



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
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May 16, 2024, 7:00pm

Meeting Agenda

InPerson: 7 Oaks Community Center 16789 Bernardo Oaks Dr, San Diego, CA 92128

2024 RB PLANNING BOARD								
P = present			A = absent			ARC = arrived after roll call		
Robin Kaufman		Sara Nucci		Steve Dow		June Smith		
Benjamin Wier		Vicki Touchstone		Hugh Rothman		Sujata Yellaepeddi		
Gary Long		Donald Bertsch		Sonny Googins		Keith Mikas		
Rebecca Rapp		Steve Gallant		Alfredo Ortiz			Total Seated	15
							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 April 2024 Meeting Minutes:
 b. Approve Treasurer's Report:
- ITEM #7 UCSD's Rancho Bernardo Healthcare Center Medical Office Building Project** **Action Item**
Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
 Review the proposed project and environmental analysis presented in the draft MND. Consider approving some or all of the comments prepared by members of the Board in a draft letter that addresses the adequacy and accuracy of the analysis in the draft MND. Draft letter attached.
- ITEM #8 Blueprint San Diego** **Action Item**
 Review the draft Blueprint San Diego document, consider issues raised by the Community Planners Committee (CPC), and discuss possible recommendations to forward to the City Planning Department. For more details, see the attached CPC notes.
- ITEM #9 Grand Jury Report** **Action Item**
 Review the work completed to date by the CPC's Grand Jury Ad Hoc Committee and discuss possible recommendations to forward to the CPC. For more details, see the attached CPC notes.
- ITEM #10 4th of July Parade** **Action Item**
 Discussion and action needed for volunteers to participate in the RB 4th of July Parade.

ITEM #11 Sub-Committee Reports: Information Item
Development Review..... Benjamin Wier
Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone
Traffic & Transportation.....Robin Kaufman

ITEM #12 Liaison Reports: Information Item
Community Council.....Robin Kaufman (Report Attached)*
Community Planners Committee (CPC).....Vicki Touchstone (Report Attached)*
Community Recreation Group (CRG).....Robin Kaufman
SANDAG..... Steve Dow
San Dieguito River ParkVicki Touchstone
San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group.....
Commercial Representative

ITEM #13 OLD BUSINESS ITEM:

ITEM #14 NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Rancho Bernardo Community Council report:

The Board approved to submit a letter for a turkey trot 5K race next month.
The Board approved to support the annual donut fun run on September 15th.
The Board approved a nominating Ad hoc committee for election of officers next month.
The Board approved to participate in the community July 4th parade.
The Board approved the special insurance for the chili cook off/safety fair event October 6, in partnership with the RBCC Foundation.
The Board approved a formation of a bylaws Ad hoc committee to review/make update suggestions. This is done approximately every two years.
The Board approved a letter to the Mayor/City Council regarding the Kettner warehouse homeless proposal.
The Board approved the annual placement of the 'congratulations graduate' lawn signs on the median outside of the RB High School.

San Dieguito River Park - CAC Notes 5-3-24 Via Rebecca Rapp

28 in attendance

Chair's report – Honoring Phil Pryde, founder of River Park, with a signed card appreciating his commitment. Maintaining Long-term relationship between river park and conservancy.

700 acres/10 legal parcels up for sale located along the Guejito Creek, Rancho Guejito people are asking 8 million. The county is interested in the property with efforts to protect wildlife and nature conservation. This is also a mountain lion corridor.

Executive Directors Report- An environmental planner was hired and will start in the next couple of months.

Ribbon cutting will take place along new trails in Sept. and they're looking to purchase an alternative vehicle for rangers.

Asking Supervisor to prioritize SD River Park pathway, and waiting on the engineering report needed to apply for the state grant.

Walkabout International – No one to replace Kathy Carr??

Reach the Beach Status- Coast to Crest trail

The trail ends at Jimmy Durante Blvd. Possible plans to expand under the freeway at Dog Beach. Horses are allowed but Del Mar residents aren't happy. DMCC hasn't taken a position. –Coastal commission concerns..... sensitive wetlands and concerns over allowing equestrian near wetlands. Fair Grounds are building a train station/platform for special events. CAC is in support because they'd like the overflow parking to be converted to wetlands. They want to see fewer cars. (The original reason for horses on the beach was for jockeys to wash them.)

Hodges Dam Replacement – The State Dam Safety report stated an earthquake 7.0 and greater would break the dam. The Dam has the worst rating of all Dams in the state. Consequence report- with the level of the lake at 290, 2,000 potential residents would be affected with 15 potential deaths. With the water level at 280, 600 residents would be affected but no potential death deaths.

The water level is currently at 280- 10 ft. lower than 290, equaling 11 billion gallons of water which would provide water to residents for 2 years.

Consequences of lower water levels range from habitat impact. Birds are dying as well as vacating the area. Water rates going up possibly by 39% purchasing water from the Colorado River because of not being able to access Hodges, limiting our water source needed in a drought situation.

Members of CAC voiced concerns. They stated, they'd like to see a risk-benefit analysis as 11 billion gallons of water have been wasted. There's a higher probability of an asteroid hitting Rancho Bernardo than a 7.0 earthquake. The consequences are greater to have the water level lower as it's more important to have water reserves in a high drought area.

Motion was made for CAC to present to JPA asking the city of SD to do a cost-benefit analysis. The city already has lawsuits against them because of failure to maintain the dam.

Trails Commission- trails survey in June, June 20th. & 23rd. – still looking for volunteers wanting to quantify the number of residents using trails.

Horse Park Trail – closed due to storm damage. Hoping to have it fixed before summer usage- need a contractor to get out there.