



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
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Thursday March 19, 2026 at 6:30pm

Minutes

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

<u>2026 RB PLANNING BOARD</u>									
P = present		A = absent		ARC = arrived after roll call					
Robin Kaufman	P	June Smith	P	Steve Dow	A	James Nadlonek	P		
Benjamin Wier	P	Vicki Touchstone	P	Rebecca Rapp	P				
Gary Long	P	Hugh Rothman	P	Sujata Yellaepeddi	P				
								Total Seated	10
								Total in Attendance	9

ITEM #1 Call to Order/Roll Call:
Meeting commenced at 6:35pm.

ITEM #2 Chair Remarks
No 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.

Becky Rapp attended the economic development and international relations committee and gave a synopsis of the event to the planning board members. There was a discussion about the SEED program (Social Equity and Economic Development), but Becky stated that what it is really about is getting cannabis shops up and running throughout the city. Becky reported that the city has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on studies and reports, that she feels would have been better used elsewhere in the city's budget. The plan, from what Becky was able to determine, is that the city would like to bestow around thirty-six new cannabis shop permits for various locations within the city.

ITEM #4 Government Staff Reports: **Information Item**
Various government staff have an opportunity to present updates to the Board.
Amy Van Winkle, a legislative intern for Supervisor Joel Anderson's office, presented status to what is going on in the office, and handed out a pamphlet to board members and audience members about the status.

ITEM #5 Administrative Items: **Action Items**
a. Approve February 2025 Meeting Minutes:
Ben Wier/Gary Long made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion passed 9-0-0.
b. Approve Treasurer's Report:

\$323.95 in bank. San City City Expense budget for us is at \$403.83. Gary Long/Sujata Yellapaeddi made motion to accept treasurers report as submitted. Motion passed 9-0-0.

ITEM #6 Casa del las Campanas Project Update Information Item

A presentation will be given to update the RBCPB on the status of the project(s) at this facility.

Jim Siefert and Jim Wills gave a presentation on project status. The project was originally to build a parking structure but there was a failure in the core of the structure. So, then the plan was to demolish it, but the city never approved a permit for the demolition. At this time, Casa De Las Campanas employees are supposed to park at the Lifebridge Church parking lot, but that isn't happening consistently.

After much discussion between the various entities, the decision is that the parking garage will remain but it will be cleaned up and then restored to be an employee parking lot. The hope is that the city will not require new permits, but keep things open with the original permits. Meetings will happen shortly. The goal is to have things all done this year. The presenters estimate that it is a 50-50 chance that the project will be complete by the end of the year.

ITEM #7 Voting results from Election Committee: Action Item

Election committee to share the results of the elections. Board to vote to accept the results.

District A: Westwood, Robin Kaufman and Hugh Rothman win uncontested races, one seat vacant

District B: Two seats vacant

District C: Oaks North, Emily Liebscher wins uncontested race, one seat vacant

District D: Swim and Tennis, Two seats vacant

District E: Seven Oaks, Robert Gallo wins election.

District F: Vicki Touchstone, April Warford wins, two seats vacant

District G: High Country West, Becky Rapp wins election

Jim Nadlonek/Sujata Yellaepeddi made a motion to accept the election results as submitted. Motion passed 9-0-0.

ITEM #8 Transit Priority Areas: Information Item

An update was provided regarding the meeting held with representatives from Councilmember Marni von Wilpert's office and Assemblymember Darshana Patel's office addressing the "As the crow flies" measurement.

The meeting took place last Friday, March 13th. Vicki Touchstone, Ben Wier, and Gary Long attended. Vicki Touchstone gave a report.

Andrea Rosenthal from the Assemblymember's office, and Justin Garver and Alicia Gregory from the councilmember's office attended. The three planning board members gave a description regarding the issue. The prevailing opinion held by all meeting attendees is that Rancho Bernardo is unique, and the cookie-cutter half-mile law does not apply well to our situation. Our demographic, and the logistics regarding the location is different. Example: City Heights has what would be considered a more typical setup that is applicable to the current law. However, in Rancho Bernardo, housing across the street from the Vons shopping center, and other future housing, would not apply well since homeowners would not be able to park on the streets, there is no bus route, and the "crows flies" issue is not well served, since it is a 1.3 mile walk much of it uphill, to the transit center, including free flow on ramps to the freeway.

Andrea Rosenthal stated that she will go back and look at the issues that were raised and come back to us on feedback.

ITEM #9 Rancho Bernardo Community Council Honorary Street Naming: Action Item

The community council is celebrating 55 years of supporting our community and needs our vote in support of an honorary street naming for them.

Ben Wier/Gary Long made a motion to add a honorary street naming of Community Council street naming. The Location will be at the southwest corner of Bernardo Center Dr. and Rancho Bernardo Rd. Motion passed 9-0-0.

ITEM #10 Sub-Committee Reports: Information Item

Development Review..... Benjamin Wier

KB homes will present a final presentation on the project near Bernardo Plaza Court. Meeting April 7th, 6pm.

Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone
Traffic & Transportation.....James Nadlonek

ITEM #11 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 #12 OLD BUSINESS ITEM:
None

ITEM #13 NEW BUSINESS:
Emily Liebscher wanted to bring attention to the board about traffic issues in her Oaks North community, particularly that Paseo Del Verano is an approximately 2-mile road with only one stop sign and no pedestrian crosswalks at any location. Also, there are around 25 entrances to side streets or subcommunities and residents are having difficulty getting out of those entrances onto Paseo Del Verano. A recommendation was made to discuss this at a later date at a future Traffic and Transportation subcommittee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion made by June Smith/Jim Nadlonek to adjourn at 7:50pm. Motion passed 9-0-0.

RB Planning Board – SANDAG Update (Steve Dow; 2026-03-06)

- **March 2026 Highlights**
 - o SANDAG’s Regional Transportation Plan
 - 2025 Plan (\$125B over 25 years) has de-scoped since 2021 (\$163B over 30 years)
 - Less focus on rail and more focus on improving rapid bus networks
 - <https://www.kpbs.org/news/quality-of-life/2026/02/09/breaking-down-sandags-125-billion-spending-plan>
 - <https://www.sandag.org/regional-plan>
 - o Unincorporated regions of San Diego County are seeking ability to vote on SANDAG’s Board
 - <https://nationaltoday.com/us/ca/valley-center/news/2026/02/27/unincorporated-san-diego-county-residents-seek-voting-seat-on-sandag-board/>
 - Existing seat is advisory only
 - o Refinancing in revenue bonds expected to save ~\$62 million over the next 22 years
 - <https://www.sandag.org/news/news-release-sandag-saves-the-san-diego-region-61-million-over-the-next-22-years>
 - o Federal Immigration officials may use SANDAG’s Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS)
 - This tool allows local policing agencies to share information
 - Concerns about privacy infringement and potential muting California’s sanctuary laws
 - <https://www.kpbs.org/news/border-immigration/2026/01/12/how-a-sandag-database-might-be-aiding-trumps-deportation-campaign?>

Rancho Bernardo Community Council via Robin Kaufman

- Member Nancy Pryor, chair of the website ad hoc committee, gave a comprehensive update on the process.
- The Board approved paying the \$100 extra insurance the City is requesting for the annual Chalk It Up event being held at the Community Park on May 2nd. This is extra insurance the city is asking for -first time in 16 years.

- The Board approved paying the annual directors and officers liability insurance.
- The Board approved the process for the annual patriotic pet contest.
- An update was given on the Zone Zero presentations the Board is holding on March 21st and April 4th.
- An update was given on the upcoming Earth Day Fair (April 12 at Webb Park). There are presently 22 vendors.
- An update was given on the election process