



**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92128  
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**March 21, 2019, 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

<b>2019 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	Benjamin Wier	P	Gary Long	P		
Thomas Lettington	P	Dan Grobee	ARC	Robin Kaufman	P	Mike Lutz	P		
Terry Norwood	P	Joel Doss	P	Ruth Coddington	P				
Mel Zadeh	P	Sherry Guthrie	P	Vicki Touchstone	A			<b>Total Seated</b>	<b>17</b>
Scott Hall	A	Kyle Turner	A	Jenny Yu	P			<b>Total in Attendance</b>	<b>14</b>

**ITEM #1**      **Call to Order/Roll Call:** A quorum was met with 14 out of 17 members in attendance.

**ITEM #2**      **Non-Agenda Public Comment (3 Minutes Per Speaker):**  
 Becky Rapp presented concerns regarding the proposed marijuana dispensary.  
 Kathy Lippett presented concerns regarding the proposed marijuana dispensary.  
 Patrick Batten presented himself as a candidate running for District 5 City Council.

**ITEM #3**      **Chair Remarks:** **Information Item**  
 Robin Kaufman welcomed everyone. She thanked the election committee members and those who assisted with the day of elections process. She also reminded everyone to place phones on vibrate or turn off.

**ITEM #4**      **Government Staff Reports:** **Information Item**  
 Monique Tello from Councilman Kersey’s office commented the City is hard at work fixing pot holes throughout the City with 40% completed over the past two months. She also commented the City is in the process of recruiting lifeguards for the summer crowds.

**ITEM #5**      **Modification and Adoption of Agenda:** **Voting Item**  
 Motion made Patrick Vincent/Gary Long to accept the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously, 14-0-0.

**ITEM #6**      **Administrative Items:** **Voting Items**  
 a. Approve February 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Motion made Sonny Googins/Joel Doss to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed 13-0-1 with Mike Lutz abstaining as he was not present at the last meeting.  
 b. Approve Treasurer’s Report: Motion made Gary Long/Ruth Coddington to accept the Treasurer’s report of \$322.95 and \$500 in City account. Motion passed unanimously, 14-0-0.

**ITEM #7**      **12<sup>th</sup> Update of the Land Development Code – Item 10a (Section 128.0310):** **Voting Item**  
 As part of the 12<sup>th</sup> Update of the Land Development Code, the City is proposing to reduce the time available to review the contents of a final California Environmental Quality Act document, including Final Environmental Impact Reports that contain responses to public comments, from 14 calendar days to a minimum of 3 days before decision maker hearings. The Regional Issues Committee did not have a quorum, so no recommendation was forwarded.

The City Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to hear this on May 9 and City Council on July 23. Backup material provided. Patrick Vincent presented the information in regard to the drafted letter. Motion made Patrick Vincent/Benjamin Wier send the letter as presented. Motion passed unanimously, 14-0-0.

**ITEM #8**      **Approval of honorary street naming:** of Bernardo Plaza Court of Harry Summers      **Voting**  
 And Calle Sencillo for Bob Wells. This topic has been presented and discussed in the past. Motion made Gary Long/Benjamin Wier to approve the honorary renaming of the streets. Motion passed unanimously, 14-0-0.

**ITEM #9**      **2019 RBCPB Election Results and Approval:**      **Voting Item**  
 Sherry Guthrie, Patrick Vincent and Robin Kaufman were co-committee chairs this year. They presented the following results: District A: Hugh Rothman and Terry Norwood; District D: Mark Huettinger and Benjamin Wier; District G: Gary Long. There are still vacancies in District B, C, D, E, and F. Motion made Patrick Vincent/Sonny Googins to approve the results. This information will be forwarded to the City.

**ITEM #10**      **Request Community Members to Identify Themselves if Interested in**      **Voting Item**  
**Appointment to Open Vacancies in Districts:** B (Eastview - 1 new vacancy), C (Oaks North - 1 new vacancy), D (Swim and Tennis - 2; 1 new vacancy, 1 old vacancy), E (Seven Oaks - 1 new vacancy), F (Bernardo Heights - 3; 2 new vacancies, 1 old vacancy). Jenny Yu presented herself for the long term vacancy in District F/Bernardo Height. Motion made Dan Grobee/Gary Long to approve Jenny Yu to fill the long term vacancy in Bernardo Height. Motion passed unanimously, 14-0-0.

**ITEM #11**      **Hats Off to Volunteers:**      **Possible Voting Item**  
 The Board will consider manning a booth at the Hats Off to Volunteers event scheduled in April. Members will be needed to staff a booth if it is decided to set one up. Motioned made Gary Long/Dan Grobee to have a booth at the event, with Mike Lutz volunteering to staff the booth. Motion passed unanimously, 14-0-0.

**ITEM #12**      **Sub-Committee Reports:**      **Information Items**  
 Development Review..... Vicki Touchstone: No meeting was held in March  
 Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone: No meeting held in March  
 Traffic & Transportation..... Robin Kaufman: No meeting was held in March  
 Election Ad Hoc Committee..... No meeting held in March

**ITEM #13**      **Liaison Reports:**      **Information Items**  
 Community Council..... Robin Kaufman: Report attached\*  
 Community Planners Committee (CPC).... Vicki Touchstone: Report attached\*  
 Recreation Advisory Board..... Robin Kaufman: No meeting was held.  
 Commercial..... Kyle Turner: No report.  
 SANDAG..... Terry Norwood/Vicki Touchstone: Report attached\*

**ITEM #14**      **OLD BUSINESS ITEM:** Sonny Googins mentioned several members attended the Planning session a few weeks ago.

**ITEM #15**      **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made Gary Long/Dan Grobee to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Motion passed unanimously, 14-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Kaufman, Sherry Guthrie, Mike Lutz.

**STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

<b><u>Administrative Committee</u></b> The Monday 10 days prior to Regular Meeting, 6 PM Bernardo Heights Community Center	<b><u>Traffic &amp; Transportation Committee</u></b> First Monday of each month, 6 PM Bernardo Heights Community Center
<b><u>Development Review Committee</u></b> First Tuesday of each month, 6 PM Bernardo Heights Community Center	<b><u>Regional Issues Committee</u></b> First Tuesday of each month, 7 PM Bernardo Heights Community Center

**\*RB Community Council Summary by Robin Kaufman:**

- the Board recognized 8<sup>th</sup> grader Lilia Montiel for her development of ZZZ’s 4 kidz to help raise funds to purchase beds and bed sets for less fortunate children;
- the Board reviewed and voted on its annual insurance policy and presented questions to its insurance agent;
- the Board approved election expenditures and reviewed the election process;
- the Board approved new location for the Chalk It Up sidewalk chalk event this year at Sharp Rees Stealy. The event will coincide with Sharp’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary celebration at their new location on West Bernardo Drive;
- the Board reviewed the success of the inaugural Mardi Gras fun run;
- the Board was given an update on the annual community flag contest;
- the Board reviewed the upcoming earth day fair.

**Notes from the Community Planners Meeting of February 26, 2019:**

**Enhanced Infrastructure Benefits Districts** – Ricardo Flores, Executive Director, Local Initiatives Support Corporation presented information about Enhanced Infrastructure Benefits Districts (EIBD), which has been reauthorized by the California Legislature in 2014. The revision updated an existing 1990 law by expanding the types of projects that can be funded by EIBDs and lowering voter approval thresholds. EIBDs can finance traditional public works, such as transportation, transit, parks and libraries, water and sewer facilities, solid waste disposal, and flood control and drainage. Recent development in Otay Mesa is an example of an EIBD. It does not collect additional taxes from property owners, it reallocates were existing taxes go, which could have an affect on the local jurisdiction.

More information is available at the following sites:

<https://www.planetizen.com/node/88347/new-financing-tool-california-enhanced-infrastructure-finance-districts>

**12<sup>th</sup> Update to the Land Development Code** – The CPC’s Ad Hoc subcommittee reviewed 36 items, the results of the review were presented. The CPC approved all the staff’s recommendations with the exception of changes related to when the final CEQA document must be made available for review prior to a public hearing. The staff is recommending 3 days. When asked why three days, the response was that is consistent with the Brown Act. The CPC pulled this item from the motion to approve the 12 Update, then vote to support the remaining items. The CPC voted on a motion not to support the proposal to only require three days to notice a final California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) final document before going to a public hearing. The motion passed with many voting in favor of the motion, but it should be noted that the vote was unanimous.

**Roundtable Discussion** focusing on Mayoral proposals made in the January 15 State of the City address to remove height limits outside the coastal zone and to allow unlimited density in projects which include affordable housing and housing for the homeless. For more information about the proposals in the address, go to:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/mayor/news/releases/mayor-kevin-l-falconers-2019-state-city-address-prepared-remarks>

<https://www.sandiego.gov/mayor/news/releases/mayor-falconer-calls-city-say-%E2%80%98yes%E2%80%99-more-homeless-solutions-new-housing-and-community>

The discussion was very interesting and included some support and a number of concerns. I will distribute the meeting notes next month (when they are provided), so you can review the various comments during this discussion.

Submitted by,

Vicki Touchstone

Note: Minutes from the January CPC Meeting will also be provided with the PB agenda.

## **MAYOR FAULCONER's PROPOSAL for HOUSING from the 2019 State of the City address, Jan. 15, 2019**

### **An excerpt from the Mayor's web page:**

<https://www.sandiego.gov/mayor/news/releases/mayor-faulconer-calls-city-say-%E2%80%98yes%E2%80%99-more-homeless-solutions-new-housing-and-community>

### **Saying 'Yes' to More Housing Solutions**

Mayor Faulconer called for transforming San Diego into a "YIMBY" city that welcomes new housing with a "Yes in my backyard" attitude. With the goal of making homes more affordable, he introduced radical housing reforms that eliminate many of the obstacles that lead to higher costs and delays in construction. Building on early successes from his "Housing SD" plan, this year the Mayor will bring forward policies that will:

- **Create more housing** by removing height limits outside the coastal zone
- **Eliminate barriers to building** by allowing affordable housing and units intended for the homeless to be built "by-right," reducing the number of hearings and appeals that slow things down
- **Lower costs** by eliminating expensive parking requirements for multi-family projects in Transit Priority Areas

### **From the full text. Section on housing:**

<https://www.sandiego.gov/mayor/news/releases/mayor-kevin-l-faulconers-2019-state-city-address-prepared-remarks>

We need to think about homes how we think about water and streets: These aren't "nice-to-haves." They are essentials.

Federal funding helped open more than four thousand affordable housing units in our city in the last five years.

And it's barely made a dent. We still need thirty-five thousand more units to house low-income San Diegans.

It shows government can't build its way out of this crisis.

We need to get government out of the way, so constructing homes becomes easier, less expensive and faster.

We've said "No" to new housing for far too long.

I've made it a priority to reverse this trend through my "Housing SD" plan.

We sped up the permitting process.

We incentivized developers to construct more affordable homes.

We made it easier to build new types of housing like micro units and granny flats.

And we added capacity almost forty thousand new homes in communities throughout the city -- giving property owners the right to build without going through an onerous approval process.

These changes have made an impact. Take the Grantville community, where nearly one thousand new units are under construction or have opened since 2015.

Since I took office, the number of housing permits issued annually has nearly tripled.

The bottom line is that we have significantly streamlined San Diego's development system.

Now, I want to radically overhaul the system itself.

The bureaucracy has been set up to empower anti-housing forces that delay or deny projects at every turn.

Delays come in many forms – frivolous lawsuits; NIMBY opposition; lack of political will.

We need to build more housing near employment centers and transit.

So I'm pleased to announce the next phase of "Housing SD" to remove the anti-housing bias that kills development before it even starts:

For example, height limits outside the coastal zone put a cap on housing – this year I'll propose the Council remove them.

Outdated parking requirements make homes more expensive – this year I'll call on the Council to eliminate them.

Projects intended to house the homeless are subject to countless hearings and appeals – this year I will introduce legislation to allow developers to build without any unnecessary review.

And I will deliver a plan to the Council to authorize unlimited density for developments that include affordable housing and housing for the homeless – the most generous incentive in the state.

Ladies and gentlemen, obstructionists must never again be able to halt the housing that San Diego needs!

These changes represent a complete rethinking about how we deal with housing.

We must change from a city that shouts, "Not in My Backyard," to one that proclaims: "Yes In My Backyard!"

From a city of NIMBYs to a city of YIMBYs!

Together, we're going to transform San Diego into a YIMBY city!

**\*SANDAG Report by Terry Norwood:**

**MARCH 2019**

**San Diego Association of Governments**

Serves as a forum for regional decision-making for the San Diego region.

**MORE HOMES ACT:** I attended a community meeting in North Park to learn about SB50--More Homes Act of 2019 and its effect on transit. Heard from City Council President Georgette Gomez about her vision in working with SANDAG on more housing and transit. Learned that she would like to see transit for the whole city improved but definitely focused on neighborhoods that can offer housing alongside transit hubs.

**REGISTER FOR BIKE TO WORK DAY:**

<https://www.icommutesd.com/bike/biketoworkday2019.aspx>

Registration is now open for the 29th Annual SANDAG Bike to Work Day! Join thousands of commuters throughout the San Diego region as we GO by BIKE on the morning of Thursday, May 16. When you register

for Bike to Work Day, you can roll by one of 100 pit stop locations throughout the San Diego region from 6 – 9 a.m. to pick up a FREE t-shirt\*, snacks, and encouragement. Register by April 14 for a chance to win a \$500 gift certificate to Moment Bicycles!

**TRANSIT ACTION PLAN:** In February, the Board of Directors unanimously approved an action plan to develop a bigger and bolder transportation vision for the Regional Plan that completely transforms the way people and goods move throughout the San Diego region. San Diego rep voted yes. Here is the power point of the Program Update with supporting materials [https://www.sandag.org/uploads/meetingid/meetingid\\_5038\\_25367.pdf](https://www.sandag.org/uploads/meetingid/meetingid_5038_25367.pdf)

**WANTED:** New TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Member

The TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) is seeking a qualified member of the public to fill a vacancy on its seven-member committee in the following category. A licensed architect, civil engineer or traffic engineer with demonstrated experience of ten years or more in the field of transportation and/or urban design in government or the private sector. More detailed information regarding the ITOC and its responsibilities can be found at [sandag.org/itoc](http://sandag.org/itoc). Individuals interested in applying for this ITOC position should contact SANDAG for an application at [ariana.zurnieden@sandag.org](mailto:ariana.zurnieden@sandag.org) or (619) 699-6961 or go to [sandag.org/notices](http://sandag.org/notices).

Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 22, 2019.