Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
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January 19, 2023, 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes
Meeting was held via Zoom

2023 RB PLANNING BOARD									
P = Present				A = Absent				ARC = Arrived after roll call	
Robin Kaufman	P	Owen Nucci	P	Steve Dow	P	June Smith	A	Donald Bertsch	ARC
Benjamin Wier	P	Vicki Touchstone	P	Hugh Rothman	P	Patrick Batten	P		
Gary Long	P	Joni Edelman	P	Sonny Googins	A				
								Total Seated	12
								Total in Attendanc	10

ITEM #1   Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chair, Robin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She noted that the meeting is being recorded for accuracy in the meeting minutes, and noted that it is being conducted as if it were in in-person and that participants should extend all courtesies as such.

ITEM #2   Chair Remarks:

Robin Kaufman shared the sad news of the passing of Tony Kempton, the long-term City Planner who has provided years of support to Rancho Bernardo. She also provided recent updates on the status of construction project at Casa De Las Campanas.

ITEM #4   Government Staff Reports (Information Item):

(Item out of order per agenda to accommodate visitors)

Councilmember Marni von Wilpert discussed a range of topics for District 5 followed by a Q&A period. Topics included her change in chairpersonship from the Active Transport and Infrastructure Committee to the Public Safety Committee, which will cover Police, Fire, lifeguard, Office of Homeland Security, and Emergency Preparedness among other concerns. Community Service for Neighborhoods will be chaired by Dr. Jennifer Campbell. She addressed Emergency response times, road conditions after recent rains, and the lack of a plan for road repair from the city. The Witch Creek fire road repairs have begun, and the list of streets and timeline of repairs will be provided soon for

residents. Rancho Bernardo Community Park has $400,000 in this year's budget for improvements, and she will be pushing for more next year. She addressed the concerns of the recent string of burglaries in the Trails and stated there will be a push to increase police coverage in the region. QA followed with Hazardous Waste disposal issues, bulk item pickups, and request for community recreation board to give input on the Rancho Bernardo community park improvement. She closed with information about the Street Preservation Ordinance, which she had worked on in her previous committee-ship. Mayor Gloria is pushing hard for utilities to be held accountable for adequate repairs of streets after trenching. This will be a topic for the City Council in February.

The Board heard comments from and had question/answer regarding road repairs with Emily Piatanesi, Community Representative for Council Districts 5 and 7.

Note: Board member Donald Bertsch arrived at this time.

ITEM #3   Non-agenda public comment (3 minutes per speaker):

N/A.

ITEM #5   Modification and Adoption of Agenda (Voting Item):

Benjamin Wier motioned to approve the agenda; Steve Dow seconded; motion approved 10-0-0.

ITEM #6   Administrative Items (Voting Item):

Approval of December 2022 Board minutes was motioned by Owen Nucci; seconded by Donald Bertsch; motioned approved 10-0-0.

Gary Long provided the Treasurer's Report: the Board has $322.95 in the business checking account as of December 2022; additionally, $500.00 in the reimbursable expense account with the city of San Diego. Two invoices expected to be submitted totaling about $263.76. Gary Long motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted; seconded by Steve Dow; motion was approved 10-0-0.

ITEM #7   Spectrum/Charter Communications (Voting Item):

Benjamin Wier, Chair of the Development Review Committee, reviewed the details of Spectrum/Charter Communication proposed upgrades to two utility sites. Benjamin Wier motioned that the Board approve the proposal for the two utility sites; Donald Bertsch seconded; the motion passed 10-0-0.

ITEM #8   Election Committee Update (Information Item):

Robin Kaufman provided an update on the activities of the Election Committee, including the posting of election flyers across the local establishments and in the community newspapers. The deadline for submitting Declarations of Candidacy is the February 16th Planning Board meeting.

ITEM #9   Public Relations Committee (Information Item):

Robin Kaufman encouraged the Board and community members to continue seeking opportunities to increase community communication and participation regarding Board activities. The Board discussed options to expand engagement across local HOAs and schools/students.

Note: Hugh Rothman departed the Board meeting at this time.

ITEM #10   Approval for Virtual Meeting for Next Month's Full Board Meeting (Voting Item):

Benjamin Wier motioned that the Board approve the use of virtual meetings for next month; seconded by Vicki Touchstone; approved 9-0-0.

ITEM #11   Sub-Committee Reports (Information Item):

Development Review ....Benjamin Wier
Regional Issues..Vicki Touchstone
Traffic & Transportation ....High Rothman

ITEM #12   Liaison Reports (Information Item):

Community Council……...………………….....Robin Kaufman (Report attached)*
Community Planners Committee (CPC)……. Vicki Touchstone (Report attached)*
Community Recreation Group ……………….Robin Kaufman
SANDAG…………………………………… Steve Dow (Report attached)*
San Dieguito River Park …………………….
San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group….
Commercial Representative …………………

ITEM #15   OLD BUSINESS ITEM:

Benjamin Wier provided an update on the Cannabis CUP application proposed at 16375 Bernardo Center Drive (formerly the El Torito restaurant): the Hearing is expected to occur within the next week.

ITEM #16   NEW BUSINESS:

N/A.

ADJOURNMENT:

Benjamin Wier made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Gary Long seconded; motion passed 9-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Owen Nucci.

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Standing Committee Meetings:

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Regular meeting dates & times for committees are set as follows:

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

Rancho Bernardo Community Council via Robin Kaufman

-The Board had to table the discussion and vote on the RB Maintenance Assessment District's (MAD) annual budget as unfortunately, the MAD staff did not show up to the meeting. We found out the next day that staff had a last minute family emergency. This item will be placed on the February 2 agenda;

-The Board approved to once again collect new/gently used sports items which will be delivered to less fortunate communities in the City. This will be the third year the Board will be doing this, with Eileen Kaufman leading the endeavor;

-The Board approved the annual chalk it up sidewalk chalk event to take place May 6.

SANDAG via Steve Dow

SANDAG's 2022 Annual Reports has been released:

- Broke ground on:

  - Otay Mesa East Port of Entry

  - Barrio Logan Segment of Bayshore Bikeway

  - Pershing Bikeway

  - Border to Bayshore Bikeway

- Ribbon cuttings on:
  - Fourth & Fifth Avenue Bikeways
  - Georgia-Meade Bikeway
  - Landis Bikeway
  - El Portal undercrossing project.
- Other Progress Highlights
  - North Coast Corridor program phase 1
  - New San Elijo Lagoon bridge
  - 9-miles of new carpool lanes on I-5
  - Improvements to LOSSAN Rail Corridor
  - I-805/SR-94 "Bus on Shoulder" Demonstration Project
  - Emergency repairs at Del Mar bluffs

Assembly Bill 2949 – Veterans can register to use California Toll Roads for free

2025 Regional Planning underway

- https://www.sandag.org/regional-plan/2025-regional-plan
- SANDAG updates Regional Plan every four years

LOSSAN (Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo) Rail – reviewing options to move rails off the Del Mar bluffs.