

**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
**Development Review Committee, Regional Issues Committee,**  
**Traffic and Transportation Committee**  
**What We Do**

**Development Review Committee:** The purpose of the Development Review Committee is to review discretionary projects (projects that are granted at the discretion of a City decision maker). According to the City, projects may need a special permit or approval for a number of reasons. “For example, the project as proposed may be deviating from Land Development Code regulations (e.g., it may not meet setback requirements or may exceed density limits). The project may potentially impact environmentally sensitive lands or the project may involve the subdivision of property.” For additional information go to: <https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/devprocess/discreview>.

The Committee reviews proposed projects for consistency with the Rancho Bernardo Community Plan and a project’s potential effects on neighborhoods and the community as a whole. Our community plan is available for review on the Planning Board website and on the City’s website at <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/ranchobernardo/plan>.

When appropriate, we provide initial comments and/or suggest revisions to the applicant and they return to the Committee with responses before a recommendation is made to the full Board. In other instances, the Committee may move the project to the full Board with a recommendation at the first meeting with the applicant. The City provides assistance to the Committee’s review through comments provided by City staff to applicants in assessment letters, and by environmental documents (e.g., environmental impact reports, mitigated negative declaration) prepared to evaluate the potential impacts to the environment in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Some projects recently reviewed by the Committee include the Silvergate retirement project in Bernardo Heights, various cellular facilities, and improvements at Casa de las Campanas. The number of discretionary projects in Rancho Bernardo are generally small so the Committee may not meet every month.

**Regional Issues Committee:** The purpose of the Regional Issues Committee is to review regional and city-wide proposals that could have an impact on Rancho Bernardo. This can include amendments to the City General Plan, changes to the City’s Parks Master Plan, annual revisions to the City’s Land Development Code ([www.sandiego.gov/ced/zoning](http://www.sandiego.gov/ced/zoning)), proposed changes to State legislation, regional transportation planning, water issues, and more. Some recent projects considered by the Committee include the SDG&E gas pipeline proposal, the City’s Climate Action Plan, and short-term rentals. The issues addressed by the Committee often require reviewing documents prior to the meeting to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to develop their own perspective on the topic.

**Traffic and Transportation Committee:** The purpose of the Traffic and Transportation Committee is to examine and comment upon issues brought to our attention by the City as well as citizen concerns about traffic flow and other related issues. The City may require our input on speed issues both on major thoroughfares and residential streets, along with other traffic safety measures. The City generally sends us notices on such matters, which require an official response.