



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
www.rbplanningboard.com

April 15, 2021, 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Due to precautions related to concerns of COVID-19, this meeting was held via a zoom meeting.

2020 RB PLANNING BOARD									
P = present		A = absent			ARC = arrived after roll call				
Sonny Googins	P	Patrick Vincent	P	Benjamin Wier		Gary Long	P		
Thomas Lettington	P	Dan Grobee	P	Robin Kaufman		Steve Dow	P		
Rebecca Cole	P	Joni Edelman	P	Vicki Touchstone					
Hugh Rothman	P	Owen Nucci	P	David Wilson				Total Seated	14
								Total in Attendance	

ITEM #1 **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Election Committee Member, Patrick Vincent called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

ITEM #2 **Seat New Members/Thank Retiring 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 April planning group meeting.
 Patrick Vincent thanked outgoing members Mark Huettinger and Terry Norwood for their time and input to the Board. Seated new members Owen Nucci to District A and Rebecca Cole to District D.

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.
 None

ITEM #4 **Government Staff Reports:**
 Various government staff has an opportunity to present updates to the Board.
 Evelyn Andrade with County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer’s office gave an update on the following: Anyone 16 and over is eligible for the Covid 19 vaccine. She urged those to get the vaccine as the County could easily fall back into the Red Tier. The County is also trying to remove any hurdles for those that might need assistance. It has been acknowledged that sometimes the process can be overwhelming to those seeking assistance and that a certain stigma gets associated with seeking assistance. The County is seeking to make the process as easy as possible and remove any stigmas. Evelyn also said that Supervisor Lawson-Remer has joined with Supervisor Jim Desmond on forming a new pilot program in North County for the homeless to provide assessment, housing, travel, and general aid. Steve Dow questioned when children under 16 could eligible for the vaccine. Evelyn responded that the CDC is working on it and will provide an update when it comes available.

ITEM #5 **Request Community Members to Identify Themselves if Interested in Appointment to Open Vacancies in Districts B, C, E, F and G and Appoint Qualifying Candidates:** No one identified themselves.

ITEM #6 **Election of Officers:** Positions up for election: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer
Gary Long nominated Robin Kaufman for Chair. Dan Grobee seconded. Motion passed 14-0-0.
Robin Kaufman nominated Patrick Vincent for Vice-Chair. Dan Grobee Seconded. Motion passed 14-0-0.
Robin Kaufman nominated Benjamin Wier for Secretary. Sonny Googins seconded. Motion passed 14-0-0.
Patrick Vincent nominated Gary Long for Treasurer. Dan Grobee seconded. Motion passed 14-0-0.

Patrick Vincent turned the meeting over to newly seated Chair, Robin Kaufman. Robin commented to thank everyone for supporting the new Executive Members of the Board. She also reminded everyone in attendance the meeting is recording for accuracy in the minutes.

ITEM #7 **Modification and Adoption of Agenda:**
Benjamin Wier made a motion to modify the agenda by turning Item 11 into an information item as Development Review Subcommittee has not had an opportunity to review this matter. Robin Kaufman seconded. Motion passed 14-0-0.

ITEM #8 **Administrative Items:**
a. Approve March 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Sonny Googins made a motion to accept the minutes. Patrick Vincent seconded. Gary Long made a comment to change the Minutes title from Meeting Agenda to Meeting Minutes. Motion passed 12-0-2 with Benjamin Wier and Dan Grobee abstaining due to be being absent from the March meeting.
b. Approve Treasurer’s Report
Gary long made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report of \$74.70 in the Board account. \$161.81 available in City funding with invoices of approximately \$150 against that. Patrick Vincent seconded. Motion passed 14-0-0.

ITEM #9 **Vote to recommend eliminating parking on eastbound Bernardo Center Drive between the entrance to the Methodist Church and Bernardo Heights Parkway:**
During the evening rush hour and mornings when schools are in session, the traffic waiting to turn right onto Bernardo Heights Parkway backs up well beyond the designated right turn lane. If vehicles were to begin parking along the street in this area, traffic congestion would become considerably worst during peak traffic times. See supporting diagram for details.
Robin Kaufman gave a presentation with supporting PowerPoint slides. Robin Kaufman made a motion to approve. Vicki touchstone seconded. Motion passed 14-0-0.

ITEM #10 **Ratification of payment for Zoom services:**
The Administrative Committee agreed to reimburse a member for payment of Zoom Fees. This vote is to ratify that action.
Gary Long gave an update as to the payment to a member of \$248.21 for Zoom services and Web Hosting. The City is taking upwards of 60 - 90 days to reimburse and Executive committee felt the excess time is a lot to ask of a member to carry that expense personally. Gary Long made a motion to accept the payment as is. Patrick Vincent seconded. Motion passed 14-0-0.

ITEM #11 **Update on Marijuana Outlet:**
A Marijuana Outlet is proposed, by March & Ash, for Rancho Bernardo at 16789 Bernardo Center. The project is described at [A0.1 \(sandiego.gov\)](https://www.a01sandiego.gov). The review due date is 4/26/21. A recommendation by the Planning Group is supposed to be provided on form CPG. Vote on providing a recommendation.
Benjamin Wier read a statement regarding the marijuana outlet. “The Planning Board received notice of this project on April 7th. It is a new project and new applicant with a proposed location of 16789 Bernardo Center Dr. The Development Review Committee has not reviewed this project as it had met the day before for its April meeting. The project is also new with the City as no cycle reviews have been completed. At this time, the Planning Board is in the early stages of gathering information and

when the time comes an informed and educated vote will be cast. The applicant has been invited and does plan to attend the next Development Review Committee meeting on May 4th.” Becky Rapp commented that the Church of Rancho Bernardo is within 1000 feet. A minor oriented facility occupies less than 50% but does share a property line. Dan Grobee commented that there are several businesses that are frequented by children. Rebecca Cole asked why the RB area is so popular for a marijuana outlet. Benjamin Wier answered that City’s of Escondido and San Marcos do now allow for marijuana outlets. Between Vista and North San Diego City, Rancho Bernardo is closest option. Sean St. Peter also commented that the zoning is also of interest to potential marijuana outlets. Joni Edelman asked if the neighboring businesses have been notified. Sean St. Peter said that neighboring businesses within a 300 foot radius will be given a “Notification Packet”. Sean St. Peter is with San Diego Recreational Cannabis. They did a preliminary review on the proposed site. The City confirmed that the sensitive uses of the church are within 1000 feet and the Webb Park Corridor would not be counted as barrier. City completed that review on 4/5/21. Jeb Bakke asked if the Rancho Bernardo Architectural Committee has reviewed this project. Linda Mauch with the Safety and Wellness Group of Poway Unified wanted to clarify that this was a new applicant. Veronica Garlow urged the Board keep the public notified as much as possible as she learned of the agenda item only a few minutes prior to the meeting via social media. In closing, Benjamin Wier asked for patience as the Board was just notified of the application and is in the infancy of the information gathering process.

ITEM #12 Annual Chair Report:

The outgoing Chair will present the Annual Report to be sent to the City.

Robin Kaufman thanked the Board for all their all hard work that they do and thanked the residents of Rancho Bernardo for all input and support on the challenging topics that get reviewed throughout the year. Benjamin Wier made a motion to accept the Annual Chair Report. Patrick Vincent seconded. Motion passed 14-0-0.

ITEM #13 Appointment of Subcommittee Chairs:

Committees include: Development Review, Regional Issues, Traffic and Transportation, Community Outreach.

Robin gave an overview of what each Sub-Committee does. Robin Kaufman a motion to appoint Benjamin Wier as the Chair of the Development Review committee with Gary Long as the Vice-Chair and Vicky Touchstone as the Chair of the Regional Issues Committee with Steve Dow as the Vice-Chair and herself as Chair of the Traffic and Transportation Committee. Patrick Vincent Seconded. Robin also wanted to appoint some to help with the PR and communication. Robin appointed Sonny Googins. Motion passed 14-0-0.

ITEM #14 Appointment of Subcommittee Resident Members:

All subcommittees may have resident members as long as the resident members do not hold a majority of positions on the subcommittees. The resident members are appointed by the Chair and approved by the full board membership present.

No residents identified themselves

ITEM #15 Appointment of Liaisons:

Community Council, Community Planners Committee (CPC), Recreation Council, San Dieguito River Park, San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group, SANDAG, Commercial Representative. All liaisons will be appointed by the Chair and approved by the full board membership present.

Community Council - Robin Kaufman, Community Planners Council (CPC) - Vicky Touchstone, Recreation Council - Robin Kaufman, Commercial Representative - None, Pasqual Lake Hodges - David Wilson, SANDAG - Steve Dow. Motion passed 14-0-0.

ITEM #16 Sub-Committee Reports:

Development Review..... Benjamin Wier:

Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone
 Traffic & Transportation..... Robin Kaufman Draft meeting notes attached*
 Election Ad Hoc Procedure Development Ad Hoc Committee:

ITEM #17 **Liaison Reports:**
 Community Council.....Robin Kaufman (Report attached)*
 Community Planners Committee (CPC)..... Vicki Touchstone
 Recreation Advisory Board..... Robin Kaufman
 SANDAG..... Steve Dow
 San Dieguito River Park Robin Kaufman (Report attached)*
 San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group.... David Wilson
 Commercial Representative

ITEM #18 **OLD BUSINESS ITEM:** None

ITEM #19 **NEW BUSINESS:** Dan Grobee announced this will be his last meeting as he and his wife are moving out of the area. He would also like to see marijuana outlets banned and that the City of San Diego gets all the streets paved as they are in desperate need of repair. Robin thanked Dan for all his work on the Board over the years.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan Grobee made a motion to adjourn. David Wilson seconded. Motion passed 14-0-0. Meeting adjourned 8:16pm

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

<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> 6: 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 was given an update on the SDG&E pipeline work along Pomerado Rd. Work will begin in May and end late fall.
- the Board approved a letter encouraging the City to offer FREE knox boxes to qualifying individuals in homes/apartments. The City offers knox boxes, but charges for them and only for businesses. The County has been offering free knox boxes to qualifying individuals since October, 2020 and installs them for free.
- the Board approved a letter supporting the City’s recommendations of contracting with Falck ambulance service instead of AMR.
- the Board approved to sponsor a 4th blood drive on April 6.
- the Board appointed a bylaws ad hoc committee to review and recommend any updates. The Board does this every two years.
- the Board reviewed its annual Earth Day fair. It will be a drive thru BioBlitz event on April 24. Details can be found at www.RBCommunityCouncil.com.
- the Board reviewed its election process. As of April 1, 5 declaration of candidacy forms had been submitted and 3 individuals gave verbal commitment to submit declaration of candidacy forms. There are presently vacancies in Oaks North, Bernardo Heights and High Country West.

Traffic and Transportation Subcommittee

-The committee reviewed a recommended speed increase by the City on Poblado Rd between Matinal Road and West Bernardo Drive. A traffic study was done and according to procedures set by the State of California and the California Speed Trap Law (California Vehicle Code Section 40802), the official speed limit would need to be raised to 30 mph in order to be ticket enforceable. The committee decided to hold off on a recommendation until next month when they can hear from more residents in that area.

-The committee decided to recommend the City review eliminating parking on eastbound Bernardo Center Drive south of Bernardo Heights Parkway: If high volume businesses are present in the commercial center to the south, on street parking could occur resulting in unsafe conditions for bicyclists and congestion at Bernardo Center Drive and Bernardo Heights Parkway. It is easier to remove parking now when no one is using it; instead of waiting until it becomes an issue.

San Dieguito River Park by Robin Kaufman

-22 members in attendance

-a kickoff for the Osuna Trail occurred last month. Tours were given to the SDRP board

-a new committee for the surf club trail was formed

-a trail alignment report/study is being conducted for Sutherland Gorge, Lake Sutherland and San Ysabel Gorge sections of the San Dieguito River Park Coast to Crest Trail

-The Trails committee is still working on Lucardo Trail. It's only 1 mile, but will eventually connect to other trails

-native plant brochure has been completed

-a land map grant is being researched

-the watershed model is being reviewed

-procedures regarding a lagoon boardwalk bench replacement with a new memorial bench by a donor was reviewed. No full decision was made during the meeting

RB Planning Board – SANDAG Update (Steve Dow; 4/10/2021)

• **SANDAG April 2021 Newsletter Highlights:** ○ SANDAG Covid1- Impacts Report (March 2021) ▪

https://www.sandag.org/uploads/publicationid/publicationid_4756_28849.pdf

- GDP in 2020 down between 3.1% to 4.5%
- 52% of job loss has been in the tourism industry.
- Federal funding has helped preventing situation from being much worse.
- Economic growth expected with additional stimulus and vaccine roll out.
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○ SANDAG looking for Audit Committee members ▪ https://www.sandag.org/index.asp?committeeid=107&fuseaction=committees_detail

▪ Minimum professional standards include 10 years of experience as a CPA or 10 years of other relevant experience in audit management.

○ SANDAG Criminal Justice Clearinghouse released report re: expenses in FY 19-20 ▪ https://www.sandag.org/uploads/publicationid/publicationid_4757_28868.pdf

▪ Public safety budgets increased ~5% in FY19-20.

○ Miscellaneous ▪ Refinancing 2014 Series A bonds to save ~\$22M over next 27 years.

▪ Ribbon-cutting ceremony in March for 14th Street Greenway (Transnet project)

▪ Mid-Coast Trolley stations at Balboa Ave., Clairemont Dr., and Tecolote Road stations are expected to be complete this summer (2021).

▪ Part of the Del Mar Bluffs collapsed in Feb 2021. Emergency repairs are expected to be complete this summer (2021).

▪ SR 11 / Olay Mesa East Port of Entry project – received ~\$42M from CA Transportation Commission in March 2021.

▪ SANDAG GO by BIKE program awarded \$11+M in grants. Bike projects continue.

▪ April 9th meeting discussed technology in future transportation – link to meeting video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZInFomI9odo>