



March 20 , 6:30pm

Meeting Agenda

InPerson: Bernardo Heights Community Center 16150 Bernardo Heights Pkwy San Diego 92128

Please note new address

<u>2025 RB PLANNING BOARD</u>									
P = present		A = absent		ARC = arrived after roll call					
Robin Kaufman		June Smith		Steve Dow		James Nadlonek			
Benjamin Wier		Vicki Touchstone		Rebecca Rapp		Alfredo Ortiz			
Gary Long		Hugh Rothman		Sujata Yellaepeddi					
								Total Seated	11
								Total in Attendance	

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| ITEM #1 | <u>Call to Order/Roll Call:</u> | |
| ITEM #2 | <u>Chair Remarks:</u> | |
| ITEM #3 | <u>Non-agenda public comment (3 minutes per speaker):</u> 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 | <u>Government Staff Reports:</u>
Various government staff have an opportunity to present updates to the Board. | Information Item |
| ITEM #5 | <u>Modification and Adoption of Agenda:</u> | Action Item |
| ITEM #6 | <u>Administrative Items:</u>
a. Approve February 2025 Meeting Minutes:
b. Approve Treasurer's Report: | Action Items |
| ITEM #7 | <u>San Diego County Water Authority's planned Ramona Pipeline Improvements Project</u>
Rebecca Cole, Director – Public Affairs & Community Relations with Adurra, will provide an overview of the San Diego County Water Authority's planned Ramona Pipeline Improvements Project. The project is expected to begin construction in mid-2026 and will occur at 11 locations on Rancho Bernardo Road and Espola Road. | Information Item |
| ITEM #8 | <u>Dish Wireless LLC PRJ-1120671</u>
This is for a new wireless communication facility at the Rancho Bernardo Community Park located at 18448 West Bernardo Dr. San Diego 92127. The project is for the installation of a wireless facility with equipment mounted to a field light pole at the location of an existing field light pole. | Action Item |
| ITEM #9 | <u>Update from Election Committee</u>
Ad-hoc Election Committee will give an update on the current status of the upcoming elections. | Information Item |

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| ITEM #10 | <u>City of San Diego Trash Collection Proposed Fee</u>
Discussion and review of the City's proposed collection fee | Action Item |
| ITEM #11 | <u>RBCPB Annual Report</u>
Discussion and approval of the Annual Report. | Action Item |
| ITEM #12 | <u>Sub-Committee Reports:</u>
Development Review..... Benjamin Wier
Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone
Traffic & Transportation.....Robin Kaufman | Information Item |
| ITEM #13 | <u>Liaison Reports:</u>
Community Council.....Robin Kaufman (Report Attached)*
Community Planners Committee (CPC)..... Vicki Touchstone
Community Recreation Group (CRG).....Robin Kaufman (Report Attached)*
SANDAG..... Steve Dow (Report Attached)
San Dieguito River Park Vicki Touchstone (Report Attached)*
San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group..... Vicki Touchstone
Commercial Representative | Information Item |
| ITEM #14 | <u>OLD BUSINESS ITEM:</u> | |
| ITEM #15 | <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> | |

ADJOURNMENT:

SANDAG Update

(Steve Dow; 2025-03-12)

- March 2025 highlights
 - Survey for Community Climate Priorities:
 - Provide feedback concerning protecting the environment
 - Survey closes on March 26
 - <https://www.sandag.org/projects-and-programs/environment/climate/regional-climate-action-planning?>
 - SANDAG's LOSSAN (Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo) Rail progress:
 - On Feb 28th, SANDAG Board approved move forward into environmental document process
 - See link for alignment alternatives: <https://www.sandag.org/railrealignment?>
 - Hillcrest roadway construction
 - Roadways affected on Normal Street between University Ave and Washington Street
 - Impact will last through 2025
 - <https://www.sandag.org/projects-and-programs/bikeways-and-walkways/bikeway-and-walkway-projects/>

Traffic and Transportation committee: Via Robin Kaufman

-Due to lack of agenda items, this meeting was cancelled.

Community Council: Via Robin Kaufman

-Councilwoman Marni von Wilpert made a surprise guest appearance. She commented on

- the 10 hour meeting earlier in the week where ADUs were discussed;
- the meeting she had with the Chairs/Presidents of the Community/Town Councils as well as Planning Boards in District 5. Each had an opportunity to address concerns in their community.

-she commented on the community meetings to discuss trash costs and that households will be receiving notification from the city on how they can oppose it.

-she discussed projects in the works will continue, but all others are being put on hold.

-she commented on the higher freeze right now throughout the city.

-Gatwood Hills Pump Station presentation took place after the Councilwoman's comments.

- Discussion and vote transpired on a student volunteer appreciation recognition throughout the community.

-Discussion and vote took place regarding possible grant/scholarship for Community Council student members.

-An update was given on the Earth Day Fair scheduled for April 6th, 10 a.m. through 1 p.m.

Community Recreation Group: Via Robin Kaufman

-Due to lack of action items, the March 19th meeting was cancelled.

San Dieguito River Park Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

Notes from the March 7, 2025 CAC Meeting

Discussion/Action:

1. 2. A new property owner was appointed to the CAC.

San Diego LOSSAN Rail Replacement Project: SANDAG has proposed several new potential realignments for the railroad line that currently following the top of the cliffs in Del Mar. More information at: <https://www.sandag.org/projects-and-programs/featured-projects/lossan-corridor-improvements/lossan-rail-realignment>. The additional alignment options were developed after receiving over 1,400 public comments on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) to Prepare an Environmental Impact Report issued in June 2024. A new NOP will be issued in Spring 2025 that addresses the additional alignment alternatives. The JPA will provide additional input at that time. Watershed Explores Program Presentation: JPA staff presented information about the Watershed Explorers outdoor education program. This program provides youth an opportunity to travel and experience the length of the San Dieguito Watershed. The explorers journey includes the headwaters of the San Dieguito River on Volcan Mountain, Lake Hodges, the San Diego Archaeological Center, Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, and the award-winning Birdwing Open Air Classroom at the San Dieguito Lagoon. Each visit focuses on a different theme providing a unique opportunity for participants to experience and learn about the many facets of the watershed from the natural world to its history and cultural significance. The program focuses on youth who do not have opportunities to explore and learn about the natural environment. For some, this program takes them to the beach for the first time. More information is available at: <https://sdrp.org/watershed-explorer-program/>.

Committee Reports:

Updates from the Project Review Committee, Trails Committee and Interpretation Committee were provided. The Project Review Committee is not currently reviewing any projects in the Rancho Bernardo area. The Trails Committee is looking for volunteers to conduct a trail user survey. Survey data will be

utilized by the SDRP staff to quantify the users and activities in the park for grant writing and other purposes. They are looking for volunteers for Thursday, April 3, 1-3 PM (rain date May 1) and Sunday, April 6, 10AM-12PM (rain date May 4). Locations are Volcan Mountain trailhead; Pamo Valley staging area; San Pasqual Valley staging area; Lake Hodges north shore trail at the David Kreitzer bridge; West Bernardo Drive Bernardo Bay Staging Area (Piedras Pintadas trailhead); and the Lagoon Trailhead at San Andres. For more information, email Jennifer Disser at jennifer.disser@gmail.com. There will be a Zoom call for all survey takers a couple days ahead of the survey to get everyone on the same page. The Interpretation Committee is currently reviewing and considering updating of the existing interpretive panels present in the area east of Sikes Adobe along the Coast to Crest Trail.

Information:

Coordination of the Horsepark Trails Repairs project is ongoing with the 22nd Agricultural District, which manages the fairgrounds, as well as with the manager of the Horsepark.

Osuna Trail Segment – Work on this trail continues.

Community Planners Committee

Meeting Notes for the February 25, 2025 Meeting – Not the Official Minutes

Prepared by V. Touchstone for the RB Planning Board

NOTE: CPC Meetings are being broadcast live on zoom by the Normal Heights CPG (<https://normalheightscpg.org/>).

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Peninsula Community Planning Board sent a letter to the City uniformly opposing the abuse of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Density Bonus program, asking the Council and City administration to eliminate the Density Bonus program and align it with State Law. They also sent a letter regarding the need for a formal Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan for the Point Loma Peninsula.

The Pacific Beach CPG discussed their actions to try to stop the Turquoise Tower.

Normal Heights CPG sent a letter of support for limiting the number of ADUs permitted on single family lot. Paul also informed the members of the San Diego Urban Wildfire website (<https://www.sdurbanwildfire.org/>). The site, “Smart Growth Solutions for Wildfire Safety,” states a commitment to ensure community safety while promoting Smart Growth principles by maintaining a focus on wildfire risk and its relationship to urban planning and policy. Scripps Ranch CPG stated that the Mayor agreed to work on changing the Land Development Code to eliminate the zero setback and replace it with the 4-foot setback established for ADUs at the State level.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The January 28, 2024 draft minutes were not distributed, so approval was postponed until the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Ad Hoc Committee to Strengthen CPGs Communications and Community Outreach (Action Item) – Bob Link, Downtown CPG, requested that an Ad Hoc committee be formed to specifically address how CPGs can improve communication and outreach. He gave a ppt presentation, which is attached. The CPC approved the formation of a committee to explore the proposal.

Child and Teen-Friendly Public Spaces Design Manual Effort (Information Item) – Marlon gave the presentation, as City staff was unavailable. The City is currently seeking input regarding policies and design guidelines for public and private efforts to create public spaces to support the needs of children, teens, and their caregivers. Time line includes issuing an Existing Conditions Report in spring, with a public workshop to be held after that. Survey available until March 7. This effort is funded by the County and CalFresh – no City money. More information at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/child-teen-friendly-city>.

Comments from CPC members: identifying and providing safe ways to kids to get to parks is also important; Park and Recreation Board has not heard a presentation on this subject, coordinate with SDSU on recommendations, will the design manual address fixing existing spaces or just discuss new spaces.

REPORTS TO CPC

Staff Report – Revisions to the Street Design Manual have been initiated.

Chair’s Report – Minutes from last month’s meeting will be provided at the next meeting.

CPC Member Comments – The CPC should address the trash fee.