



February 20 , 6:30pm

Meeting Agenda

InPerson: Bernardo Heights Community Center 16150 Bernardo Heights Pkwy San Diego 92128

Please note new address

2024 RB PLANNING BOARD									
P = present			A = absent			ARC = arrived after roll call			
Robin Kaufman			June Smith			Steve Dow			James Nadlonek
Benjamin Wier			Vicki Touchstone			Rebecca Rapp			Alfredo Ortiz
Gary Long			Hugh Rothman			Sujata Yellaepeddi			
									Total Seated
									11
									Total in Attendance

- ITEM #1 Call to Order/Roll Call:**

- ITEM #2 Chair Remarks:**

- 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.**

- ITEM #4 Government Staff Reports: **Information Item**
 Various government staff have an opportunity to present updates to the Board.**

- ITEM #5 Modification and Adoption of Agenda: **Action Item****

- ITEM #6 Administrative Items: **Action Items**
 a. Approve January 2025 Meeting Minutes:
 b. Approve Treasurer’s Report:**

- ITEM #7 Rancho Bernardo Industrial Pump Station Replacement **Information Item**
 The City of San Diego Engineering & Capital Projects department will present on the proposed Industrial pump Station Replacement. Project is currently in the design phase.**

- ITEM #8 Gatewood Hills Pump Station **Information Item**
 The Gatewood Hills Pump Station Replacement Project consists of replacing an existing Pump Station, located within the City easement on a gated residential property at 13024 Abra Drive, approximately 400-feet up the residence’s private driveway. This pump station serves a small residential community of 24 metered connections, including the 55+ Oaks North Community irrigation.**

- ITEM #9 Mobility Master Plan **Action Item**
 Consider approval of a letter to the City Council regarding the revised draft Mobility Master Plan, which was issued in October and presented to the CPC this month. The document can be reviewed at <https://www.sandiego.gov/sustainability-mobility/mobility/mobility-master-plan>. The Active Transportation Committee will hear this item February 20, 2025 and will go to the City Council on March 24, 2025. A draft letter is attached for the Board’s consideration.**

- ITEM #10** **Consider approval of a letter to the Mayor and City Council requesting specific actions needed to better protect properties in areas designated as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ).** **Action Item**
 Actions include implementing the Community Planners Committee's request for a moratorium on building permits for more than one ADU per lot in the VHFHSZ until the City upgrades infrastructure and building codes to meet existing wildfire threats; support for a request from the Scripps Planning Group to amend Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code to align the City's ADU setback requirements in the VHFHSZ with State of California standards, and a request for an evaluation of the current status of the vegetation in and around the dry lake bed in Lake Hodges, as the increased fuel load could pose additional fire risks to adjacent residents in Rancho Bernardo.
- ITEM #11** **Update from Election Committee** **Information Item**
 Ad-hoc Election Committee will give an update on the current status of the upcoming elections.
- ITEM #12** **Citywide Trails Master Plan** **Information Item**
 The City has begun the process of drafting a Trails Master Plan. Information and a form to provide input is available at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/citywide-trails-master-plan>.
- ITEM #13** **Land Development Code (LDC) Update** **Information Item**
 The City is currently accepting requests for 2026 updates to the LDC, the submission portal is open until August 15, 2025. Responses to the requests made for the 2025 update are not yet available.
- ITEM #14** **Child and Teen-Friendly City Initiative** **Information Item**
 The City is preparing a Child and Teen-Friendly Public Spaces Design Manual with funding from the County's CalFresh Healthy Living Program. The purpose is to provide a roadmap for development of engaging public spaces to support outdoor play, physical activity, and social interaction. If you are a parent, caregiver, or grandparent of a child or teen, please take the survey at the bottom of the webpage (<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/child-teen-friendly-city>)
- ITEM #15** **Sub-Committee Reports:** **Information Item**
 Development Review..... Benjamin Wier
 Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone
 Traffic & Transportation.....Robin Kaufman
- ITEM #16** **Liaison Reports:** **Information Item**
 Community Council.....Robin Kaufman (Report Attached)*
 Community Planners Committee (CPC)..... Vicki Touchstone (Report Attached)*
 Community Recreation Group (CRG).....Robin Kaufman (Report Attached)*
 SANDAG..... Steve Dow (Report Attached)
 San Dieguito River Park Vicki Touchstone
 San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group..... Vicki Touchstone
 Commercial Representative
- ITEM #17** **OLD BUSINESS ITEM:**
- ITEM #18** **NEW BUSINESS:**

ADJOURNMENT:

Community Council: via Robin Kaufman

Community Engagement Coordinator Yasmeen Obeid from the Office of the Commissions on Police Practices discussed how they work to promote the safety and well-being of both residents and law enforcement. Through open dialogue and collaboration with community members, they strive to build a more secure and trusting environment for all.

Rebecca Cole, Director – Public Affairs & Community Relations with Adurra, provided an overview of the San Diego County Water Authority’s planned Ramona Pipeline Improvements Project. The project is expected to begin construction in mid-2026 and will occur at 11 locations on Rancho Bernardo Road and Espola Road. The Board unanimously approved Trish Lee as the recipient of the hats off to volunteers award. The Board approved April 6th, 10 a.m. through 1 p.m. for the Earth Day Fair. Also, expenses not to exceed \$200. The Board approved May 3rd, 8 a.m. through 3 p.m. for the annual sidewalk chalk art event. Also, expenses not to exceed \$200. An update was provided on the elections which will begin the end of February.

Community Recreation Group: via Robin Kaufman

The CRG held a ‘special meeting’ this month to address the equipment building location for the DISH satellite antenna. Due to various concerns, the CRG unanimously approved the new location (option 2) for the building location. This will be between two trees. No other topics were discussed.

**RB Planning Board – SANDAG Update
(Steve Dow; 2025-02-10)**

• **February 2025 highlights**

o New SANDAG Board of Directors elected:

- Chair: Lesa Heebner; Vice Chair: Joe LaCava; Second Vice Chair: John Minto
- <https://www.sandag.org/news/news-release-new-leadership-elected-to-sandag-2025-01-10>

o SANDAG Sustainable Transportation Services program:

- Goal to “help commuters who walk, bike, carpool, vanpool, and ride transit”
- <https://www.sandag.org/projects-and-programs/regional-initiatives/sustainable-transportation-services>

o SANDAG considers alternative options for Del Mar rail link realignment:

- New options consider tunnels that would remove alignment from under homes
- <https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/new-routes-for-rail-realignment-project-in-del-mar-proposed-by-sandag/3749828/>

o Failure of Measure G (proposed sales tax increase for SANDAG)

- Funds were targeted for “expanding public transport, more carpool lanes and assortment of highway repairs”. Other fund sources remain, but financial feasibility of certain projects is challenged.
- <https://inewssource.org/2025/01/09/sandag-2025-leadership-transportation-funding-lawsuit/>

**Community Planners Committee Via Vicki Touchstone
Meeting Notes for the January 28, 2025 Meeting – Not the Official Minutes**

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were an unusually large number of public participants at the meeting.

ADUs and Associated Issues: Multiple people from various communities throughout the City were present to address issues related to fire safety, as well as the impacts associated with multiple unit ADU projects proposed in single family neighborhoods. Many of the projects, which will provide little, if any, off-street parking, are located in cul de sacs with narrow streets. In addition to impacts related to parking and community character, a major concern addressed by residents in the affected neighborhoods, and the affected community at large, were ingress and egress during a fire emergency. Another was the impact of the additional units on public services. There was a request to seek the elimination of ministerial processing of major higher density residential projects throughout the City. Affected communities addressed at the meeting included Linda Vista, Pacific Beach, Point Loma, Skyline/Paradise Hills, Jamacha, Southeast, historic hillside communities along the south side of I-8, as well as other areas of the City.

Citizen Budget Review Committee: It was announced that the Citizen Budget Review Committee will discuss the public’s priorities for City spending, as part of the City’s 2025/2026 budget, at four Citizen Budget Review Town Hall Meetings with Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) Charles Modica. At the meetings, various issues important to the residents will be addressed and public input will be taken. Dates and locations of the meeting are listed below.

- **Saturday, February 8, 11:00 am–1:00 pm, Mission Hills Library**
- **Thursday, February 13, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm, Porter Elementary School, Lincoln Park, SE SD**
- **Saturday, February 15, 11:45 am–1:15 pm, Mission Valley Library**
- **Thursday, February 20, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center**

These IBA town halls are moderated by community leaders, fully interactive, receptive to constituent voices, and focused on what taxpayers want for their tax dollars.

Other Issues: The “mysteriously footnote” in the revised Encanto Neighborhoods Community Plan that allowed increases in density not addressed for any other planning areas has been officially removed. The status of the request for a CPG stipend increase will be addressed at the Feb. CPC meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

Mobility Master Plan (Information) - Phil Trom, Program Manager for Regional and Long-Range Mobility Planning at the City, provided an overview of the revised draft of the Mobility Master Plan, which combines community, mode, and objective-specific planning into one comprehensive document to prioritize mobility projects and to identify programs that will have the largest benefit in our communities and on the environment. The October 2024 revised draft plan is available at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sustainability-mobility/mobility/mobility-master-plan>. The Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a public hearing on the plan on February 20 and the City Council will consider the item on March 24.

Building Moratorium Request in VHFHSZ Zone - Paul Coogan presented a request for a halt to building in VHFHSZ Zones until the City upgrades infrastructure and building codes to address wildfire threats. The motion to approve a letter requesting a moratorium on infill developments in VHFHSZ that exceed double the current dwelling units on the parcel, firm evacuation plans, and brush abatement strategies was passed.

Increase CPG Outreach - At the request of Bob Link from the Downtown CPG, an Ad Hoc committee was formed specifically to address how CPGs can improve their communication and outreach in their communities.