

**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
**Annual Report for 2005**  
**February 11, 2006**  
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**Summary:** All Board meetings were held in the Rancho Bernardo Library, Second Floor Community Room. This is somewhat inconvenient due to its being closed on our meeting nights. There are, however, no other suitable rooms available to us in the community due to size and/or insurance concerns. The Board met every month, on the third Thursday at 7:00 PM, except December. Although we have had vacancies occur during the year, we have maintained a full roster with little difficulty due, in part, to an aggressive campaign to get our community centers involved with our activities. The specific issues that have been brought to the board and the actions taken are summarized for each month below.

Our process for public review of issues is one of first meeting with the appropriate standing committee prior to presentation to the full board for action. This process has worked well for us in particular for projects that are complex and/or which involve several community areas. The Development Review Committee meets at 5:30 PM and our Regional Issues Committee meets at 7:00 PM. Both are held at the Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis Club, typically on the first Tuesday of each month (occasionally, due to a need to meet prior to our Administration meeting, held 10 days prior to the Board meeting, these committees meet on the last Tuesday of the month). Our Traffic and Transportation Committee is held jointly with Rancho Bernardo's Community Council on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the San Diego National Bank. In addition to these, we have a Code Compliance Committee; a Publicity and Elections Committee; Liaison Representatives with the San Dieguito River Park, the San Pasqual Valley Planning Board, the Chamber of Commerce, Sandag, and Compact; and we have Board representatives for Industrial, Commercial, and Development interests. Further, we have assigned persons to regularly interact with key groups within each of our seven districts and we have liaison reports relative to the Recreation and Community Councils.

**January 20:** Approved, with conditions, the consideration of moving the Centre for Health Care's corporate offices and outpatient clinic to the industrial park; proposed changes to the draft Council Policy 600-24; and recommended that restrictions on Over Night parking be placed along West Bernardo Court.

**February 17:** Approved a proposed lease of 136 acres of San Pasqual Valley land for organic farming; approved a concept plan for the San Dieguito River Park; approved a proposed lease of the Sike's Adobe to the San Dieguito River Park JPA; and requested that Terra Enterprises consider incorporating a right turn lane from Bernardo Center Drive to Westbound Rancho Bernardo Road when a proposed new building is erected.

**March 17:** Recommended approval of a Neighborhood Use Permit for a Sony recycling center and recommended consideration of four way stop signs at Duenda Road at Azucar; Azucar Way at Matinal Circle; and Poblado Road at Pueblo Vista.

**April 21:** Due to the expiration of the Rancho Bernardo signage district ordinances, the community is concerned about unregulated signage for businesses and other entities. As such, we approved pursuing a concept of establishing a Rancho Bernardo directional

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signage standard in conjunction with the City with a sign overlay project. We further approved a terrain specific sign project for the Bernardo Heights Shopping Center. We also approved an illuminated sign in the Mercado with the stipulation that it would be "off" over night. In an effort to enlist greater community involvement with the Planning Board activities, we established liaisons for each of our seven districts and planned for district leaders to meet with the board on a scheduled basis throughout the year. No Parking restrictions were approved for Paseo Monte Batalla (Vista del Lago entrance).

**May 19:** Several projects related to the San Pasqual Valley were acted upon including: support of a draft Council Policy for implementing the San Pasqual Vision Plan; supporting the proposed amendments to the Land Development Code for the AG-1-1 Zone; supporting proposed amendments, conditions, to the Play relative to a future interpretive center and preservation and interpretation of the Adobe School House. The continuation of a proposed lease to the Cloverdale Stables was also approved. Support for construction of a pedestrian/bike bridge, provided defined conditions are incorporated, was given along with support of a Poway Caltrans Grant application for walking trails.

**June 16:** No significant actions were before the board but we did agree to send a letter to Miramar relative to the AICUZU study and concerns with the current fly over patterns of fixed and rotary wing aircraft from the base. Also, in a further attempt at community outreach, we appointed a Publicity and Election Committee to promote our activities.

**July 20:** We approved, with nine conditions, a proposed project consisting of a parking structure and three buildings on 10 acres purchased from NCR in the Industrial Park. The developer had worked with our Development Review Committee for many months on this project and agreed to all the conditions. We also approved the plans for refurbishing the facade of the Courtyard by Marriott. A stairwell extension, however, is on hold.

**August 18:** After many months of work by the Development Review Committee and of a special committee comprised of two neighbors each from four abutting area and chaired by a former planning board member, a proposed project to remove nine tennis courts and build a 9950 sq. ft. ballroom and a 70 by 30 infinity pool at the Rancho Bernardo Inn was approved with conditions. The conditions, approved by separate vote, were extensive and addressed issues relative to landscaping, parking, traffic, and noise. We also approved installation of 2 hour parking signs on Corte Sabio and installation of four Stop signs on Bernardo Oaks Drive at Francisco Drive and at Bernardo Oaks Court. The parking restrictions were due to High School encroachment into neighborhoods.

**September 15:** Due to concerns with the RB Inn Conditions approved in August, we approved re-wording several of the items to ensure compatibility with the community's expectations. In committee reviews of the draft General Plan up-dates, it was requested that we express our concerns with the accuracy of an Industrial Land map and we agreed to send a letter on this. We likewise sent comments and questions on the ranking of the draft San Diego Facilities Plan. We reluctantly, due to lack of options to do otherwise, approved conversion of the La Terraza Apartments to Condos with the recommendation that on site parking be increased and that full compliance with ADA requirements occur.

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We also approved a three-way Stop signs installation at Camino Ramillette and Calle Estepona and requested that a pedestrian crosswalk be installed as well.

**October 20:** Based on the September discussion of possible erosion of the industrial park into office and other non-industrial uses, we agreed to request initiation of an emergency action to apply the Community Plan Implementation Overlay Zone and to explore other options to ensure controlled usage. In an effort to provide greater awareness and usage of the Rancho Bernardo business areas, we approved support of a Chamber of Commerce “Shop RB” banner program. And, as an attempt to eliminate an eyesore on the corner of Rancho Bernardo Road and Pomerado, we agreed to support a request by Jiffy Lube to be allowed to provide such a service independent of a gasoline station.

**November 17:** There were no reportable actions taken by the Board at this meeting.

**December 15:** Due to the lack of Agenda Items, no meeting was held in December.

**Recap:** The year was very busy with many traffic issues (parking and traffic calming), development concerns (the Rancho Bernardo Inn and the Industrial Park), and regional issues (particularly those related to the San Pasqual Valley). The Board utilizes the Rancho Bernardo News Journal as its primary public notification vehicle and publishes its agenda therein. Committee meetings are noticed in our Agenda and addressed at each Board meeting. Residential and Governmental involvement in our activities has been excellent and valuable to us. In 2006, we are looking forward to up-dates to our Community Plan and will be revising our by-laws to be consistent with new directives.