: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpg/agendas>.

You can find this annual report, as well as all past annual reports on our website as well as the City Planning Department website.

Below is a summary of what transpired each month this year:

April, 2022: During this meeting, we welcomed five newly seated members. Three residents presented themselves to fill vacancies remaining after the elections to be seated at the May meeting.

The following individuals were elected by the Board to fill the positions of officers and subcommittee chairs:

Chair- Robin Kaufman,

Vice Chair – Patrick Vincent

Secretary – Benjamin Wier

Treasurer – Gary Long

Chair, Development Review subcommittee – Benjamin Wier

Chair, Regional Issues subcommittee – Vicki Touchstone

Chair, Traffic and Transportation subcommittee – Hugh Rothman

-Approval of conducting the next meeting via zoom.

May, 2022:

-The Chair reminded all members of the upcoming Community Orientation Workshop (COW);

-Three new members were seated;

-Discussion and vote to send a letter pertaining to the proposed changes to Council Policy 600-24 (requirement for appeal fees);

- The following members were elected by the Board for our various community liaison positions:

Community Council – Robin Kaufman

Community Planners – Vicki Touchstone/Robin Kaufman

Community Recreation Group – Robin Kaufman
SANDAG – Steve Dow
San Pasqual – David Wilson

-Approval of conducting the next meeting via zoom.

June, 2022: This meeting was canceled due to lack of agenda items.

July, 2022:

- City Councilwoman Marni von Wilpert was the guest speaker discussing a range of topics impacting District 5, which was followed by Q&A;
- Emily Piatanesi, Mayor Todd Gloria's community representative, provided an update on the new San Diego budget and commented on the counter homelessness strategies;
- Diana Lara, State Senator Toni Atkins' representative provided updates, including the recent recognition of the non-profit Zero8Hundred Military Transition Assistance;
- Geoff Hueter from Neighbors For A Better San Diego provided a briefing on the Transit Priority Areas within the City of San Diego;
- Chair Robin Kaufman nominated Owen Nucci to be the recipient of our community's hats-off-to-volunteers award;
- Approval of conducting the next meeting via zoom.

August, 2022

- The Board reviewed the recent developments regarding the Planned Development Permit/Conditional Use Permit to construct a Wireless Communication Facility (WCF) located at 16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive (Swim and Tennis Community Center property);
- The Board approved the Chair to approach other Board members to sit on the annual election ad hoc committee;
- Approval of conducting the next meeting via zoom.

September, 2022

- Chair Robin Kaufman thanked Vice Chair Ben Wier for his continued support and leadership over the past few months while the Chair was dealing with family matters;
- Michaela Valk, Director of Community Engagement for District 6 provided updates from Mayor Todd Gloria's office, including the appointment of a new Chief Operating Officer and increased homeless shelter capacity;
- Eric Young from Councilwoman Marni Von Wilpert's office provided updates;
- The Board discussed the Process Three Conditional Use Permit for a Marijuana Outlet to operate within a 6,647-square-foot tenant space in an existing 11,930-square-foot commercial building. The 0.63-acre site is located in the CC-2-3 Zone and must comply with San Diego Municipal Code Section 141.0504 (a). The location: 16375 Bernardo Center Drive.;
- The Board reviewed all updated information on the Planned Development Permit/Conditional Use Permit to construct a Wireless Communication Facility (WCF) located at 16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive (Swim and Tennis Community Center property). After much input from residents and Board members, the Board approved to submit a letter in opposition of this particular location for the WCF;
- Approval of conducting the next meeting via zoom.

October, 2022

- Emily Piatanesi, community representative for Mayor Todd Gloria gave an update on various topics;
- The Board approved to send a letter to the City's Planning Department, outlining concerns pertaining to the City's 2022 annual land development code update;
- The Board approved a letter to be sent to the hearing officer/project manager addressing the concerns of the proposed location for a marijuana outlet (project number 625766 – 16375 Bernardo Center Drive);
- The Board approved to table any appeal pertaining to marijuana outlet (project number 625766 – 16375 Bernardo Center Drive) until the results of the hearing takes place;
- The Board approved three members for the annual election ad hoc committee;
- Approval of conducting the next meeting via zoom.

November, 2022

- The Chair shared various updates from Mayor Todd Gloria's office;
- The Board approved an easement vacation at 16550 West Bernardo Drive;
- An update on the marijuana outlet proposal (project number 625766 – 16375 Bernardo Center Drive);
- The Board approved to submit a letter addressing concerns on items pertaining to the 2022 update to the San Diego municipal code and local coastal program;
- The Board approved to submit a letter to our State representatives requesting amendments to the outdated Brown Act which would allow for hybrid and/or virtual public meetings without restrictions to ensure equitable access for all to participate in public meetings;
- The election ad hoc committee provided an update in their community outreach process;
- Approval of conducting the next meeting via zoom.

December, 2022

- Emily Piatanesi, community representative for Mayor Todd Gloria provided a variety of updates;
- The Board approved the proposal of a stop sign at the intersection of Verano Drive and Cotorro Way;
- The Board approved the proposal of a stop sign at the intersection of Callado Road and Bolero Drive;
- The Board held a discussion for recruiting new members;
- Approval of conducting the next meeting via zoom.

January, 2023

- Chair Robin Kaufman shared the sad news of the passing of Tony Kempton, long time City Planner who provided years of support to Rancho Bernardo.
- Guest speaker Councilwoman Marni von Wilpert discussed a range of topics impacting District 5, which was followed by Q&A;
- The Board approved the proposal for two Spectrum/Charter communications sites;
- The election ad hoc committee provided the Board with updates on the process;
- The Board discussed options of increased public relations to increase community communication and participation;
- Approval of conducting the next meeting via zoom.

February, 2023

- Chair Robin Kaufman informed the Board that beginning in March, all Planning Board related meetings would be resuming to in-person meetings (instead of only zoom meetings) per the Brown Act.
- Emily Piatanesi, community representative for Mayor Todd Gloria provided a variety of updates;
- The Board approved Benjamin Wier to be the recipient of the hats off to volunteer community award;

- The Board was provided with an update on the marijuana outlet CUP application (project number 625766 – 16375 Bernardo Center Drive). The hearing officer approved the project January 25, 2023. An appeal's letter will be drafted;
- The elections ad hoc committee provided an update on the process;

March, 2023

- This was our first required in-person meeting since COVID began. We offered it as a hybrid meeting for the community;
- Information was provided pertaining to the City's initiative that will guide future growth. It was approved that each member participate in the online survey and encourage residents to do the same;
- The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed changes regarding cannabis outlets across San Diego;
- The Board approved to submit a letter supporting measures set forth within State Senate Bill regarding modifications to the Brown Act that would relax meeting protocols;
- The Board approved to appoint Sonny Googins as the community outreach liaison through editorial pieces submitted to our community paper;
- The Election ad hoc committee gave a final report on the election process

This annual report was approved by the Board by a vote of 11-0-0 on June 15, 2023.

Robin Kaufman

Chair, Rancho Bernardo Planning Board