

RB COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

RB Branch Library

October 26, 2006

1. **Call to Order:** 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Alethea Altenbern.
2. **Administrative Matters:**
 - **Roll Call:** All members present except Richard Auderheide, Jerry Coats, Christy Taylor, Patti Perna and Guy Cargulia (all excused); Robert Dunlap, Kim Johnson and Myrna Reese (unexcused).
 - **Minutes:** After Alethea Altenbern made two corrections, Karen Rott moved and Dorothy Risheberger seconded to accept the minutes with corrections, which met with unanimous support of the Council.
 - **Corresponding Secretary's report.** Alethea Altenbern sent a thank you letter to Brian Maienschein with copies to SDPD Captain Jim Collins, Fire Marshall Sam Oaks and Fire Chief Tracy Jarman, who all addressed the Council in the September meeting during Brian's presentation on public safety.
 - **Treasurer's Report:** After Dorothy Risheberger presented finances of the Council, showing a total of \$10,542.93 in assets, Andrea Thomas moved and Dave Hall seconded to accept the report, and the Council voted in full agreement.
3. **President's Remarks:** Following introductory comments to the guests in attendance, Robin:
 - Thanked Print Pros, recognizing them again for donating the printing work, most recently for that of our new tri-fold pamphlets, for the three governing boards, as well as many other community organizations;
 - Introduced Councilman Jim Adelman as the chair of the Elections Committee, reminding residents to consider running for a community office;
 - Thanked Diane Peters for several months' work on updating the Community Council Bylaws, now complete for a final Council approval;
 - Reminded committee chairs to post agendas and minutes to the Council website 7-10 days prior to the next scheduled meeting, suggesting they consider inviting a guest speaker in the absence of an agenda;
 - Praised Council emeritus and Rancho Bernardo champion, Ralph Smith, who passed away last month, recalling his many contributions to the quality of life in our community;
 - Recognized Steve Ewart, another former Council member, for his continued work for the Council projects: promoting MAD's Pomerado/Rios Roads project, reformatting Robin's Council e-newsletter, and creating a new PowerPoint presentation—using photographs by Christy Taylor—for the Friends of 33 cause;
 - Announced the Kick Off for the Historical Society's fundraising event with the help of Karen Rott to build a permanent Rancho Bernardo history museum at the Bernardo Winery;
 - Reminded all that our November and December meetings will be combined and held on the first Thursday in December, as is our custom to avoid conflicts with the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays; and
 - Introduced Elizabeth Himchak, who has replaced Donna Hartings at the Poway Newsgroup and will be reporting on community events for the RB News Journal.
4. **Resident's Remarks:**
 - **T.J. Zane**, president of the Rancho Penasquitos Town Council, announced his candidacy for the PUSD School Board, outlining his service and interest in the communities served by the District.
 - **George Cooke** took this time to talk about the RB Historical Society's plans for a new museum at the Bernardo Winery, announcing that their first fundraiser is a Pancake Breakfast at the Winery on Saturday, November 11 at 7 – 11 AM, cost \$5 per person. Veterans, who bring a photograph of themselves in uniform, will get free food and his or her photo on display in the museum.
5. **Government Relations Reports:**

Courtney Smith for **City Councilman Brian Maienschein** said Brian is hosting a Holiday Food Drive from November 6 to December 16 for the Alpha Project. Donations of non-perishable foods can be delivered to the

recreation centers. A task force has been formed to tackle traffic issues around the BHMS/RBHS campus, with police and a traffic engineer. There will be resurfacing work on West Bernardo Drive, though Courtney was not certain if the bicycle lane delineation will be re-painted. Ted Gaasch asked for a follow-up on the Traffic Meeting results, particularly regarding the Waterbridge parking issues. Courtney said there were plans to pave an area to provide 20 more parking spaces.

Stephen Lew for **Mayor Jerry Sanders** talked a bit about the importance of the upcoming election (Tuesday, November 7), urging residents to vote. The Mayor's Budget Proposal would be presented at the end of November or early December. Serious cuts must still be made to resolve the city's financial crisis. Regarding the traffic issues brought up at the public forum October 23rd, the Mayor is reviewing the suggestions.

Jim Gonsalves for **Supervisor Pam Slater-Price** mentioned some of the projects with which the supervisor is working, such as environmental plans for SD county to lead a "green revolution" in California as part of the AB 32 law, prevention of West Nile virus outbreaks, and disaster preparation. Jim closed his remarks with an enthusiastic reminder for the upcoming election.

Ellen Malin for State **Senator Dennis Hollingsworth** announced that the senator is teaming up with Assemblyman George Plescia and Senator Christine Kehoe on an issue. The senator's Legislative Report (2000-2006) will be on the SD North Chamber website. Robin asked what the senator's stand was on the border fence matter, but Ellen said he had no official stand, as it is a state issue.

Dan Dufresne for **Congressman Brian Bilbray** commented briefly on the letter Bilbray signed calling for the withdrawal of all CNN correspondents from Iraq for filming and airing Iraqi insurgent snipers firing on US troops. He announced the signing of the Border Security Act, which designates 700-mile fence to secure our Southern border. When asked about funding, Dan said the bill was funded for 2007, and that it would focus on high-traffic areas. Diane Peters asked if there was provision to address tunnels built under the fence, and Dan answered that the bill also calls for 1500 more border patrol agents.

Gary Powers for the **San Diego North Chamber** highlighted Chamber news and upcoming events. Honorary Mayor, Nancy Canfield, joined the SDNCC Board of Directors. Ground breaking ceremony is set for a new Scripps Ranch clinic. A political debate is to be held at the Double Tree hotel (Rancho Penasquitos) on November 2nd at 6:30 pm, co-sponsored by the RB Community Council. The 4S Ranch Fall Festival will be on Sunday, November 5, and is expected to be very big. Chamber will resume Nuts & Bolts seminars. A Panda Buffet restaurant has leased the old Acapulco site on Bernardo Center. The new Henry's in the Bernardo Heights shopping center is planning a grand opening for November 11-12. [See the Chamber's website (sdncc.com) for more information.] Gary reminded people to vote, and mentioned his own race for the PPH Board.

6. **Presentation: Debating Ballot Proposition A** (building an airport at MCAS Miramar issue), **Rear Admiral Bruce Boland** (Navy, retired, member of SDMAC, founder of "NO on Prop A"), in opposition, and investment strategist **John Chalker** (graduate of US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, financial advisor, and Commissioner of California Transportation Commission), in support. Boland spoke first, and was followed by Chalker. Both men presented compelling arguments, such as those listed below.

Proposition A: Con & Pro Presentations

Opponent: Bruce Boland	Proponent: John Chalker
Prop A language is misleading to voters cost to taxpayers	Airlines can fund this project without taxes, only asking to open dialogue to consider options
Increase in noise and traffic impact residents and native species	Same traffic already uses same routes to existing airport; footprint smaller and noise contours less for commercial airport vs. military airbase
Lindberg is not yet at capacity and has many recent improvements	Process of building a new airport takes at least 15 years, need to start now; "no runway is too long"
No proof that SD will have financial crisis without a new airport	Air commerce, especially with Asia and cruise ship business, is critical to a growing economy; compares not building new airport to towns that were bypassed by freeways, railway in past
MCAS Miramar a vital military base	Miramar does not play in national defense; Navy & Marine Corps trimming down fleet due to costs

Full acreage is needed for pilot training	No combined arms training is currently done at Miramar; but at adjacent bases
Much of MCAS acreage is unusable due to previous landfill and impact zone use, and Airport may displace 6500+ people who live at MCAS	Only asking for 3000 out of 23,000 acres; Airport Authority offering to pay relocation costs
Why MCAS? Other options not considered	Other options are not viable, most too far from city

Many residents spoke up to ask questions and voice opinions on this issue, most in opposition.

7. Agenda Items – Voting:

A. Vacancy in District D, Swim and Tennis: Maria Keith presented herself for the vacancy in District D: She has lived in San Diego since 2001 and in RB Bernardo Hills for 2002. She has a marketing degree and is launching a craft studio at the Swim & Tennis Club. She attended the September MAD meeting as a concerned citizen, and is also interested in the Public Relations Committee. Andrea Thomas moved and Keith Worthington seconded to vote on Maria for this seat. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Robin announced **two more vacancies: Jerry Coats**, who is moving out of his district for 6-7 months, resigned, though he will remain on the Traffic & Transportation committee. **Christy Taylor**, who in her short time on the Council did much, has purchased a home in 4S Ranch and therefore also resigned; though she would like to continue on with the Friends of 33 and Public Relations committees.

B. Final Approval of Updated Bylaws: Diane Peters first asked members for last comments on the most recent changes: addition of the MAD definition (5.02) and the new wording of the Indemnification clause (3.6). All were content with the MAD Committee definition, but concerning the Indemnity issue there was discussion. Several Council members felt it was unnecessary, and if given the option to delete it entirely would have thus voted. Keith Worthington moved and Dorothy Risheberger seconded to vote on deleting 3.06 Indemnification from the Bylaws. With a 7-3 vote in favor of deletion, the motion passed. Janet Hoy then motioned and Keith seconded to approve the Bylaws with afore-mentioned edits, which passed with unanimous support. A final version will be made by Diane Peters and submitted to all Council Members and posted on the Council website.

8. Standing Committee Reports:

Government Relations/Utilities: Janet Hoy – Upcoming debate seems to be in order, but Janet will let the Council know if their help is needed.

MAD: Alethea Altenbern – See minutes on website.

Programs: Robin reminded all that City Attorney Mike Aguirre will speak at next Council meeting.

Public Relations/Elections: Jim Adelman – They have two names for spotlighting special residents on website; joint meeting with Recreation Council was held for organizing and planning purposes; PR committee has four members; a monthly flyer will be posted at community Clubs.

Public Safety: With no chair, Robin Kaufman reported that they had CERT representative, Barb Ayers, speak to a rather small turn out. This committee has pledged to take on getting RB prepared for emergencies, which will include CERT training for as many residents as possible. PQ has just developed a public safety group, with which RB PSC may correlate. November meeting features the Red Cross on individual preparation.

Traffic & Transportation: Robin Kaufman – Public forum held on October 23rd to a large crowd, where many traffic issues were discussed. Details about that forum can be read in the RBNews Journal article.

9. Liaison Reports:

Planning Board: In Myrna Reese's absence, Robin Kaufman reported that, in the absence of agenda items, there was no meeting held for October.

Recreation Council: Robin Kaufman – The annual Dog Park fundraiser held on October 22nd was a great success, and there were really fantastic drawing items.

Adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Diane Peters.