



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
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Monday August 25, 2025 at 6:30pm

Meeting Agenda

In Person: Seven Oaks Community Center 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, CA 92128

Please note new address

| 2025 RB PLANNING BOARD | | | | | | | | | |
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| P = present | | A = absent | | | ARC = arrived after roll call | | | | |
| Robin Kaufman | A | June Smith | P | Steve Dow | P | James Nadlonek | A | | |
| Benjamin Wier | P | Vicki Touchstone | P | Rebecca Rapp | P | | | | |
| Gary Long | P | Hugh Rothman | A | Sujata Yellaepeddi | P | | | | |
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ITEM #1 **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Called to order at 6:32 PM PST by Ben

ITEM #2 **Chair Remarks –** Robin couldn't join the meeting due to a personal mishap

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.

Ceramics home business has been operating in a residential zone for last 40 years. Javier Couple came to the board to share the pollution created by the business at 52329 which is a residential area. They have been reaching out to various council men, city council meetings etc since 2021 and everyone failed them. This area is between District 4 and 5.

ITEM #4 **Government Staff Reports:** **Information Item**

Various government staff have an opportunity to present updates to the Board.
 Alicia, representative from Marni Von Wilpert's office. She will be representing RB from now on. Council women Marni's office is in administrative recess right now. 300-350 parking meters on 6th ave and park avenue near Balboa park. Parking meters for Balboa Park will be coming for discussion in September. Council woman Marni is looking for comments from the public. Water rate changes are coming out on September 30 at 2 PM. PUD (Public Utilities Department) is conducting virtual webinar meeting on September 27 and few other dates(Alicia will email Robin) to answer any questions during the new proposed changes.

ITEM #5 **Administrative Items:** **Action Items**

- a. Approve July 2025 Meeting Minutes: Motion presented by Stev seconded by Vicki 7-0-0
- b. Approve Treasurer's Report: Modified Treasurer Report presented by Gary Motion presented by Gary and seconded by June 7-0-0
 City's budget -\$500, no pending bills exist

ITEM #6 **Request New Community Members to Identified/Seated** **Action Item**

New members are identified and those that have been previously identified can be seated.

ITEM #7 **City of San Diego Proposal to Terminate Land Use Restrictions and Remove Dedicated Open Space from the Fairbanks Ranch area of the San Dieguito River Valley** **Action Item**

Review and consider approval of a letter, drafted by the Regional Issues Committee, to the City Council opposing the precedent setting action of removing a previously applied requirement for dedicated open space

Motion raised by Vicki to send the draft letter presented to the board and seconded by Ben. 7-0-0

ITEM #8 **Mission Bay Park Improvements Program - Draft Implementation Framework** **Action Item**
The Engineering & Capital Projects Department has prepared the Draft Implementation Framework for the Mission Bay Improvement Program. The full plan is available for review <https://webdocs.sandiego.gov/public/draft-mbpip-implementation-framework.pdf>. Mission Bay Park is a regionally important open space, recreation, and park space that supports all residents of San Diego. Proposed letter has been prepared for full Board consideration supporting the proposals in the Draft Implementation Framework.

Vicki raised the motion to approve the proposed letter seconded by Gary 7-0-0
ITEM #9 **City Proposal to Declare Three Properties in Mission Bay Park as “Surplus”** **Action Item**
Mission Bay Park was transferred to the City with restrictions, assuring that most of land would be available for public recreational use. In September, the City Council will consider a proposal to declare three areas in Mission Bay Park as “surplus land” potentially to accommodate residential development. Consider approval of a letter requesting denial of this proposal and retention of all Mission Bay Park lands for public open space, recreation/ park land, and natural wetland habitat. Proposed letter is provided.
Vicki raised a motion to approve the letter recommended by Regional Issues committee seconded by Rebecca 7-0-0.

ITEM #10 **Land Development Code – Environmentally Sensitive Lands** **Action Item**
Consider approval of a letter to Councilmember Marni Von Wilpert inquiring why our request, submitted to the Planning Department on 9/12/2024, to correct language in the Land Development Code related to environmentally sensitive lands (ESL) is not addressed in the current list of changes to the Code. Proposed letter is provided.
Vicki raised a motion to send the proposed letter to council member Von Wilpert seconded by Steve 7-0-0.

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

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

ITEM #13 **OLD BUSINESS ITEM:** The deal fell through as residents stepped up against Lennar. Once the formal letter comes through the adhoc committee will be dissolved.

ITEM #14 **NEW BUSINESS:**

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting raised a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 Pm and Steve seconded the meeting.

- Rancho Bernardo Community Council Report via Robin Kaufman
-Rhonda Ferrar from Friends of Lake Hodges and Paul Bernstein from Raise Lake Hodges gave presentations on the Lake Hodges Dam.
-the annual report was approved
-the annual audit ad hoc committee was appointed
-the annual student member selection ad hoc was appointed

-a vacancy in District E (Seven Oaks/Remington) was filled

-an update was given on the (free) annual safety fair scheduled for Sept. 13, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.. There are 21 information booths, chili cook-off between fire station #33 and Northeastern police department, craft tables for kids as well as face painting, first responder vehicles, fingerprinting for kids, first responder vehicles, raffle items.

SANDAG Report via Steve Dow

- SANDAG - Southeastern Connect – Electric Micro transit Launch
 - Four-year pilot program started on August 12, 2025.
 - Offers free, zero-emission rides in Southeastern San Diego neighborhoods.
 - Uses Via app or hotline. Designed to provide key transportation options to “essential places like supermarkets, hospitals, educational institutions, employment centers, and our transit network”.
 - <https://www.sandag.org/news/news-release-sandag-launches-new-transportation-service-southeastern-san-diego-2025-08-12>
- SANDAG - Del Mar Bluffs Phase 5 Stabilization (for LOSSAN rail corridor)
 - Construction ongoing on the Phase 5 stabilization project at the Del Mar Bluffs.
 - Expected to continue through 2027.
 - Includes support columns and restoring native vegetation to protect coastal bluff integrity.
 - <https://www.sandag.org/projects-and-programs/featured-projects/lossan-corridor-improvements/del-mar-bluffs-stabilization>
- SANDAG - Purple Line Planning
 - Preliminary studies are ongoing for the proposed Purple Line, a proposed commuter rail connecting San Ysidro, National City, SDSU, Kearny Mesa, and UTC areas.
 - SANDAG is seeking community input on possible routes, station locations, and transit modes.
 - <https://www.sandag.org/projects-and-programs/transit/transit-projects/purple-line>
- SANDAG - Affordable Housing via REAP 2.0
 - On July 16, SANDAG and the San Diego Foundation announced \$14 million in REAP 2.0 funding to support 966 affordable housing units across 10 projects, with most expected to open between 2027 and 2030.
 - Includes partial funding of 136 units at Valley Creek Apartments (Escondido) focused on elderly at-risk residents.
 - <https://www.sdfoundation.org/news-events/sdf-news/san-diego-foundation-sandag-announce-14-million-in-state-funding-to-create-nearly-1000-affordable-housing-units-across-san-diego-county/>