

**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
**Annual Report for 2007**  
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2007 Year End Report

**Summary:** In February the location of our monthly board meetings moved from the RB Library to the Oaks North Community Center. With the exception of July, the RBCPB held monthly meetings on every third Thursday of the month . All meetings began at 7 PM and adjourned at approximately 9 pm.

With the assistance of the local press and the efforts of our Publicity & Election Committee open seats occurring due to resignations through out the year were filled within the required time lines dictated by our Bylaws. In addition to the Publicity & Election Committee, the Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board also has active Development & Review, Regional Issues and Traffic Committees. The Administrative Committee, consisting of all board officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer) and committee Chairs met 10 days prior to the regularly scheduled board meetings to set the agenda. With no agenda items for the month of July- this monthly meeting was cancelled.

The updating of our Bylaws to incorporate the provisions of the Brown Act was a discussion item occurring over several months. Of major concern was to make sure that our Bylaws would include the historical cooperation between the Rancho Bernardo Community Council and the Planning Board on the Traffic Committee. This was accomplished by requesting a deviation to the Bylaws. At this writing the approved Bylaws by the RB Planning Board are still pending City Council Action.

**January 18:** Jim Waring, COO for Land Use and Economic Development addressed the group on issues including: uniform Bylaws, the Brown Act, the RFQ for a new civic center and sales of surplus city properties There was also an information item related to the Ramona pipeline project which is the primary source of drinking water for Rancho Bernardo, presented by the San Diego Water Authority. The (upgrade/repair) project will begin in May and will take about one year to complete. With no differences or changes to the CUP for the Casa de las Companas Cell Tower, the Board approved the renewal of the CUP unanimously.

**February 15:** The monthly meeting was held at our new location –Oaks North Community Center. Given the fact that the update of our community plan is,

perhaps, years away, the concept of a **Vision Plan** for Rancho Bernardo was introduced. Voting items included the approval of a **cell tower at Oaks North** and the conversion of the **Deerwood Apartments to Condominiums**. The motion to approve the vesting tentative map NO. 352695 provided the building restricted easement on the undeveloped land along the western portion of the site is not vacated, that bike lanes be added per the community plan, that the sound wall by Camino del Norte be investigated and that traffic engineering look at the traffic issues in that area. To assist the membership in the Bylaws updating process representatives attended the Brown Act workshop offered by the city.

**March 15:** Guest speaker, Eric Bow, Director of Facilities for BAE , described the company and explained that it has been part of the Rancho Bernardo industry community since 1982. In 2003, the company invested money in the neighborhood to improve the facilities. Not yet in receipt of the final draft of the **RB Facility Finance Plan**-the Regional Issues Committee had no recommendations or comments at this time. Comments related to the City of **San Diego Flood Mitigation Plan** and the **draft General Plan** were also referred to the Regional Issues Committee for discussion. Due to funding issues the **Lake Hodges Pedestrian Bicycle Bridge** project will be divided into two phases. To make up for the rising costs we have been advised by the JPA that cheaper materials may be used in the construction. After three tie votes to elect a board chair, the membership agreed to appoint an Interim Chair and defer the elections until the next board meeting.

**April 19:** Concern that there are projects being developed in Rancho Bernardo without being reviewed by the RBCPB prompted comments over concern as to the Substantial Conformance Review Process which was referred to the DRC for future discussion. **Vistas Mitigation:** The Chair of the DRC informed the board that this project was approved with conditions, including a condition to widen West Bernardo Drive. However, to meet this condition the city must first purchase sensitive land elsewhere to replace the sensitive land used to widen the road. After a presentation on parliamentary procedures and requirements of the Brown Act, a new Chair of the Board was elected on a 12-4 vote. The Industrial Representative and the two open (elected) board seats were filled.

**May 17:** The position of Recording Secretary was filled along with the appointment of a District G representative. A liaison for COMPAC/SANDAG was also confirmed. The Board unanimously approved expenses associated with the RBCPB's participation in the 2007 RB Alive! community event. **RB Draft Public Facilities Financing Plan:** Comments and recommendations presented by the Chair of the Regional Issues Committee were discussed and approved to be sent to the City. Of major concern was the deletion of the abandoned **Venusto** school site neighborhood park. This project was subsequently added back into the document.

**June 21:** An update on two water related projects was presented: **Ramona Pipeline Cathodic Protection Project, Rancho Bernardo Reservoir**. The Sony Corporation gave a presentation about their plans for expansion and the board approved the appointment of a liaison to the MCAS Miramar Community Leaders Forum. At the request of the City Traffic Engineering & Transportation Dept, the board appointed a liaison to the **Bernardo Hills Traffic Calming Project**. This is a pilot program that helps neighborhoods address specific traffic concerns in their area .An enthusiastic group of members volunteered to support our informational booth at this years **RB ALIVE!** festival. It was an amazing success. There was an exhibit of before/after photos of the area and residents able to identify their voting District won pencils engraved with our web site information. The Board approved the **San Rafael Catholic Church** expansion **CUP** with the following conditions:

- limit use of new building to Church-related activity
- no general use to outsiders (rental, etc)
- lighting be controlled so as to not be offensive to nearby residents
- any substantial/significant changes would require review and new vote

**August 16:** Dr. Timothy C Bertch gave a power point presentation supporting the Metropolitan Wastewater Department(MWWD) request for a 5 year waiver before any upgrades to the Pt. Loma treatment center should be considered. The cost of the next level of quality (upgrade) would result in a 2/3 increase in cost to the average residential unit. The board voted to approve the **Old Black Mountain Road Vacation** based on the lack of need for the public right-of-way easement on Old Black Mountain Road. The process of updating the Bylaws continued with motions and discussions.

**September 20:** The District C and District F open seats were filled by appointment. The Neighborhood Use Permit to conduct a one person accounting business (**Perna Home Occupation**) was approved. The request to approve the expenditure of Maintenance Assessment (**MAD**) funds for a signage concept was denied. Issues included the placement and compatibility with other signs in the RB area and concern that this 'project' may be a duplication of efforts given that the North County Chamber of Commerce has/was also working on a similar project.

**October 18:** The **Bernardo Hills Traffic Calming Project** was approved. The **Bylaws** (shell Document) was approved with amendments and will be submitted to the City for review/action. Board review and recommendations on the **Regional Transportation Plan** and the **San Diego General (Draft) Plan** were submitted to the city.

**November 15:** The Mayor's request for a waiver on updating the **Point Loma Sewage Treatment Facility** was approved as were some amendments to the **(draft) General Plan Update**. In response to the October wildfires, a special meeting of the Regional Issues Committee was held and a series of action items to assist the community in aftermath were discussed and approved by the board.

**December 20:** Guest speaker, William (Bill) Anderson, Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Land Use & Economic Development for the City of San Diego discussed the General Plan Update, The RB Community Plan and visions for the future. The status of issues related to the aftermath of the October wildfires was also a point of discussion . The Board, committed to assisting our sister planning group in **San Pasqual**, voted unanimously to support the request of the Leaseholders to the City/Real Estates Asset Dept. to work with the **Leaseholders to extend/amend individual leases**.

**2008 Issues:** Cell Towers in residential areas: After the fires last year, with only their mailboxes left standing, many residents received notices of applications for **Cell Towers** to go in their neighborhoods. When theses CUP's come through the Board-much opposition is anticipated. The vacant school site on **Venusto** will continue to be an 'open issue'. Efforts to require the PUSD to maintain the vacant land to current Code Compliant standards will continue. Given the fact that the Rancho Bernardo Community is deficient in park land (**RB Facilities Financing Plan**), question and concerns remain as to why the land given to the PUSD for the purpose of providing educational opportunities to the community (Grant Deed dated 9/11/89) via a Planned Development Permit, can be used by the School District for non education purposes. The continuing protection of our **Industrial Land** Areas will also be a major effort by the Board.