

Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board

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REGIONAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING

September 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm - Swim & Tennis Club, 16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive

- 1. Call to Order:** Vicki Touchstone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- 2. Roll Call:** Subcommittee members in attendance: Vicki Touchstone, Robin Kaufman, Mike Lutz, John Kowalski, George Leitner. Subcommittee members not in attendance: Roberta Mikles, Matt Stockton. Guests: Richard House, Joe Dirks.
- 3. Public Comment:** Joe Dirks commented upon a recent article in the local paper pertaining to the sale of the Water Tower Property in Bernardo Heights owned by the Poway Unified School District (PUSD). The article contained comments from Dr. Collins, stating “To date we have had a number of good meetings with some of the leaders from the Bernardo Heights Association and the Rancho Bernardo Planning Committee.” Joe wanted to know which Planning Group members have been having dialogue with PUSD. Richard House commented he was unaware of such communications with Dr. Collins.
- 4. Approval of July Minutes:** Motion made Robin Kaufman/Mike Lutz to approve July minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Chair Remarks:** None.
- 6. Old Business:**

Public Facilities Financing Plan Update

The Committee discussed the latest version of the draft Public Facilities Financing Plan Update, dated August 9, 2013. This version addresses the comments provided to Oscar Galvez of the City’s Development Services Department at the July 9 meeting.

The following motion, made Vicki Touchstone/George Leitner, was approved by the Committee – Recommend to the full Board that a letter be sent to the City indicating approval of the Rancho Bernardo Public Facilities Financing Plan Update provided the following edits are made to the document: a) the participants page be revised to show the new Community Planner for Rancho Bernardo and to remove Peter Tereshuck from the list of Board members as he is no longer serving on the Board; b) the Planning Board’s project priority list be replaced with a revised list that deletes two sidewalk projects (the Rancho Bernardo Road sidewalk project, which has been completed, and

the Bernardo Center Drive sidewalk project, which is included in the City's 2014 CIP budget); and c) language acknowledging the parkland deficit within the community be added to the text. Motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business:

Capital Improvements Projects Recommendations

Vicki Touchstone described this year's CIP project process, indicating that our projects must be submitted to the CPC by September 24. At the training session held on this matter on August 27, we learned that of the many projects submitted last year, only 12 were funded and two of those projects were on the RB Planning Board's list (Rancho Bernardo Road sidewalk installation and Bernardo Center Drive sidewalk installation). Community Groups have been asked to prioritize projects by funding source rather than providing a list of multiple funding source projects.

As part of the public discussion on this matter, Joe Dirks raised concerns regarding the lack of a prioritized list of all projects. The Committee discussed this and determined that because of the way in which the proposed projects are submitted to the City, via excel spreadsheet, prioritizing all the projects in one list was not necessary, since they would be prioritized under a specific funding category (i.e., parks, public utilities, traffic).

The following priorities were approved by the Committee to present to the full board:

Motion made by Vicki Touchstone/Mike Lutz to have the extension of the reclaimed water lines as a priority under public utilities as a separate entity. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Robin Kaufman/John Kowalski to have the expansion of the library as a priority under library category. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by John Kowalski/Mike Lutz to have the construction of a second fire station in Rancho Bernardo as a priority under Public Safety. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Robin Kaufman/George Leitner for the following Park and Recreation as priorities:

- Priority 1 - Lighting of Community Park Fields 2 and 4
 - Priority 2 - Parkland acquisition of approximately 11 acres
 - Priority 3 - Installation of artificial turf for Community Park Fields 3 and 4
- Motion passed 4-1 (Vicki Touchstone).

Motion made by Robin Kaufman/Mike Lutz for the following transportation projects priorities:

- Priority 1 - Bernardo Center Dr. Widening (Cloudcrest Dr. to West Bernardo Dr.)

Priority 2 - Install Storm Drain in Pomerado Road
Priority 3 - Escala Dr. Sidewalk Installation (East side of Escala Dr. between Devereux Road and Voison Court)
Priority 4 - Bernardo Oaks Signal Improvement
Priority 5 - West Bernardo Dr. Improvements (Adanza Way to I-15)
Priority 6 - West Bernardo Dr. Spot Improvements (I-15 south to Aguamiel Road)
Priority 7 - Bernardo Center Drive at I-15 Ramp Improvements
Priority 8 - Rancho Bernardo Road Widening (I-15 East to Bernardo Center Dr.)
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mike Lutz/Vicki Touchstone to list Rancho Bernardo Transit Stop Improvements as an “other category”. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Vicki Touchstone/George Leitner to send a letter of gratitude to Councilman Kersey and others for supporting the community input CIP process. Vicki volunteered to draft the letter. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Updates:

San Pasqual Planning Board Update

John Kowalski reported that the City’s Water Utilities Department discussed the proposal to pump treated sewer water to San Vicente Reservoir. Issues discussed included energy costs to move the water from the treatment plant to the reservoir.

San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority Update

John Kowalski reported that getting electricity to power the lights on the Lake Hodges walking bridge has finally been resolved. Once the City of San Diego signs off on it, the project will move forward with completion expected by December, 2013. He also stated that there is some uncertainty as to whether the City of San Diego, which is a member of the Joint Powers Authority, will reinitiate the practice of providing their share of funding to the JPA to assist with park maintenance and management.

9. Adjourn:

Motion made Mike Lutz/George Leitner to adjourn at 8:34 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Kaufman