



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
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February 15, 2024, 7:00pm

Meeting Minutes

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	P	Sara Nucci	A	Steve Dow	A	June Smith	P		
Benjamin Wier	P	Vicki Touchstone	P	Hugh Rothman	P	Sujata Yellaepeddi	ARC		
Gary Long	P	Donald Bertsch	P	Sonny Googins	P	Keith Mikas	P		
Rebecca Rapp	A	Steve Gallant	P					Total Seated	11
								Total in Attendance	

ITEM #1 **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair will call the meeting to order and take roll call.
 Chair Robin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7pm.

ITEM #2 **Chair Remarks:**
 Robin commented on the posting of our agenda to the City pages and how it takes two separate emails to get the City to post it. Additional comment was there are two areas with two competing CPG’s awaiting to get approval.

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.
 Larry Webb gave a brief presentation on his support for Larry Turner for City Mayor.
 Jin Nadlonek commented on the street conditions around Nacido Ct. and Selma. He has reached to the GET IT DONE and to our Councilmember.
 Kathy Lippett commented on City council meeting issues such as Lake Hodges dam will not be fixed for at least 10 years. Therefore, the City will continue to drain it when the water raises past a certain point, The City is focusing on the homes that got damaged from the floods; There is a push for social equity licensing – 36 new pot shops have been approved by the City. The Mayor is reducing it to 18. Pot shop billboards will be increasing.

ITEM #4 **Government Staff Reports:** **Information Item**
 Various government staff have an opportunity to present updates to the Board.
 Angela Dang, our new junior planner introduced herself. Answered questions on getting our agenda/ minutes posted and what new boards are doing for members. She also advised us to operate our current CPG bylaws and there was some question on how to currently operate.
 Joel Anderson’s representative, Greg Taylor, attended. Handed out report and asked us to complete an information sheet.

ITEM #5 **Modification and Adoption of Agenda:** **Voting Item**
 Benjamin Wier made a motion to approve the agenda. Gary Long seconded. Motion passed 11-0-0

ITEM #13	<u>Liaison Reports:</u>	Information Item
	Community Council.....	Robin Kaufman (Report Attached)*
	Community Planners Committee (CPC).....	Vicki Touchstone (Report Attached)*
	Community Recreation Group (CRG).....	Robin Kaufman (Did not meet)
	SANDAG.....	Steve Dow
	San Dieguito River Park	Vicki Touchstone (Report Attached)*
	San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group.....	
	Commercial Representative	

ITEM #14 OLD BUSINESS ITEM:
 The cell tower at Swim and Tennis is completed. Development Review Committee will review.

ITEM #15 NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Gary Long made a motion to adjourn at 8:26. Steve Dow seconded. Motion passed 11-0-0

The Community Council report: By Robin Kaufman

- the Board approved to hold candidate forums, partnering with the League of Women Voters. Dates to be determined.
- the Board approved requesting no parking of over sized vehicles along Rancho Bernardo Road.
- the Board approved May 4th for the annual chalk it up sidewalk chalk art event.
- the Board approved Vasu Rao as the recipient for the annual hats off to volunteers.

**San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Citizens Advisory Committee
 By Vickie Touchstone**

Meeting Notes – February 2, 2024

Location: San Rafael Parish Pastoral Center, Rooms D & E (The Pastoral Center building is located on the south side of the parking lot) 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo. Meetings are held on the first Friday of the month at 10:30 AM. For more information, go to <https://www.sdrp.org/cac/>.

Chair’s Report – The Chair of the CAC, Chris Khoury, will be presenting a talk on The Allure of the San Dieguito River Valley at the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 11 a.m. at the RB History Museum, located at the Bernardo Winery (13330 Paseo del Verano Norte) in Rancho Bernardo.

Executive Director’s Report – Shawna Anderson announced that the San Dieguito River Park will be scheduling a memorial walk on the Lake Hodges Bridge to commemorate Dave Kreitzer’s contributions to the establishment and success of the San Dieguito River Park. Details regarding a date and time will be provided soon. (Dave, who recently passed away, was also a past member of the Planning Board.)

The SDRP has a new website, that include greater focus on the Park's endowment fund and opportunities for legacy gifts. The interest from the endowment fund pays for long term maintenance of River Park trails and other facilities. The endowment fund was established in the 1990s.

The Horse Park Trail (in the western end of the River Park) is currently closed due to damage from recent storm events. The primary problem is damage to the foundation of a major bridge along the trail.

Rangers are giving a talk on mountain lions at the RB Recreation Center on Feb. 7 and a Volunteer Appreciation Party will be held at Sikes Adobe on May 19 at 2:00 PM.

Public Comment - A request was made to add a discussion regarding the Reach Beach Segment of the Coast to Crest Trail at an upcoming meeting.

Election of Officers – Existing Chair (Chris Khoury) and Vice Chair (Jeff Barnouw) were reelected. Officers can serve for a total of 6 years (3 two-year terms).

Review of CAC Member Roster and Representatives - Each member group represented on the CAC should have an appointed representative and an alternate.

Discussion of CAC Tributes for Long Time Members Jan Fuchs and Phil Pryde -

2023 List of Accomplishments and 2024 Priorities - The 2023 list of accomplishments is posted at <https://www.sdrp.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2-2-24-CAC-Agenda.pdf>. List starts on page 19.

Committee Reports - There are several committees – Interpretation, Trails, and Project Review. Chairs were selected for each committee. Rancho Bernardo will be represented on the Project Review Committee. The Trails Committee will meet on Feb. 13 at noon at the Refuge Office. The committee will be discussing appropriate classes of E-Bikes to be permitted on River Park managed trails. A trails management plan is provided on the River Park website.

Dates for the Project Review Committee and Interpretive Committee to be determined.

Next CAC meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2024.

Meeting Notes Community Planners Committee (CPC) Meeting of January 23, 2024

Provided by: Vicki Touchstone

Non-Agenda Public Comment

Dan Smiechowski, a declared candidate for Mayor, introduced himself. His major focus is switching new city employees to Social Security instead of the existing pension plan, which he stated is bankrupting the City.

Clifford Weiler, former Grand Jury member, spoke about the opportunity to serve on the Grand Jury and work on various issues affecting residents throughout the County. Applications are now being accepted. Nominees selected for grand jury service must commit to serving at least 32 hours, four days per week for the period July 1 through June 30. More information at: <https://sdcourt.ca.gov/sdcourt/jury2/grandjury>.

Approval of Non-Elected CPG Boards

Uptown and La Jolla both had two groups submit for recognition as the official planning group for the community. The CPC members discussed potentially sending a letter recommending the City Council not recognize any CPGs that have not held an election for their members. There was much discussion of how currently non-existing CPGs can be selected if their “members” have not been elected by a vote of the community. They also reminded others anyone in the community can be on the ballot, the “members” described in the application for new groups have not yet gone through an election process. There was much discussion about when such an election should occur.

Marlon noted that the requirement to attend a meeting prior to being elected to a CPG is no longer required.

It was decided that Andrea will draft a letter and it will come back to the CPC next month for approval.

Balboa Park Cultural District Experience Plan

Peter Comiskey of the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership provided an overview of the Experience Plan developed and being implemented for the Balboa Park Cultural District. The Balboa Park Cultural Partnership serves as the collaborative body and collective voice for 29 arts, science, and cultural institutions in Balboa Park. He explained how the Partnership is working to make Balboa Park a greater cultural experience, by taking advantage of current local activities that get limited attention, involving the existing arts, science, and cultural institutions in the park, and expanding cultural programs within public spaces and in existing facilities. They are also working on improving transit within the park, making the experience more accessible for all, and perhaps expanding eating opportunities, including ethnic food options.

Mr. Comiskey would like to provide a more detailed presentation to the City’s CPGs. The website is: <https://bpcp.org/>.

Reports to the CPC

Staff Report – Marlon will be sending out information related to the revised Council Policy 600-24 (approved Sept. 21, 2022). The changes to Council Policy 600-24 have been approved by City Council and are now in effect. The CPC subcommittee is going over 600-24 and will provide recommend text changes to the CPC at the next meeting.

Bylaws will need to be reviewed to ensure consistency with the revised Council Policy. For example, there is no longer a prior attendance requirement for joining the Board. Also, the new required break in service is one year, not two.

Marlon is asking that agendas be provided to the Planning Department 7 days in advance of the scheduled meeting; and agendas must be posted at the library or other public location at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

CPC Member Comments – The Land Development Code Committee will present their comments at the next meeting. The City has not yet completed the final draft text.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned about 7:45 pm.