



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
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March 17, 2022, 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes
Meeting was held via Zoom

2021 RB PLANNING BOARD									
P = present		A = absent			ARC = arrived after roll call				
Sonny Googins	P	Owen Nucci	P	Benjamin Wier	P	Gary Long	P		
Thomas	ARC	Joni	P	Robin Kaufman	P	David Wilson	A		
		Steve Dow	A	Vicki	P	Hugh Rothman	P		
								Total Seated	11
								Total in Attendance	9

ITEM #1 Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chair, Robin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ITEM #2 Chair remarks:

Chair, Robin Kaufman welcomed everyone to the meeting. She commented 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.

Robin Kaufman noted that a community member has been posting negative and inaccurate comments about the Planning Board on the NextDoor social media platform; this community member has been cordially invited to participate in the recurring monthly Planning Board meetings in the past but has chosen to not attend.

Finally, the chair thanked the Election Committee members and volunteer community member for their hard work over the past few months in facilitating the 2022 RB Planning Board election.

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

Mike Stichter provided some follow-up information about the proposal for the AT&T cell tower at the RB Swim & Tennis Club site. This was a previous RB Planning Board agenda item in which the board voted against the proposed cell tower location. Mike Stichter noted that the RB Swim & Tennis Club Board suggested that they would continue to pursue the proposal should the city *not* consider the Planning Board's

position, so he submitted a letter to each board member reminding them of the debate and discussion on this matter across the community.

ITEM #4 Government Staff Reports (Information Item):

Giana Belsito from the office of [Supervisor Joel Anderson](#) (San Diego Country District 2) provided a short update on the a Board of Supervisor’s meeting. She noted that the Supervisor’s office has submitted a letter to Governor Newsome asking for a suspension of the state’s \$0.51/gallon gas tax as well as voicing support for the Governor’s proposed tax rebate to counter rising fuel costs.

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

Motion duly made by Benjamin Wier to adopt the agenda; seconded by Joni Edelman; approved 8-0-0.

ITEM #6 Administrative Items (Voting Item):

Approval of February 2022 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Sonny Googins; seconded by Gary Long; approved 6-0-2 (Joni Edelman and Hugh Rothman abstained due to absence at the February 2022 meeting).

Gary Long presented the Treasurer’s Report: the Board has \$322.95 as of February 22. Gary Long motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report; seconded by Hugh Rothman; approved 8-0-0.

Robin Kaufman noted that the City intended to give update about in person meeting next month.

ITEM #7 Proposed Retail Cannabis Ordinance Amendments (Information Item):

William Perno, Senior Prevention Specialist with Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) San Diego, was scheduled to give a presentation on the proposed retail cannabis ordinance amendments followed by a Q&A session. Unfortunately, William Perno was not present at the meeting and will be rescheduled for a future board meeting.

Note: Board Member Thomas Lettington joined the meeting at this time.

ITEM #8 Ad Hoc Elections Committee Update (Information Item):

Gary Long reported the results of March 2022 election:

- District A: Westwood and Casa de las Campanas - 4 candidates for 2 open seats (Two-2 Year Seats Open)
 - **Patrick Batten: 13 votes**
 - **Sonny Googins: 47 votes (elected)**
 - **Robin Kaufman: 34 votes (elected)**

- **David Wilson: 12 votes**
- **Note: 7 ballots were invalidated**
- District B: Eastview and Greens West - 0 candidates for 2 open seats (One-2-Year & One 1-Year Seats Open)
- District C: Oaks North - 0 candidates for 2 open seats (One-2-Year & One 1-Year Seats Open)
- District D: Alameda, Gatewood Hills, Greens East, Trails - 1 candidate for 2 open seat (One-2-Year & One 1-Year Seats Open)
 - **Steve Dow (uncontested)**
- District E: Seven Oaks, Remington - 1 candidates for 2 open seats (One-2-Year & One 1-Year)
 - **June Smith (uncontested)**
- District F: Bernardo Heights - 2 candidates for 3 open seats (Two-2-Year & One 1-Year Seats Open)
 - **Harvey Levine (withdrew from consideration prior to election)**
 - **Vicki Touchstone (uncontested)**
 - **Note: 1 ballot was invalidated**
- District G: High County West and Camino Bernardo - 0 candidates for 2 open seats (One 2 year Seat Open)

Gary Long encouraged unelected candidates to attend the next RB Planning Board meeting and consider appointment to fill board vacancies from underrepresented RB districts (per Planning Board bylaws.) Additionally, he noted that the election was certified and validated by all committee members.

Gary Long motioned to accept the election results; seconded by Benjamin Wier; motion passed 9-0-0.

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

Development ReviewBenjamin Wier
 Regional Issues.....Vicki Touchstone
 Traffic & TransportationRobin Kaufman
 Election Ad Hoc.....Gary Long

ITEM #12 Liaison Reports (Information Item):

Community Council.....Robin Kaufman
 Community Planners Committee (CPC).....Vicki Touchstone
 Community Recreation GroupRobin Kaufman
 SANDAGSteve Dow
 San Dieguito River Park.....David Wilson

San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group..... David Wilson
Commercial RepresentativeN/A

ITEM #13 OLD BUSINESS ITEM:

The board offered thanks and farewell to Thomas Lettington for his service on the Planning Board.

ITEM #14 NEW BUSINESS:

Joni Edelman thanked everyone from the board for their well-wishes during recent illness.

ADJOURNMENT:

Gary Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Joni Edelman seconded; motion passed 9-0-0. Meeting adjourned 7:32pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Owen Nucci

Standing Committee Meetings:

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

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

Community Planners Committee (CPC)

-A presentation on Capital Improvement Projects was presented – it revolved around the process of requesting a CIP and how the City determines priorities for them.

-William Perno from SAY San Diego gave his presentation on regarding Proposition 64 and the ability for local jurisdictions to have regulations that exceed minimal requirements under state law. This was the same presentation he gave at our February meeting.

-City Councilmember Stephen Whitburn was to give a presentation on his proposed amendments to cannabis outlet ordinance 141.0504. He pulled out from giving the presentation 2 days prior to the meeting. His director of policy cited he was pulling the agenda from the CPC meeting until after the City implements a social equity program.

-Action item pertaining to changes in Council Policy 600-24 and 600-9 turned into a discussion on the matter. Wally Wulfeck, Chair of CPC was very frank in his feelings on the matter. He, and others, feel Councilmember Joe LaCava deflected our attention on reducing planning groups input by proposing so many changes. The Councilmember then agreed to most of the concerns addressed, still leaving the charges for review processes, the two year absence before applying again for a planning group, only allowing a termed out member to present oneself when the group is 10 members or less. Wally strongly encouraged all groups to reach out not only to their own City Councilmember, but all members and push for these matters.

-This was Wally Wulfeck’s last meeting as chair of the CPC. He is termed out as a member of the Scripps Ranch Community Planning Group.

RB Community Council Summary

The Board discussed and approved the annual Directors and Officers insurance payment;

The Board discussed and approved a letter pertaining to Net Energy Metering to be sent to the Governor's office and CPUC commissioners;

The Board tabled a proposed cannabis retail ordinance letter until the City has updated information on the matter;

The Board discussed and approved up to \$100 for the earth day fair expenditures (April 10, 10 am – 1 pm);

The Board discussed and approved up to \$100 for the RB Alive booth (June 5, 10 am through 3 pm)

The Board approved the date and activities for the 2021 Safety Fair (October 2. 10 am through 2 pm – included chili cook off between police and fire departments as fundraiser);

The Board reviewed the upcoming election process and who is up for elections in 2022;

The Board was given an update on how much new and gently used sports equipment has been donated so far. Items will be given to less fortunate recreation centers in the City;

The Board was given an update on the chalk it up event taking place May 7. 8 am through 3 pm

Traffic and Transportation summary

The subcommittee reviewed complaints from residents pertaining to numerous accidents at the intersection of Capilla and Matinal Rd in the Westwood area. It was agreed at this time to reach out to the club manager to encourage the residents on the corner to trim their bushes and to reach out to traffic engineering for a traffic review of the intersection;

The Subcommittee reviewed concerns of constant vehicle crashes along westbound Rancho Bernardo Road between Bernardo Oaks Drive and Acena. Traffic engineering has been contacted to review the area to see what traffic calming measures can be implemented.

RB Planning Board – SANDAG Update (Steve Dow; 3/09/2022)

- **Highlights of March 2022 SANDAG Newsletter**

New Carpool/HOV Lanes open

- I-5 between Lomas Sante Fe Drive (Solana Beach) and Palomar Airport Road (Carlsbad)

- Northbound lanes open; Southbound lanes open later this month ~9 miles in length

New Bike lanes open

- Along 4th and 5th Avenues, between B Street and Washington Street
- Improves connections between downtown San Diego, Bankers Hill, and Hillcrest
- ~4.5 miles of new bikeway improvements

Other

- Celebrating Women’s History Month
- Otay Mesa Port of Entry – Mexico and U.S. Leaders meet
- Air Quality Community Forum held on March 8, 2022
- Bike to work day’ was March 7, 2022

**San Dieguito River Park/Joint Powers Authority
Friday Feb 18, 2022- Online**

Call to Order

- Dave Grosch , first meeting as Chair. Approval of 22-2 authorizing remote meeting. First in person meeting may be in April

Executive Directors Report – Shawna Anderson

- Coast to crest trail to allow us to be competitive for public Grants. Partnering w conservancy for volunteers
- Noted that last CAC meeting Feb 4 had lengthy discussion regarding Ebikes on SD River Park trail. Much concern and opposition to ebikes. Current policy allows ebikes, but this issue will be come up. If in county, follow their rules. Likewise with city.
- Olivenhein water district has a proposal to extract water from San Dieguito basin for needs. City staff will present sustainability plan, SGMA basin is in San Pascual valley.
- Membership contribution table is now updated. Will be presented in March. Updated based on 2020 census numbers.
- Nice video - Dave Scott’s World of Wonder about San Dieguito Bridge in Rancho Bernardo. History of the bridge. built ten years ago.

Receive and Distribute Third Party Audit

- Auditor Jimmy Bhakta provided quick summary and here to answer questions. Shawna - bottom line looks good.
- Member asked if it's possible to pass our \$10 million in depreciating assets that we cannot use bc we don't pay taxes to an entity that can use them in exchange for income as some entities have done in past. Brenda will investigate and report back. Audit approved.

Report on Ad Hoc Committee for Budget

- Discussion on ranger salary. Budget committee did not take action. Was preliminary meeting
- Budget committee will meet again in March to consider a draft proposal to discuss ranger salary and compare with other agencies. Will consider raising Junior ranger wages to make more consistent w other agencies

Project Status updates

- Shawna - Osuna trail. Moving forward. Are meeting w city of San Diego JPA liaison that helped coordinate river park, and get her familiar w Osuna segment which is in the city section.
- Lagoon construction has begun. A lot of activity. Will be media outreach.

Coordination reports

- SD conservancy = Emily acting director –nothing to report. Hoping for permanent director next month
- Friends of SD River Valley- Maggie Brown. Advocacy Watchdog group. Need Volunteers/ new members.
- Volcan Mountain -Eric Jones –no report
- SD Lagoon Committee- no report
- Friends for Sikes Adobe- no report

Jurisdictional reports-

- Dwight- presentation on San Dieguito phase 2. Good video
- Wild coast environmental received \$1 mil grant. Half for San Dieguito lagoon.
- So Cal Edison has to dredge river mouth. Was scheduled for last fall but cancelled due to oil spill. Now into breeding season with birds which goes into July, so will have to wait until Fall of 2022
- Tina Inscoe- Watershed explorers grant. Still waiting.
- Joe LaCava- Realignment of el Camino real to restore natural habitat. Working on Los Penasquitos lagoon restoration project. Target fiscal year 2024 Joint city project w county of SD

Meeting Adjourned

San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Citizens Advisory Committee March 4, 2022

Call to Order

- New chair Chris Khoury calls meeting to order.
- Minutes of last meeting on 2/4 approved
- Announcement/Events
- Shawna – Sikes Adobe event 3/27...

Chairs Report

- Jan Fuchs wants to represent a property owner which requires JPA authorization and will step down as from Carmel Valley Planning Board. Therefore, opening in the Carmel Valley planning board for those interested.
- CAC has property owner opening and wants geographical representation on CAC board. Suggestion to contact any owners for them to consider board membership.
- Jeremy Blakespear raised idea of in person meetings. CAC must follow JPA board lead on this.
- Question about hybrid meeting. Restrictions w Brown act make hybrid meetings problematic. Shawna stated JPA will be looking at it next meeting but issue with hybrid meetings is there is no IT department, and public must have access to participate. Not enough IT staffing now so not feasible now.

Exec Directors Report Shawna Anderson

- Annual audit performed and approved.
- JPA has 2 ad hoc committees- 1) Budget 2) County JPA Alternate committees. City and county want to be able to send representatives to attend. No action now, but will be on March agenda.
- JPA also may return to in person, downtown at county administration. Next JPA online March 18

Shawna slide presentation

- Volunteer and field trips are on again. High Tech Elementary pic at Sikes Adobe. Volunteer enrichment events will soon be announced to foster education in trails. Update on El Camino Real Bridge Replacement Project. Project approved and construction will start in 2023. Includes trail underpass, sidewalk and bike lanes.
- San Dieguito River Park Coast to Crest fundraiser has goal of \$1 Million.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

Two Presentations - 1) Sandra Carlson- Public Utilities Department -Groundwater Sustainability Plan for San Pascual Valley Groundwater Basin.

- SGMA- 2014– Sustainable Groundwater Management Act is to prevent overdrawing of water. GSA (Groundwater Sustainability Agency –here, San Pascual) had to prepare a GSP Groundwater Sustainability Plan for San Pascual Valley. Basin currently sustainable, but we have to ensure it stays that way. City owns 90% of the basin. 1994 ordinance made San Pascual Valley an agricultural preserve. City leases to farmers and crop growers. No imported water. All irrigation for ag users is groundwater. Future projections look good.

2) Olivenhain Municipal Water Proposed San Dieguito Valley Groundwater Desalination Project -Joey Randall-Assistant Director

- Imported water getting more expensive. Goal to get a portion to come from groundwater basin instead of importing. \$42 million project. Currently only for OMWD customers but water saved there is good for overall usage. Seawater is more costly, and Surfrider Foundations, etc. prefer groundwater to seawater for environmental reasons. Competitive with imported water and cheaper than desalinated sea water. Pump test worked. Well water recovered completely. Minimal to no impact on aquifer. Still testing. Proposal would use about 1% of groundwater basin.

Committee Reports

- Project Review- No report
- Trails Committee- Jeremy. Met last month. Trails committee walked part of SD pathway that would fall on san Dieguito road.
- Interpretation Committee – no report

Adjourned

**San Pascual/Lake Hodges Community Planning Group
Thurs March 10, 2022 – 7 PM**

Mark Lindshield-Chair

Non agenda public comment

- Kathleen Lippett- re CPC amendment to marijuana ordinance.
- Stated she attends RB Planning and Poway City Council board meetings. Stated citizens are being pressured by marijuana businesses and city plans to amend ordinance broadly to enable marijuana dispensaries. Specifically to reduce 1000 foot setback to 600 feet. Justification is that prop 64 promised local land us authority.

- Chair thanked for citizen for update and stated San Pascual is unique because limited to agriculture based on zoning. As such we don't face such issues.

Police Report

- Officer Draght. Volunteer senior patrol recognition.
- Q: Dumping is an issue- On Old Milky Way, cityh land. Someone opened gate and drove through and closed the gate.
- Recommendation is for illegal dumping on city land, use Get It Done app. If private, call 911

Govt Staff Report

- SGMA- Mike Bolouri works with Sandra. GSP (Groundwater Sustainability Plan) was formally adopted by by both the city and county. Now is submitted to Dept of Water Resources who has two years to review/amend. Basin is currently sustainable. Upcoming report to provide more details.

Old Business

- Lease renewals updates - NA
- Quinton Grounds- Councilmember Von Wilpert's office
Highland Valley Rd road schedule for repaving by the mayor

New Business - NA

Adjourned