



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
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July 15, 2021, 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom

2020 RB PLANNING BOARD									
P = present		A = absent				ARC = arrived after roll call			
Sonny Googins	P	Patrick Vincent	P	Benjamin Wier	A	Gary Long	P		
Thomas Lettington	P	Joni Edelman	P	Robin Kaufman	P	David Wilson	P		
Rebecca Cole	A R C	Steve Dow	A	Vicki Touchstone	P				
Hugh Rothman	P	Owen Nucci	P					Total Seated	13
								Total in Attendance	11

- ITEM #1** **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair Robin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
- ITEM #2** **Chair Remarks** – Robin Kaufman reminded members the meeting is being recorded, to conduct ourselves as we would if meeting in person and the City of San Diego has informed the Planning Board that we must resume in-person meetings at the end of September. More on this later in the meeting.
- ITEM #3** **Non-agenda public comment (3 minutes per speaker):** No comments were voiced.
- ITEM #4** **Government Staff Reports:** **Information Item**
 Various government staff has an opportunity to present updates to the Board.
- Evelyn Andrade from Tara Lawson-Remer’s office** provided two updates: 1. A bipartisan proposal led by Supervisors Remer and Anderson (and approved by all supervisors) will allocate \$30 million to businesses impacted by COVID. If we know of businesses adversely impacted during COVID, have them contact Remer’s office. 2. The County passed a transformative budget of \$7 billion that invests in communities across the county and spanning many issues, programs and needs. Thanks to all who participated in the budget workshops. Sign up for updates and get more information on Remer’s website.
- Questions to Evelyn Andrade:**
Robin Kaufman asked when can organizations begin to apply for community enhancement grants?
 A: Apply now.
Hugh Rothman asked if funds were allocated to Penasquitos Canyon?
 A: Evelyn Andrade confirmed funding was allocated.
- ITEM #5** **Modification and Adoption of Agenda:** - Motion made by Tom Lettington; second by David Wilson, approved by all.

Hugh Rothman wants to make an addition to the agenda about Azocar Way. City Council makes recommendations regarding what streets get done and when. This falls under the Community Council but Robin Kaufman will contact city offices.

ITEM #6

Administrative Items:

Voting Items

- a. Approve June 17, 2021, Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Sonny Googins, second by Patrick Vincent, approved by all. No comments.
- b. Approve Treasurer’s Report – At the end of the fiscal year we have \$119.67 in the bank. Motion made by Gary Long, second by Patrick Vincent, approved by all.

ITEM #7

Draft Park Master Plan

Voting Item

On July 7, 2021, the Planning Department issued the latest version of the City's Park Master Plan. The item will be heard by the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee on July 14 and then move on to the full City Council for a final decision. Considerable revisions to the Park Master Plan have been made in response to public comment. The Board will consider approving a letter that addresses these changes and any remaining issues. View the revised plan at: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/july_2021_draft_parks_master_plan.pdf

Vicki Touchstone acknowledged the City made improvements to the plan and included our comments. Vicki Touchstone read a proposed letter she drafted that will be sent to City Council. Vicki Touchstone noted the biggest issue is how they will change the way they determine park needs. The current system will be replaced with point system not used anywhere in country. Vicki Touchstone made a motion to send the letter, second by Sonny Googins, approved by all.

Discussion: Patrick Vincent offered editorial changes to the letter. Sonny Googins asked if a copy of the plan is available. It’s only online. Hugh Rothman asked how the point system works? PARC also has concerns with the point system. Joni Edelman said she read the full plan! It said points would be allocated to concessions. She wants to know who is lobbying to be included as concessionaires? Is it appropriate? Robin Kaufman answered she believes it’s more like a snack shack.

ITEM #8

Status update on 16789 RB March & Ash Cannabis Outlet

Information Item

The Development Review committee will provide the latest status on the proposed Marijuana outlet.

Robin Kaufman indicated March & Ash has withdrawn their application for a cannabis outlet on Rancho Bernardo Road. March & Ash said it’s important to note that the City is reviewing reducing the distance cannabis outlets can locate near schools, churches, etc. Robin Kaufman said she encourages the Development Review sub committee to review locations in industrial areas that may be better suited to a cannabis outlet. David Wilson, Owen Nucci and Hugh Rothman agreed with Robin Kaufman. Tom Lettington understands why outlets want to locate in RB since other northern areas have outlawed them. Hugh Rothman said cannabis outlets cannot be in industrial park in RB but knows they are located in industrial areas in other areas. Joni Edelman said cannabis outlets are not just looking to set up a store, they want a destination, smoking lounge and to bus groups to the store. Rebecca Cole said she wants to make sure we listen to the community regarding this issue. She was at a previous planning board meeting where members overwhelmingly voiced against the cannabis outlet. Owen Nucci asked if we can poll or survey the community. Tom Lettington said he doesn’t believe we have a strong sense of what the community wants and we cannot take a position without more data. Robin Kaufman mentioned when we vote on an issue, we must represent the community we serve vs our own opinion. Joni Edelman said she doesn’t think there is a minority of those against. She recalls a man who sent a letter to the board saying he’s representing 40 families against the issue.

ITEM #9

Hats Off To Volunteers

Voting Item

Hats Off to Volunteers recognizes valuable volunteers. Robin Kaufman indicated the administrative board wants to recognize Patrick Vincent! Robin Kaufman made the motion to recognize Patrick Vincent, seconded by Hugh Rothman, approved by all. Patrick Vincent said he appreciates the honor.

ITEM #10 Request Community Members to Identify Themselves to Fill Vacancies: Voting Item

Individuals must attend one (1) full Board meeting before presenting themselves. Positions are available in the following Districts: B (Eastview), C (Oaks North), E (Severn Oaks), F (Bernardo Heights), G (High Country West).

Robin Kaufman asked if anyone was present to fill an open vacancy on the planning board; none were present.

ITEM #11 Sub-Committee Reports: Information Item

Development Review..... Benjamin Wier – didn’t meet
 Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone - didn’t meet
 Traffic & Transportation..... Robin Kaufman - didn’t meet
 Election Ad Hoc Procedure Development Ad Hoc Committee – didn’t meet

ITEM #12 Liaison Reports: Information Item

Community Council.....Robin Kaufman (Report attached to agenda and Robin Kaufman informed the group of fun run)
 Community Planners Committee (CPC)..... Vicki Touchstone – no report
 Recreation Advisory Board..... Robin Kaufman – will meet later in month; Movies in the Park is Saturday with food and fun for all.
 SANDAG..... Steve Dow – no report
 San Dieguito River Park David Wilson – no report
 San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group.... David Wilson – no report
 Commercial Representative

ITEM #13 OLD BUSINESS ITEM: None

ITEM #14 NEW BUSINESS:

With no more zoom meetings after Sept. 30, Robin Kaufman said she will look at venues for future meetings. Sub committees will need to find another location besides the library as it will be closed. Please email Robin Kaufman with your preference on meeting in August and September – in person or virtual. She will abide by the majority.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Patrick Vincent, second by Rebecca Cole to adjourn at 8:08 pm. Motion passed by all.

Submitted by Rebecca Cole

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

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

- The Board approved the annual report;
- The Board approved medals and shirts for the annual pizza fun run fundraiser;
- The Board approved the hats off to volunteers recipient;
- The Board received an update on the July 3 parade and carnival the RBCC was hosting at the RB Community Park since the Spirit of the Fourth decided not to hold any daytime events. Update – the event was extremely successful with several hundred attendees. Government officials who participated in the parade included the Mayor, City Councilmember, Police Chief and supporting staff, Fire Chief and supporting staff. Senator Atkins was unable to be in the parade, but attended the carnival. Congressman Scott Peters was not able to attend due to a prior commitment. Assemblyman Maienschein’s office never responded to the invitations;
- An update was given on the upcoming, 11th annual safety fair on September 19;
- Election results were presented. There was only one contested race (District D). District A, B, E, F had non-contested races. In non-contested races, the Declaration of Candidacy form is considered the one vote the candidate needs to be elected/seated. The Board presently has two vacancies in District C, one vacancy in District F and one vacancy in District G.

*** Rancho Bernardo Community Recreation Group by Robin Kaufman:**

- The Board did not meet last month and will be meeting July 21. At this time, proposed agenda items for that meeting include approval of the hats off to volunteers recipient, approval of the Glassman-Brown Recreation Leadership Award recipient(s), discussion of the upcoming Halloween-Chili contest and beer garden.
- Somewhere down the line, the Park and Recreation Department changed the names of the Recreation Advisory Boards to Community Recreation Groups. No announcement was made by the department to the groups about the name change. It just recently showed up on various documents.