

Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board – 21 December 2006

15721 Bernardo Heights Parkway, Ste B – 230 San Diego, CA 92128

Meeting Minutes Prepared by Joe Dirks

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 7:03 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-	E	Irving Sherman-	P	Tammie Wheatley	A
Teri Denlinger-	E	Joseph Howland-	P	Martin Lave	P	Myrna Reese -	P	Carol Sliwa-	E	Ellen Willis	P
Jim Denton-	P	Dick Katz-	E	Hydee Luthra	E	Sheryl Schane	E	Vicki Touchstone-	E	John Woods-	P
Vacant (Dist.E)		Robin Kaufman-	P	Lee Okeson-	P	Leatrice Segel--	E	Dick Walker-	A	Total Seated @RC=	12

2. Approval of Minutes: **Motion made, seconded and passed to approve minutes of 16 Nov. '06 with one change in Item 2. of "Non-Voting, Informational Items:" where the word "has" was replaced with "had" to read: "The Planning Board had restrictions on"... (12-0-0)**

3. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Jim Denton reminded us that we can access the minutes on line at RBPlanningBoard.com. Joe Dirks thanked Vicki Touchstone for performing his correspondence responsibilities by getting out a letter on Grace Church and also providing a letter to Councilmember Brian Maienschein on the "Installation of All-Way Stop Signs at the Intersection of Cresta Court and Parish Road in Rancho Bernardo" which will be handed to Courtney Smith during this meeting. Jim Denton advised us that he personally sent a letter to the Oaks North Community Association Board of Directors for working with us to find a new location for our meetings.

4. Treasurer's Report: Irving Sherman told us we have \$1,544. in the bank and we have \$500 on the way from the Rancho Bernardo Foundation to bring our total to over \$2,000. Irv also gave us a run down on our expenditures for the past 3 years and told us we average about \$500 per year in expenses. Mr. Denton suggested we send a letter of appreciation to the RB Foundation. **Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. (12-0-0).**

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Jim Denton thanked everyone in attendance. He announced and described the upcoming board elections for our seven residential districts. He encouraged interested candidates to get their application in before the end of January. Jim mentioned that the Board would be indemnified if we follow our bylaws. 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. Jim mentioned that the Admin. Committee would like us to move to the Oaks North Community Facility and we will do so beginning in February. Jim emphasized our need for a vision plan to benefit our built out community. He said he will write a report in January on our years' activity and outline what he sees as key issues for this board in the future. Jim asked for any suggestions or comments to be forwarded to him. He mentioned the deteriorating traffic and signage conditions and said some of the items would be addressed tonight. He placed some emphasis on the need for our Planning Board to be able to work on those items with the assistance of our Vision Plan Group.

Residents' Period: Robin Kaufman spoke as Chair of our Community Council and Vice Chair of this Planning Board and said she has been receiving calls complaining about the neon signs at RB High School.

Non-Board Member Liaison Reports:

1. Planning Department – Brian Schoenfisch: Brian first wished everyone "happy holidays". He told us he has gone through 5 or 6 vision plans that were taken to the City Council for adoption – and provided them to Vicki as examples of what other communities have done and to use in her committee to work

on a vision plan for Rancho Bernardo. Brian told us that the Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the Summit project in the City Council chambers on Jan. 25th. During the holidays Channel 24 will be repeatedly showing the community profiles. The City hopes to identify needed changes by community planning boards to be in compliance with the Brown Act by February. They think it won't be until next October that the bylaws will need to be updated. In answer to a question by Jim Denton, Brian told us that standing sub-committees (those meeting on a regular basis) are subject to the Brown Act.

2. Council Member Brian Maienschein's Office – Courtney Smith. Courtney thanked all those who contributed to the Holiday Food Drive and told us that Rancho Bernardo donated the most food. She told us the speed indicating sign has been installed on Lomica Drive and it is operating and the second one will be installed after the manufacturer catches up with its back orders. She explained that they were working with the Bernardo Heights Association to address the street racing problem. Courtney also said they were working with Code Compliance on issues with Jiffy Lube, and there will be 40' of red curbing on Pomerado Road and 30' on Rancho Bernardo Road – both by next month. In response to a question from Jim Denton, Courtney explained that speed bumps/humps, while being an effective traffic calming device, also impede the response time of emergency vehicles.
3. Supervisor Pam Slater's Representative – Jim Gonsalves – Jim was not able to be present to provide a report.
4. Assemblyman George Plescia's Representative – Andrew Lund - Andrew also could not be present to provide a report.
5. San Diego North Chamber of Commerce – Gary Powers – Gary provided an updated newsletter (SDNCC Business Edge) and remarked that the Happy Holidays banners are up to encourage local shopping. January 17th will be the next After 5 Mixer at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo from 5:30 to 7:30PM, and on January 24th will be the next Roundtable at 7:30 in the Bernardo Heights Country Club. Gary described the contributions to education the Chamber has made and the upcoming events to continue supporting education.

Agenda: Voting Items:

1. District E – Seven Oaks Vacancy: Jim Denton asked for those interested in filling the vacant seat representing both Seven Oaks and Remington Club to step forward. Mr. Bill Renstrom had submitted a speaker slip and he presented himself with his past experience and current interest in community affairs and planning. Jim explained that the currently vacant seat does expire soon and it would be necessary to run in the March election to retain the seat. Bill was agreeable to that and **a motion was made, seconded and passed to seat Mr. Renstrom as a District E representative (12-0-0).**
2. Letter approval for pavement treatment at Calle Tamega and Paseo Lucido. Installation of bike lanes on Paseo Lucido. Signal modification at BH Pkwy and Paseo Lucido: Robin Kaufman introduced Tom Reid who essentially did all of the research on this item. Tom said he was interested in traffic calming on Paseo Lucido. Jim Denton described for the audience just where Paseo Lucido is located. Tom said the proposal that was made to the traffic committee had three parts: (1) Increase the left turn lanes from one to two onto BH Pkwy and install a directional sign to tell people how to get to Route 15 (2) Install a chicane – by installing a bicycle lanes to make the road look narrower. (3) Install stamped concrete crosswalk at Calle Tamega. **A motion was made and seconded to send a letter to City traffic engineering asking them to determine how and to take action to divert Northbound traffic from Lucido onto the Bernardo Heights Parkway incorporating, as appropriate, the suggestions made with the specific intent of traffic calming on Paseo Lucido.** Joe Livo spoke in opposition to the bicycle lanes telling us that it would eliminate needed parking spaces for vehicles that can not be accommodated in adjacent communities. He also asked for restrictive signage to inhibit high school parking on Paseo Lucido. Jim Denton told Joe Livo that we were not addressing parking now, but were addressing traffic calming. Jim said that parking issues could be brought to our traffic committee. Robin Kaufman remarked that the bike lanes were already in our community plan for Paseo Lucido. Lee Okeson said there were communities along Paseo Lucido that do not have sufficient guest parking and now use Paseo Lucido for that purpose and he asked if there were traffic calming funds available. Courtney Smith indicated that obtaining the funds for traffic calming would probably not be a problem. Richard House asked if the community was not willing to pay for the traffic calming, Jim Denton responded that the community would be asked if the City decided it does not have the necessary funds. The vote was taken and the motion **passed (13-0-0).**

3. Grace Church update and appointment of review committee: Jim Denton provided some background on the process that has resulted in the CUP approval and has left us with a dilemma if and when we are faced with a similar issue. To address that question, Jim suggested we appoint an ad hoc committee. Lee Okeson agreed to lead the committee and John Woods, Bill Renstrom and Irv Sherman offered to serve on it.
4. Jiffy Lube ~ CUP compliance: Jim Denton provided background on how we got where we are now. He explained how our supporting letter for the applicant was based on the representations that were made to us. Jim said he contacted Mr. Rich Belzer who also provided us with background on Jiffy Lube. Rich described some of the things that were supposed to have occurred in order to get this board's unanimous support. After approval from the City for Jiffy Lube, Swim & Tennis asked to be a named insured on Jiffy Lube's policy – just as they are a named insured on the Presbyterian Church's policy. Jiffy Lube did not put Swim & Tennis on its policy and unfortunately representations made to the community have not been kept. Rich is looking for Jiffy Lube to keep its promises to the community. Rich suggested we ask Brian Maienschein's office to get involved in seeking a solution. Brian Schoenfisch had gone over the file and it appears the agreement was a three party agreement and the City was not a part of that agreement. Brian did notice that the opening to the church parking lot is on the plans. Brian suggested that we may want to bring the parties back together to seek a resolution. Courtney Smith said the City did a substantial performance review, but that did not encompass the private party agreements. *Greg Seckington* (Business Administrator of the RB Presbyterian Church) said they did meet with Jiffy Lube and Swim & Tennis in April and they came to an impasse on the opening in the wall over the insurance issue. He explained the problems they were having with having enough parking. Greg said he got a call from Jiffy Lube indicating that they did want to work with the Church on the parking issue and they would be willing to open later on Sundays as originally planned. John Woods asked if Jiffy Lube was operating under a CUP with an expiration date, and Brian Schoenfisch said he'd find out. Lee said he did not think there was an expiration date and told us some of the other issues that have been developed. Martin Lave pointed out that this board did not have jurisdiction and so only sent a letter indicating no objection to Jiffy Lube. Discussion continued and many board members felt bad that the Jiffy Lube problem exists. **A motion was made and seconded to send a letter to Jiffy Lube reminding them of the promises they made to this board.** Lee raised the question as to whether that letter was in accordance with our bylaws and if our indemnity might thus be voided. Brian Schoenfisch opined that the private agreement may be outside the scope of this board. After further discussion, the **motion was withdrawn** with an intent to revisit the issue in a couple of months.
5. Henry's signage issue: Lee Okeson asked about the signage permits. Gary Powers said he had a thick file on this issue and it appears that the signage is legal. A suggestion was made that we start setting up a special signing district for RB. Gary suggested that Henry's be asked to put a timer on the sign that faces the residences to shut it off at 10PM, and he agreed to do the asking.

Agenda: Information Items:

1. Avenida Venusto PUSD Property~Deborah Sharpe: Deborah (City, Park & Recreation Dept.) wanted to advise us on the City's efforts to look into the site for use as a park and to get the board to go on record as for, or against, the use of the site as a park and to forward that to the Planning Commission. She said that the community is deficient in population based parks according to the general plan recommendations. She said that the only source of funds would be a property assessment of some type. Since the property is not for sale, the City is looking at the issue to see if they can advise us on how we may proceed. Brian Schoenfisch went over what our Community Plan stated for this site – and said there would need to be a Planning Commission hearing to initiate an amendment to our Community Plan, and this board would have an opportunity to vote on whether, or not, to support an amendment to our Community Plan. Brian also went over the detailed studies that would need to be made and told us of some probable time frames and said the final decision would be with the City Council. John Woods suggested that he work with Brian, Vicky and others to develop a flow chart to guide us in this process. Deborah did suggest that we circulate a survey to determine what the response would be if we did pursue a community facility district. To set one up, it would take about two years before we could start selling bonds. Robin Kaufman told us that the Recreation Council has taken a position in favor of acquiring this land for a park because we are short 34 acres in this community and that is the last piece

of such land available in Rancho Bernardo. She also told us the attendees were very much in favor of making a park assessment district. *Nick Muller* (representing Palazzo Bernardo Home Owners Association) said that their concern is that the contemplated development has no plans for traffic flow, congestion and parking. He asked at what time we can take action. Jim Denton reminded all that before any amendment to the Community Plan can go forward – all those studies will need to be done.

Jim Denton told us that the Community Planners' Committee last month met and went over the draft General Plan and discussed the Brown Act and the responsibilities of community planning groups. Today, at the steering committee for the DSD there were encouraging words for the CPGs as they are looking for them to become more consistent in their approach and to work more efficiently.

Robin Kaufman told us that tree recycling will again be done at the Community Park this year. Robin also provided basic information on the CERT program and its importance to our community.

To enable us all to begin celebrating the holiday season – the meeting was adjourned at 9:31PM.