

Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board

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Planning Board Accomplishments April 2014 – March 2015

Introduction

The Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board successfully completed a range of actions this year thanks to exceptional participation by all members. Major accomplishments include developing goals to guide the Board over the next few years, drafting revised bylaws for approval by City staff, expanding our public outreach through improvements to the Planning Board website, and providing the Mayor, City Council, and City staff with a range of recommendations regarding development proposals, community traffic and transportation issues, and regional issues that have the potential to impact the Rancho Bernardo Community. Specific accomplishments are presented below.

Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board Goals (2014 – 2015)

In August 2012, the Planning Board approved the following goals for the Planning Board:

1. To reestablish community confidence in the Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board and demonstrate the Planning Board's focus on achieving the goals and vision for the Rancho Bernardo community as set forth in the Rancho Bernardo Community Plan.
2. To initiate a comprehensive update of the Rancho Bernardo Community Plan that will ensure the preservation of the initial vision for the Rancho Bernardo Community as an outstanding livable and business community.
3. To adopt and submit to the City for approval updated Board Bylaws including new voting procedures which are consistent with City ordinances and policies.
4. To initiate outreach programs to homeowners associations and the business community to identify areas where our Community Planning Board can best cooperate and assist in addressing their respective needs and goals.
5. To initiate a concentrated effort to recruit and appoint new members to fill all currently vacant Board seats.
6. To update the Board's web site.

Traffic and Transportation Issues

A range of actions were taken to improve traffic circulation within Rancho Bernardo.

- **Street Striping on Pomerado Road for Speed Control:** The Board requested the City to evaluate the potential for traffic calming actions on Pomerado Road, specifically adding striping along the curbs, as has been done elsewhere in the community, to provide a more narrowing appearance to the street that could result in reduce speeds within the travel lanes.

- **Speed Change Studies:** The Board sent a letter to the City requesting that for better continuity, they review larger portions of long thoroughfares in the community when assessing proposed speed limit changes.
- **Responses to the City's Proposed Speed Limit Increases:**
 - Oppose an increase from 35 mph to 45 mph on West Bernardo Drive in both directions, between Aguameil and Interstate 15 (I-15).
 - Oppose an increase from 40 mph to 45 mph on the south bound portion of West Bernardo Drive between Duenda Road and Rancho Bernardo Road (the north bound portion of this segment would remain at 40 mph).
 - Recommend that the speed limit of 45 mph on Pomerado Road between Escala Drive and Highland Valley Road, both north and south bound, and the speed limit of 40 mph on Pomerado Road between Highland Valley Road and the I-15 entrance, both north and south bound, remain as presently designated because an increase in the speed limit would negatively impact residents ability to safely enter/exit Pomerado Road where there are currently no traffic signals, especially during the peak traffic hours in the a.m. and p.m.
 - Recommend the installation of stop signs at the intersections of Lomica Drive and Rodada Drive and Lomica Drive and Hispano Drives.

Recommendations on Development Proposals

- **T-Mobile – Bernardo Heights:** The Board successfully argued before the Planning Commission that T-Mobile should not be permitted to construct a cellular facility on a street light along Avenida Venusto.
- **T-Mobile Rancho Bernardo Country Club:** The Board recommended approval of updates to an existing faux palm tree cellular facility with conditions.
- **Verizon Carmel Highlands Cellular Facility:** The Board recommended approval of a new faux eucalyptus cellular facility near the southeast corner of I-15 and Camino del Norte.
- **Request to Initiate an Amendment to the RB Community Plan and San Diego General Plan by Americare Health and Retirement:** The Board recommended initiation of an amendment to the Rancho Bernardo Community Plan and San Diego General Plan, provided thoughts regarding the three initiation criteria, and presented issues that should be addressed by City staff as part of their analysis of the project application.

Regional Issues

- **San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park:** Requested that the Mayor and City Council reinstate the City's financial support for the River Park.
- **600-24 City Council Revisions:** Provided City staff with comments regarding language included in the proposed revisions.
- **Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program:** Provided comments to SANDAG regarding the range of transportation projects included within the draft 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).
- **Urban Forest Management Plan for the City of San Diego:** Provided some minor comments regarding the content of the plan for City staff's consideration and recommended approval of the Urban Forest Management Plan.

- **Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the draft Climate Action Plan:** Provided input to City staff regarding issues that should be address in the draft EIR.
- **Proposed 9th Update to the City of San Diego Land Development Code:** Reviewed the proposed changes and provided comments to City staff related to issues that could affect residents in Rancho Bernardo.
- **Charging Stations for Electric Vehicles:** Approved a proposal by the City to install charging stations for electric vehicles in the Community Park.

Elections

The 2014 Election Committee reviewed issues raised following the 2014 elections and provided recommendations for improving the election process in 2015. Following those recommendations, the 2015 Election Committee implemented a success election process with a number of new candidates from various districts. The Committee continues to work to identify interested individual to fill all remaining vacant seats.

Bylaw Revisions

A bylaws committee was formed to review the current bylaws, making revisions per the newly adopted Council Policy 600-24 and updating election procedures. The Committee worked with City staff to resolve issues and presented a final version to the Board at the March 2015 meeting for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

Zoning Maps

Problems with the current City zoning maps for Rancho Bernardo were identified during review of the 9th Land Development Code Update. The Planning Board will work with City staff to resolve these issues.

Contribution to Swim and Tennis Club

The Planning Board donated \$50 to the Swim and Tennis Club for allowing us to use their facilities for Planning Board related meetings. Several Board members also contributed additional funds toward this effort.

Public Outreach

- **Website Update:** Through the efforts of Scott Hall and Sherry Guthrie, the Planning Board's website was updated to enhance the Board's public outreach efforts.
- **RBAlive:** The Planning Board staffed a booth at RB Alive and provided the public with information about what the Board does and how they could get involved.
- **Hats Off:** The Planning Board will recognize Sherry Guthrie at Hats Off 2015 for her contributions to the Board in 2014.
- **Media Contacts:** The Board successfully filled several vacancies as a result of public outreach efforts with the media, as well as individual outreach by Board members.

Respectfully submitted by,

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