



**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
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**December 17, 2020 7:00 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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](mailto:RBPBChair@gmail.com) by 6:30 pm, Thursday, December 17 for the link.

<b>2021 RB PLANNING BOARD</b>									
<b>P = present</b>		<b>A = absent</b>				<b>ARC = arrived after roll call</b>			
Robin Kaufman	P	Sonny Googins	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			<b>Total Seated</b>	<b>14</b>
Mark Huettinger	A	Steve Dow	A					<b>Total in Attendance</b>	<b>12</b>

**ITEM #1 Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair, Robin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**ITEM #2 Chair remarks:**

Chair, Robin Kaufman, commented even though the meeting is held via Zoom, it is conducted as if it was in-person. The new San Diego Mayor’s representative will attend a Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board meeting quarterly. She also announced the Rancho Bernardo Community Council will be holding a holiday giving parade/event on 12/19 and blood drive on 12/20.

**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.

Anne Fege, Friends of Penasquitos, announced four guided tours in the Rancho Penasquitos Canyon.

**ITEM #4 Government Staff Reports:**

Various government staff has an opportunity to present updates to the Board.  
 No government staff was in attendance to give a report.

**ITEM #5 Modification and Adoption of Agenda:**

Robin Kaufman made a motion to modify the agenda to add a presentation by Anne Fege after Item #6. Dan Grobee seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0. Sonny Googins made a motion to accept the modified agenda. Terry Norwood seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #6 Administrative Items:**

- a. Approve November 2020 Meeting Minutes  
 Vicki Touchstone made a motion to accept the November Meeting minutes. Hugh Rothman seconded. Motion passed 11-0-1. Benjamin Wier abstained due to absence of the November meeting.
- b. Approve Treasurer’s Report  
 Gary Long made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report of \$322.95 in the Planning

Board account and \$455.03 in City Finding. Dan Grobee seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**ITEM #7 Presentation on Climate, Heat, Health and Trees By Anne Fege**

Anne Fege from Kate Sessions Commitment gave a presentation on the relation between Climate, Heat, Health and Trees and how they are all related. Included in the presentation was how to get a tree from the City of San Diego. <https://katestrees.org/> & <https://www.sandiego.gov/blog/free-tree-sd>

**ITEM #8 Select Members of Election Committee**

Appoint 3-member 2019 Election Adhoc Committee members and approve expenditures for it.

Robin Kaufman made a motion to appoint Steve Dow, Robin Kaufman, and Patrick Vincent to the Election Committee. Sonny Googins seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0.

**Item #9 Identify Issues of Concern**

Members will brainstorm on concerns which we can address and present them to our new Councilmember.

Sonny Googins voiced concern on the red turn light on West Bernardo Drive at the freeway entrance. Hugh Rothman voiced there should be improved transportation to Downtown San Diego. Vicki Touchstone suggested that Planning Boards get seats restored for planning groups and residents, improved communication from the Planning Department and Mayor’s office, and less industry representation and more community representation with the Planning Commission.

**ITEM #10 Request Community Members to Identify Themselves To Fill Vacancies.**

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 identified themselves. Robin Kaufman reminded those in attendance of the requirements.

**ITEM #11 Sub-Committee Reports:**

Development Review..... Benjamin Weir  
Robin Kaufman commented that a denial letter might be forthcoming on the Marijuana Outlet.  
Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone  
Traffic & Transportation..... Robin Kaufman

**ITEM #12 Liaison Reports:**

Community Council..... Robin Kaufman (Report attached) \*  
Community Planners Committee (CPC)..... Vicki Touchstone  
Recreation Advisory Board..... Robin Kaufman.  
SANDAG..... Steve Dow (Report attached) \*  
San Dieguito River Park ..... Terry Norwood  
San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group.... David Wilson  
Commercial Representative .....

**ITEM #13 OLD BUSINESS ITEM:**

No old business items

**ITEM #14 NEW BUSINESS:**

Chair, Robin Kaufman, wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Robin Kaufman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Grobee seconded. Motion passed 12-0-0  
Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by Benjamin Wier**

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

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

**RB Community Council Summary by Robin Kaufman \***

**Community Council Summary**

- the Council approved the Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) committee’s annual budget;
- the Council approved the two new student members, who will be seated at the January meeting;
- the Council approved the election ad hoc committee;
- the Council approved the concept of a pizza fun run (in lieu of the annual Mardi Gras fun run) to take place in the spring or summer of 2021;
- the Council’s Instagram account is up and running;
- the Council reviewed the holiday giving parade as well as the annual earth day fair;
- the Council was updated on the status of the RBCC Foundation

**SANDAG Summary by Steve Dow \***

- **Cancelled Meetings:**
  - Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group (12/8/2020)
  - Regional Planning Technical Working Group (12/10/2020)
  - I suspect these were cancelled due to recent COVID restrictions
- **New Highway Traffic Monitoring Tool**
  - See [www.sandag.org/highwaytracker](http://www.sandag.org/highwaytracker)
  - Tracks average daily traffic (ADT) flow at several key “hot spots” (none are in RB)
  - In comparison to pre-pandemic levels, the average ADT for these spots dropped almost 45% in April, but it is now up to about 20% below pre-pandemic levels
- **Draft 2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program**
  - SANDAG Transportation committee (on 12/11/2020) is scheduled to vote whether to recommend that the SANDAG board accept this draft program.
  - Per the agenda, it appears that a “*redetermination of the revenue constrained San Diego Forward: The 2019 Federal Regional Transportation Plan*” is being recommended for distribution for 30-day public comment.

- **Regional Energy Working Group**

- [https://www.sandag.org/index.asp?committeeid=67&fuseaction=committees\\_detail](https://www.sandag.org/index.asp?committeeid=67&fuseaction=committees_detail)
- This group appears to have cancelled a majority of their scheduled meetings since late 2018. Their last meeting was on 9/24/2020.
- One of the presentations in the 9/24/2020 meeting was about Hydrogen use for a fuel. Some auto companies and companies known for standard gasoline seem to support the development of hydrogen fuel for cars (FCEV = fuel cell electric vehicles).
- This technology is understood to essentially allow for a ~5 minute fueling, but (after separate research) it does still produce significant carbon emissions when based on natural gas.
- Although this tech does not appear to approach solar with regards to decreasing carbon emissions, this tech should be monitored for improvements. It is understood that solar energy could be used to split water into hydrogen fuel and oxygen. If this becomes more adopted in the hydrogen fuel industry, it may make more sense to adopt on a larger scale.