

RANCHO BERNARDO COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD

Annual Report for 2008

2008 presented many challenges and opportunities for the RBCPB. In the aftermath of the 2007 wildfires, the Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board joined with the local RB United Coalition to assist our residents in their rebuild efforts. Volunteers from the Board worked with the Coalition to help fire victims and assisted local home owner associations in the aftermath. It should be noted that City Staff went above and beyond to aid in this effort.

In our continuing efforts to reach out to the community, the P&E Committee added a survey 'tool' to this year's participation in the community RB Alive Event. A total of 146 surveys were filled out. The two top concerns residents identified were Fire and traffic.

The adoption of the (new) Bylaws Shell continued to be an on going issue. Amendments to the procedures relating to absentee ballots; requiring separate envelopes were adopted, change to the meeting attendance requirement to qualify as a candidate for the planning board..

Accomplishments of note include the Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board's recommendation to the 6th Update of the LDC which resulted in changes as to the permit process as it relates to gas/service stations.

February 21: Representatives from the San Diego County Water Authority presented an informational update on the **Ramona Pipeline Project**. Work on the pipeline located on Rancho Bernardo Road, generally west of Pomerado Road in the eastbound lanes is in the completion stage. The RBCPB voted against allowing a **Conditional Use Permit to allow for religious assembly in the IL-1-2 zone**. Such a use is in conflict with the adopted Rancho Bernardo Community Plan

March 20: Informative discussion on the **General Plan Update**. Traffic issues concerning the possible installation of 'right turn only' signs at the intersections of Grandee Place, Pomerado Court and Pomerado Road referred to the Board from our **Traffic** Committee, along with a request of installation of a traffic signal at one of (these) intersections in the future were returned to the committee for further research and discussion. The **special meeting** to elect the Board officers for 2008/2009 was held:

Chair: Ellen Willis, Vice Chair: Irv Sherman, Corresponding Secretary: Teri Denlinger, Recording Secretary: Fred Gahm, Treasurer: Joe Dirks.

April 17: Discussion on the **General Plan** included an update on the provisions concerning Industrial Land use. Two types: Prime and Non Prime. These provisions will aid the Board in its attempts to preserve our industrial lands in accordance with our adopted community plan. **NextG Networks** presented an overview of the work they will be doing in the community and the Board approved sending a letter to the City regarding **the Land Development Code**.

May 15: An **historical perspective** of Rancho Bernardo was presented by the President of the RB Historical Society. The Publicity & Election Committee of the Board is gearing up for our participation in this year's **RB Alive** community event.

June 19: To respond to the continuing questions concerning the implementation of the **RB Maintenance Assessment District**, a general overview of MAD was presented by the Deputy Director. The Board also voted to approve and submit to the City (suggested) changes to the **6th Update to the Land Development Code**: revise language to require a process 2 Neighborhood Permit in all CC and CR zones as it relates to Automobile Stations and allow individual communities to review (proposed) community signs. The RBCPB participated in the local **RB Alive Event** in a continuing effort to reach out to the community.

July 17: The Board took on the issue of the **Substantial Conformance Review Process**. The adopted revisions of requiring all SCR's to be a process 2 and adding the provision that SCR's will be an appealable item will be submitted to the CPC by the Chair of the RBCPB. To reflect the additional requirements to the annual elections as it concerns '**absentee ballots**' the board voted to expend funds necessary to print (required) envelopes.

August 21: The Board voted to approve the Demolition and Reconstruction of the **Arco Station** on the corner of Rancho Bernardo Road and Bernardo Center Drive. An appreciation of the developers willingness to add the changes suggested (tile roofs,...) was expressed by all. The installation of **wireless antennas on Royne and Canfield Streets by T-Mobile** and the **Refurbishment of the Mercado Shopping Center** were also approved.

September meeting was adjourned

October 16: In accordance with the Injunction issued by the United States District Court, Southern California, the board formally rescinded a document called the **RBCPB Religious Guidelines**. These suggested guidelines were approved in 2007 but since they had no legal enforceability within the City's permit processing process -were never implemented. The RBCPB formally approved the **RB Long Term Sewer Access Project** and discussed the information learned at the Regional Issues Committee as it relates to the **I-15 Sound Barriers**. The Board voted to refer the **Establishing an Awards Committee** (program) ;criteria and protocols to recognize outstanding projects in Rancho Bernardo, to the Development Review Committee. In preparation of the March elections, the Board voted to appoint a representative to the **Tri-Council Election Committee** with direction to include **advisory propositions** of interest to the community in the hopes of generating increased participation.

November 20: In addition to an informational presentation from the city as it relates to (the) **Water Recycling Program** the Traffic Committee updated the Board on the **Cars for Sale** on Rancho Bernardo Road issue.

December 18: In accordance with the San Pasqual Vision Plan, the **San Diego Wild Animal Park** presented their project of adding a **new sign** on the Highway 78 entrance to the park. In addition to an update on the **Awards Program** established by the board, we heard a presentation concerning the new **express bus route to Sorrento Valley** , a summary report of **Sandag's Smart Growth** program and were updated on the **Rancho Bernardo Transit Station Project**. The Board approved the extension of the current CUP for the University of Phoenix/The Bluffs Project and voted to **amend** the **Bylaws** to change the documented attendance requirement for candidates for t he planning board to **one meeting** instead of the current requirement to attend two meetings.