



**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92128  
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**May 17, 2018, 7:00 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Bernardo Heights Community Center**  
**16150 Bernardo Heights Parkway (Off of Avenida Venusto), San Diego, CA 92128**

<b>2018 RB PLANNING BOARD</b>									
<b>P = present</b>		<b>A = absent</b>			<b>ARC = arrived after roll call</b>				
Sonny Googins	P	Patrick Vincent	P	Kyle Turner	P	Vicki Touchstone	P		
Thomas Lettington	P	Dan Grobee	A	Benjamin Wier	P	Gary Long	A		
Terry Norwood	P	Joel Doss	P	Merle Watson	P	Mike Lutz	P		
Mel Zadeh	P	Sherry Guthrie	P	Robin Kaufman	P			<b>Total Seated</b>	<b>18</b>
Scott Hall	P	Donna Perry	A	Ruth Coddington	A			<b>Total in Attendance</b>	<b>14</b>

- ITEM #1**     **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Robin Kaufman, RBCPB Chair, opened the meeting at 7 PM.
- ITEM #2**     **Seat New Members:** Joel Doss representing District C (Oaks North) was seated.
- ITEM #3**     **Non-agenda public comment (3 minutes per speaker):**  
None.
- ITEM #4**     **Chair Remarks:** Robin Kaufman reminded the new members to send in their bio and picture for the web site. She also reported on her visit to the Palomar College open house with a start date of June 11. Robin Kaufman recommended that all returning board members consider taking the ECOW as a refresher.
- ITEM #5**     **Government Staff Reports:** Justin Garver, representing Councilman Kersey’s office reported that Palomar College will have 2 more public meetings, one before and one after the parking study. There was a meet and greet with the new police chief on June 7. The new budget proposes 350 miles of road resurfacing each year. There is a new streets review web site. More support offered by the City for Caregivers.
- Rob Knudsen from Assemblyman Maienschein’s office covered the new assembly bill 2018 to help fill the shortages in the psychiatrists’ field by offering a special student loan repayment for this field. He also introduced a new intern by the name of Kyle Dees.
- Tony Kempton, City Planner, reminded the board of the upcoming COW workshop and the importance of taking the class.
- ITEM #6**     **Request Community Members to Identify Themselves if Interested in Appointment to Open Vacancies in Districts F and Appoint Qualifying Members:** Jenny Yu introduced herself to be appointed to fill a vacant seat. Motion by Terry Norwood, second Vicki Touchstone to appoint Jenny Yu to serve on the Board representing District F, a seat that has been vacant for a couple of years. The motion carried unanimously 14-0-0.
- ITEM #7**     **Modification and Adoption of Agenda:** Motion by Sherry Guthrie, second Sonny Googins to approve the agenda with no changes. The motion carried unanimously 14-0-0.

**ITEM #8      Administrative Items:**

- a. Approve April 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes: Motion made Patrick Vincent and seconded by Sonny Googins to approve the minutes. Motion passed 12-0-2 with Scott Hall abstaining as he was not present and Joel Doss abstaining as he was not a member yet at the time.
- b. Approve Treasurer’s Report: Motion Mike Lutz, second Terry Norwood to approve the Treasurer’s Report reflecting a current balance of \$380.23 in the Board’s account and \$500 in City funds. \$500 reimbursement has been submitted to the City. The motion passed unanimously 14-0-0.

**ITEM #9      Community Planning Groups Grand Jury Report:** The 2017/2018 San Diego County Grand Jury received a citizen’s complaint alleging that the City of San Diego Community Planning Groups tend to delay hearing certain items as a method of restricting growth in their communities. The Grand Jury has made recommendations to the City; the Planning Department will be providing a response to the City Council. The new City Planning Director, Mike Hansen, suggested the Planning Groups offer their perspective on how the City should respond to the Grand Jury Report.

Vicki Touchstone reported the Regional Issues Committee recommended the Board approve their draft letter in response to the five recommendations in the Grand Jury report. Motion by Vicki Touchstone, second Sonny Googins to approve the letter with no changes. The motion carried unanimously 14-0-0.

**ITEM #10      RB Alive Update:** Robin noted that we will have a free booth, a canopy and a table for this event. A recommendation was made that we have survey flyers. We need more volunteers for the event. Terry Norwood will be ordering T shirts at a cost of approximately \$14.46 each. Cost to be paid by each board member that wants one.

**ITEM #11      Sub-Committee Reports:**  
 Development Review..... Vicki Touchstone: No May meeting was held. Anticipate reviewing Casa in June.  
 Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone: No report  
 Traffic & Transportation..... Robin Kaufman: Meeting in June to be held  
 Election Ad Hoc Procedure Development Ad Hoc Committee: To be appointed

**ITEM #12      Liaison Reports:**  
 Community Council.....Robin Kaufman (Report attached)\*  
 Community Planners Committee (CPC)..... Vicki Touchstone (Report attached)\*  
 Recreation Council ..... Robin Kaufman (Report attached)\*  
 SANDAG..... Terry Norwood (Nothing to report)  
 San Dieguito River Park ..... Donna Perry (Nothing to report)\*  
 San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group.... Not assigned  
 Commercial..... Kyle Turner (Nothing to report)\*

**ITEM #13      OLD BUSINESS ITEM:** Thomas Lettington discussed updates to the gas pipeline as that the project may be dying. Rob Knudsen from the Assembly office confirmed that pipeline hurdles have increased. SDG&E has an appeal in the courts that will be ruled on by June 21.

**ITEM #14      NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

<b><u>Administrative Committee</u></b> The Monday 10 days prior to Regular Meeting, 6 PM RB Swim & Tennis Club – Ceramics Room	<b><u>Traffic &amp; Transportation Committee</u></b> First Monday of each month, 6 PM RB Swim & Tennis Club – Ceramics Room
<b><u>Development Review Committee</u></b> First Tuesday of each month, 6 PM RB Swim & Tennis Club – Ceramics Room	<b><u>Regional Issues Committee</u></b> First Tuesday of each month, 7 PM RB Swim & Tennis Club – Ceramics Room

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjournment motion was made by Sonny Googins, seconded by Terry Norwood at 8:25 PM. Motion passed unanimously, 14-0-0.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Lutz, Secretary

**Community Council Summary\*:**

- the Board approved an expenditure of \$60 for an event banner
- the Board approved the nominating committee which oversees the nominations of the officers set for the June meeting
- the Board reviewed the latest update on the SDG&E gas pipeline
- the Board reviewed the election process. Three members will be stepping down. No contested races this year, but four new members will be joining the Board. The bylaws state that if there are no contested races, then the Declaration of Candidacy form acts as the one vote needed to be elected. There is one vacancy in District D and one vacancy in District F.
- the RB Alive Ad-hoc will be meeting May 22 to finalize plans for the information booth.
- the annual Earth Day event was a huge success with over 30 vendors and 22 volunteers to assist with the success of the event.
- the Public Safety committee is in full speed in preparing for the annual Safety Fair and first responder appreciation BBQ set for September 29<sup>th</sup>
- the Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) committee reviewed the proposed design for the turf to drought tolerant plants on RB Road median between Bernardo Center Drive and Acena.

**Community Planners Committee\*:**

Community Planner Committee Notes  
Meeting of April 24, 2018  
Submitted by Vicki Touchstone

Councilmember David Alvarez discussed his ideas to revise and reform the City’s sidewalk repair policy (Council Policy 200-12). He was very concerned about the poor quality of sidewalks in many parts of the City. It impacts the ability for older citizens, parents with strollers, those with disabilities, and others to use the sidewalks and also represents a safety issue for all users. The City has paid out significant amounts of money to settle law suits related to unsafe sidewalks. In some cases, property owners are responsible for the sidewalk repairs, while in other cases the City is responsible. More money needs to be allocated to sidewalk repairs.

The new Planning Director, Mike Hansen, was introduced to the group.

We received a presentation on the Master Stormwater System Maintenance Program. More information is available on the City’s stormwater webpage.

Maya Rosas from Circulate San Diego presented the proposals for restructuring CPGs. These are the recommendations in the “Democracy in Planning” document. Many of the CPC members expressed their

opinions about the recommendations – there was agreement expressed for some of the recommendations, but strong opposition for others including the proposal that the City Council be able to appoint members to a CPG.

New offices will be elected to the CPC next month.

**Recreation Council\***: Did not meet in April.

**SANDAG\***: SD Forward hosted open houses the first week of May for North County residents to learn about the interconnections TRANSNET is working on. There were panels showing information about housing and job growth and technology that encompasses the regional planning for San Diego's future. A new transit station is projected on Pomerado Road in front of the hospital. For more information go to [SDForward.com](http://SDForward.com)

State asked SD to build 171,000 new homes between 2021-2029. SANDAG requested them to lower the number. State did not. SD has permitted less than 1/3 housing Regional Planning Committee at odds with SANDAG on focusing on reducing the number of homes vs working on permitting the number of homes.

**San Diegieto River Park\***: Nothing to report.

**Commercial\***: Nothing to report.