

## Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board – 16 November 2006

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order @ 7: 04 PM by Jim Denton at Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive.

### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

#### 1. Roll Call by Robin Kaufman:

			P=Present		A=Absent		E=Excused		*=Arrived after RC		
Joe Dirks	P	Richard House	P	Ed Kronenberger	P	Marc Posthumus-	P	Irving Sherman-	E	Tammie Wheatley	P *
Teri Denlinger-	P	Joseph Howland-	P	Martin Lave	P	Myrna Reese -	P	Carol Sliwa-	P	Ellen Willis	P
Jim Denton-	P	Dick Katz-	P	Hydee Luthra	P	Sheryl Schane	P	Vicki Touchstone-	P	John Woods-	P
Marida Elliott - Resigned		Robin Kaufman-	P	Lee Okeson-	P	Leatrice Segel--	P	Dick Walker-	A	Total Seated @RC=	20

**2. Approval of Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed to approve minutes of 21 Sept. '06. (18-0-2). One abstention for being absent and one for not receiving a copy of the minutes because of no access to e-mail. The city should be sending Carol Sliwa a copy.**

**3. Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Jim Denton requested that Joe Dirks, Corresponding Secretary, address the board. Joe stated that a letter was sent to the City outlining the reasons for the Board to appeal the Grace Church. That was sent the last Tuesday.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Jim Denton presented the financial report on behalf of Irving Sherman. As of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 there is \$1,660.82 in the checking account. The expenses for the year starting in January were 400.12 dollars with copy costing being the primary expenditure. There is no income, but the request for a 500 dollar grant to RB Foundation will be awarded to the Planning Board. **Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the Financial Report as presented. (20-0-0).**

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:** Jim Denton briefly described the Hearing that occurred in the morning. He thanked everyone who attended. He mentioned that he would be giving everyone a full report later as this is an item on the Agenda. He attended a Development Services Department's re-engineering meeting, and listened to items such as Ministerial review processes and how they operate. Jim reminded everyone that the October Planning Board meeting was cancelled because there were no pressing items for that month. One item that could have been addressed last month was deferred to this month's Planning Board meeting. Jim mentioned that the Board would be discussing the Rancho Bernardo Vision Plan. The Board received a letter from the City Attorney's office that has to do with the Brown Act which requires: all Legal bodies to meet in strict open meetings, disclosures, minute preparation, etc... He stated that for a number of years Community Planning groups were considered beyond the requirements of that act, but recent evaluation considers this an error. As a result, our current By-Laws are being put on hold awaiting the results of the requirement of the Brown Act. The Chair explained that Irv Sherman, who is not here today, has been attempting to find a new location where the Planning Board meetings can be held. With the assistance of the Manager of the Oaks North Community Center, Irv has pursued the Insurance carrier for the Center to change the requirement that all organizations meeting at the Community Center must have liability insurance which would require a payment of \$700 a year. Working with the representative from Barney & Barney, Linda McGuffin, an appeal was made to the President of the Insurance Company to eliminate the payment. With the intervention of the President, the requirement for the premium payment was waived. With the approval of the Board of Directors of the Oaks North Community Center, beginning February 2007 the Planning Board will be authorized to use that facility for the monthly meetings, if the Board is interested. Jim mentioned that further discussions would be conducted on the subject in the Planning Board's Admin meeting. Jim explained that a Traffic and Transportation Committee's item was overlooked in this month's Agenda, but was actually supposed to be addressed in last month's meeting. As a result, a motion will need to be made to amend the current Agenda items. The Chair communicated to everyone that Marida Elliott, a district E (Seven Oaks and Remington) representative, resigned from the Board and her

position is now open. Jim re-iterated to everyone not to go downstairs as the Library alarms will be triggered. Jim described where the restrooms are and he urged anyone who needs to speak to the Board, to fill out a Speaker's slip.

**Residents' Period:** Jim Denton said that George Cook filled out a Speaker's Slip and would like to speak. George Cooke, President of the Rancho Bernardo Hall of fame, told everyone that nominations for the RB Hall of Fame are now open and due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006. The website is also available and the address is <http://RBHallofFame.org>. He said that nomination forms could be downloaded from the site.

#### **Non-Board Member Liaison Reports:**

1. Planning Department – Brian Schoenfisch: Brian thanked everyone who came to the Grace Church Appeal hearing. He reminded everyone that the next hearing will be on December 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Council Chambers and asked everyone who came to attend it once again. TV 24 ran a profile of Rancho Bernardo and Brian thanked George Cooke for providing aerial pictures of RB. Brian talked about the Brown Act and explained that his department is awaiting the City Attorney's office to provide details on how it will affect the Planning Groups. Those outlines will be provided sometime in December. Brian thanked the Council Member for stepping in and talking to the Mayor's office to get the San Pasqual Land Use Task Force moving again. Brian gave a quick update on the Avenida Venusto site. There was a meeting with the PUSD, the Recreation Department, City staff etc..., and an application for initiation of the plan amendment will be re-submitted. Brian mentioned that Debora Sharp requested to give a presentation to demonstrate some of the options for a park at next month's meeting.
2. Council Member Brian Maienschein's Office – Brian Maienschein. Brian thanked Courtney for her great work with Rancho Bernardo. Brian mentioned that his office is hosting a food drive for the Alpha project. He announced that West Bernardo Dr. has been resurfaced last week. At the Public Safety Committee, a proposal was passed today to prohibit toy guns from being sold in the ice cream trucks.
3. Supervisor Pam Slater's Representative – Jim Gonsalves – Jim talked about the voting for non-smoking on county parks. He spoke about the Energy On and various others items on Slater's newsletter. He stated that the Board of Supervisors voted to give a 50,000 dollar grant to the Historical Society and that there will be a Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday for the RB Foundation.
4. Assemblyman George Plescia's Representative – Andrew Lund - Andrew thanked everyone for their support on re-electing George Plescia on November 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be another Airport Hearing at the Caltran building tomorrow to discuss Legislative priorities for the upcoming year. Prop 1A passed and his office was happy with that. January and February the office will be going over new legislation for this session.
5. San Diego North Chamber of Commerce – Gary Powers mentioned various meetings and events being held by the San Diego North Chamber of Commerce. Gary mentioned that the Henry's opened and it was a great grand-opening. There is a newsletter available with all the details on all events coming up, including events such as the Retail and Business talk being held on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Agenda:**

Jim Denton that the order of the Agenda items will be changed and all Voting Items would be addressed first. **A motion was made to amend the Agenda to talk about and vote on a placing a 4-stop sign at Parrish Rd. and Cresta Ct (20,0,0).**

#### Voting Items:

1. 4-Way Stop Sign at Cresta Ct. and Parish Rd.: Jim Denton asked Dick Katz to provide details on the stop sign issue. Dick provided a brief overview and called on George Cooke to explain further. George explained that with the freeway construction that is going on, all traffic is being diverted to internal streets. Cresta Ct., located in Bernardo Hills (South East corner of Pomerado and Rancho Bernardo Rd), is a residential road and the solution brought forth by the residents was to put an all-way stop sign in that area to help control the traffic. A motion was passed at the Traffic Committee to bring this issue to the Planning Board so that this could be expedited. George mentioned that residents are asking for stop signs to help slow down the traffic. George mentioned that residents were present to

speak to the Board on the need for the signs. A board member asked if this was a permanent or temporary sign as the freeway construction is temporary. Robin Kaufman explained that this would be a permanent sign since this problem has existed for many years. Bob Halter, a resident of Bernardo Hills, stated that there is an increase in traffic from the freeway but according to him, this problem has existed in that area for numerous years. He also mentioned that there currently is a blind curve at the intersection of Parish Rd. and Cresta Ct. making this area very dangerous. Jim mentioned that this issue was discussed at the Traffic Committee and a motion was approved by them. A question was asked on whether this sign would be used for traffic slowing or as a safety measure. George explained that it would be used for both reasons. **Motion was made, seconded and passed to vote in favor of having a 4-way stop sign placed at the corner of Parish Rd. and Cresta Ct. (17-3-0).**

2. Housing Element Draft Letter: Jim explained that a draft letter for the City Planning Housing Element needs to be sent to the City. Vicki Touchstone prepared the letter and Jim requested that she explain the contents of the letter to the Board. Vicki explained that the Regional Issues Committee discussed the Housing Element in their meeting due to the Legislative requirements on how often the Housing Elements need to be updated. Vicki explained that the letter is addressed to the City Council, and the Regional Issues Committee generally supported the goals of the Housing Elements, however, there are concerns on some of the languages, particularly in goal number 3. Goal number 3 states that: "to minimize governmental constraints in the development, improvement and maintenance of housing without compromising quality of government review or the advocacy of consumer protection". Vicki explained that there are some policies and programs that are supporting ministerial review of projects, which means that they would not be coming directly to the Planning Board for review. Vicki read the letter to the board and a **motion was made, seconded and passed to send the Housing Element letter to the City Council. (20,0,0)**
3. District E Seven Oaks Vacancy: Jim Denton communicated that Marida Elliott resigned from the Board and her seat is now available for anyone in District E, Seven Oaks, interested in applying for this seat on the Planning Board. The Chair asked the audience if anyone would be interested in taking that position. There was no interest in the audience, so Jim proceeded to the next items but urged anyone who may know of someone who would be interested in the position, to please encourage them to get involved.

Non-Voting, Informational Items:

1. Grace Church Appeal .: Jim Denton gave a brief update on the appeal. He mentioned that there were 5 presenters from the group. Jim reviewed the format of the hearing, and mentioned that he gave them an overview of the Board's rationale for making the appeal. He provided an explanation to them on how the members of the Board were in a dilemma on what the Board is supposed to do in order to support the Community Plan, since most of the board believes the Community Plan is not in support of this activity in the Industrial Park. Jim mentioned that unfortunately, there was no quorum so the hearing has been extended to December the 7<sup>th</sup>.
2. Rancho Bernardo Vision Plan: Jim explained that Dick Walker and some other members of the RB Planning Board feel that the community does not have control of its destiny. They feel that the way the Planning Board and other boards are set up today, forces them to respond to the City instead of responding mostly to members of the Community. The vision would be to have a group dedicated to help be an advocate of change beyond that of what the City can do for the community. Things such as signage go through a ministerial review process, and the Planning Board never hears about it. As a result, signs get put up that the community does not like and today, the Planning Board cannot pressure the commercial entities that do so. Jim provided Henry's as an example. He mentioned that the Henry's sign is a large and bright sign and no notification was given to the Planning Board mentioning the fact that the sign would be put up. The Planning Board has restrictions on the size, lighting and timing on when such lights can be on. Options are being investigated on how to improve this situation by either creating a steering committee for various groups, insisting that CC&Rs be updated to be consistent with the times, etc... Another example is that many City neighborhoods' rules state that no overnight parking is allowed in certain areas and the City has not helped the Community to enforce that. Jim said that maybe as an option to rectify this, something could be established to say that, in Rancho Bernardo the local Home Owner's Associations decide what is appropriate parking in their neighborhood. Jim opened the topic for discussion and various members voiced their views and opinions on the subject.

### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

1. Joint Traffic & Transportation – Dick Katz – Dick mentioned that there was a forum and various people from various communities in Rancho Bernardo attended. The City, including the Traffic Division, discussed motor homes, speeding and various other items. The Traffic Division mentioned that they were going to look into several issues that were raised in that forum. A Traffic and Transportation meeting will be held on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November.
2. Regional Issues – Vicki Touchstone – Vicki mentioned that the Committee is starting to review the City's General Plan Update and copies for the entire document is available to all members of the Regional Issues Committee for review. The next item that will be reviewed will be the Land Use and the Community Plan Element of the General Plan. The next meeting will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
3. Development Review – John Woods – John mentioned two cell phone people got in touch with the Development Review Committee. There will be a meeting this month.
4. Neighborhood & City Code Compliance – Dick Walker was not present but Ellen Willis spoke on his behalf. Ellen explained that there was going to be restructuring of the Code Compliance Committee as this is the only committee of the Planning Board that is overseen by the specific city department and does not fall under the umbrella of the Brown Act.
5. Publicity/Elections: Ellen Willis: Ellen mentioned that election was the main topic of discussion and the representative in charge of election, Teri Denlinger could provide details. Teri mentioned that getting the word out was the main priority at this point.

### **Liaison Reports:**

1. Development Representative – Marc Posthumus – Marc explained that as a Commercial Broker, he is aware of various projects that are going on in the Industrial Parks. He thought that he would share with the Planning Board every month, some of the projects that are currently going on that have not come before the Planning Board. Currently, a San Francisco developer has started construction of one of their three buildings. They are subject to IP2-1 zoning with 25-75 rule, so 75% of the land use needs to be Industrial, R&D use. Three large buildings are being built across from Hewlett Packard and Broadcom will be occupying 2 of those 3 buildings. Marc mentioned that there will be 500 high paying jobs moving into Rancho Bernardo which is a great thing for the RB community.
2. Industrial Representative – Tammie Wheatley – Tammie mentioned that Sony sold their building to another builder.
3. Commercial Representative – John Woods – John said that the RB Business Association will be coming to talk at next week's meeting about their new concept.
4. Community & Recreation Councils – Robin Kaufman: Robin stated that the Public Safety Committee of the Community Council is working hard on getting the community prepared for emergency situations. The Public Safety Committee will be meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Bernardo Heights Community Center. CERT is an organization that works with FEMA to help our community prepare for emergency response. Robin said that Community Council is trying to get as many people trained on CERT as possible. Details can be found on the Community Council's website. On the Recreation Council, over 6,000 dollars was raised for the Dog Park's maintenance.
5. San Dieguito River Valley Park – Joe Howland: Joe mentioned that the November meeting was cancelled, so no report.
6. CPC – Jim Denton mentioned that the October meeting was cancelled, but there will be a meeting next week that he will be attending.
7. San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group – Ellen Willis mentioned that San Pasqual has a Vision Plan but they are mostly ignored by the City of San Diego. Ellen said that 911
8. 911 calls originating in the valley are currently being directed to Escondido instead of San Diego, a problem in the past that had, for a time been corrected.
9. Compact – Richard House – Richard was unable to attend the last meeting so there is nothing to report.
10. Community HOA Liaisons: Teri Denlinger mentioned that with respect to trees blocking views, she was not able to get in touch with those homeowners again, but she said that East View was not going to be paying for homeowners who belong to other associations' views. She will do a brief re-cap on lawsuit in EastView next time.

**OTHER BUSINESS** – Not applicable.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.