

RB COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

RB Branch Library

March 22, 2007

1. **Call to Order:** 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Alethea Altenbern.
2. **Administrative Matters:**
 - **Roll Call:** All members present except: Susan Santilena (unexcused) and Dave Hall (excused).
 - **Minutes:** Dorothy Risheberger motioned and Jim Adelman seconded to accept the minutes as printed, and the motion passed with 16 yeas, 0 nay and 1 abstain—Guy Cargulia, who was not present for the meeting in question.
 - **Corresponding Secretary's report.** Alethea Altenbern sent thank-you letters to our three presenters of February's Council meeting: Rita Vandergaw of the SD Port District, Donal Barron and Kirk Whitaker both of the SD Water Authority.
 - **Treasurer's Report:** Dorothy Risheberger reported Council assets—totaling \$10,095.28. A motion made by Diane Peters and seconded by Janet Hoy to accept the report as given and passed unanimously.
3. **President's Remarks:** Following introductory comments, Robin Kaufman:
 - Commended the Tri-council Committee on a fine job during a difficult time for this year's Community Election, stating that Jim Adelman's committee did a wonderful job.
 - Thanked chairpersons of the Standing Committees for submitting their year-end reports.
 - Congratulated the 10 community members, 8 of whom were Council members, who completed the CERT training program, in which they learned how to assist emergency response agencies (e.g. police, fire, Red Cross, FEMA, etc.).
 - Announced the next "*RB Alive!*" annual street fair will be Sunday the 3rd of June from 10 am - 4 pm, where we will have a tri-council booth, courtesy of the SD North Chamber, to promote the 3 governing boards, their projects, and educate the public; volunteers from all three boards will be needed to man the booth.
 - Reminded people of the Fire Station 33 *Open House* event on Saturday, March 24, 1 - 4 pm at the fire station.
 - Announced a special event on Thursday, March 29 at 7 pm at the Library (upstairs) CRO Paul Lennon will present to RB and PQ residents tips on general safety, protecting oneself from crime, being a better witness, etc. This event will replace the Public Safety meeting (usually 7pm on 4th Tuesday).
 - Stated that the Community Council website, still fairly new, has received over 700 hits in the past month, which is the highest visitation record of RB community websites.
 - Reminded all that work to replace sick and dying olive trees would commence in RB Road medians Tuesday and Wednesday (March 27 – 28).
4. **Resident Remarks:** Many residents were in attendance to voice their concerns over traffic hazards at the Oak Valley Middle School (OVMS) in 4S Ranch. Debi Kelchlin of Grassy Trail Drive submitted a speaker's form to comment on this non-agenda item. She stated that the area is already dangerous and chaotic, a condition that will worsen when Camel Valley Road and Bernardo Center Drive are connected, creating a high-traffic thoroughfare. She cited the following problems: No crosswalks for students to get to parents parked, often illegally; no areas for pickup at back of school, forcing all to the front entrance by busy road; parents are parking illegally to avoid parking lot and its clogged entrance; and buses have no turn around space. She asked the County why it was not being more proactive and what changes were planned to resolve these problems. Robin Kaufman recounted that, after a presentation two months ago to the Traffic & Transportation Committee on this situation, a report indicated the situation was okay; since that is obviously not the case, further action is needed. She then deferred the questions to the only county representative present: Jim Gonsalves for Supervisor Slater-Price, who does not have jurisdiction for 4S Ranch, though many of her RB constituents' children attend OVMS. 4S Ranch is in County Supervisor Bill Horn's district; however, Jim ably addressed the residents' concerns and questions, seeming to know a great deal about the issue. According to Jim, Michael Robinson has been on site three times since March 11 to evaluate the problems and talk to the principal. He further asserts the school district "sited this school" without consulting

the County, which has had plans to connect the two roads for some time. Jim confirmed that Carmel Valley – Bernardo Center roadway promises to be very busy. He pointed out that the dynamics of this area complicate the entire process. That all said, the County is working to add two or more ladder crosswalks and light signals at Dove Canyon and Wine Creek roads. As to when these measures would be implemented, Jim couldn't say. George Cook also spoke for a few minutes on the matter. The discussion continued for some time with many exchanges between OVMS parents, Jim, RB residents and the Council members, before Robin intervened, asking the parent coalition to attend the Traffic & Transportation Committee on Monday, March 26 to possibly form a subcommittee to target this issue. She also suggested that the Council would assist by drafting a letter, if necessary.

5. **Government Relations Reports:**

Courtney Smith for **City Councilman Brian Maienschein** suggested the OVMS parents contact her to see what, if anything, Brian could do to help. She warned residents of a water main break on RB Road that night before beginning her report. Thanks to Proposition B, the City received \$4.5M for roads, so they will be adding expansion lanes in two phases to be completed in 2012. Brian voted against the water rate increase, because of lack of audit and insufficient public notice. Resurfacing of Pomerado Road—between Rancho Bernardo Road and Greens East Road will begin soon. In closing, she thanked the Council members who were leaving the board for their sacrifice and valuable service to the community, and handed out special commendations from Brian.

Jim Gonsalves for **County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price** reported that the “flack” over the OVMS traffic issues has kept the supervisor busy. The county balanced their \$3.3B budget, which has a surplus that is used for facility maintenance, operating on a 5-year plan. On such project is the County Offices' remodel. Janet Hoy asked if the County had any issues regarding unfunded or under-funded pensions. Jim answered that their pension plans are well funded, though 2 months prior their Pension Board found a problem where the plan was paying medical insurance premiums for retirees. They put a stop to it, because it was not part of the plan and was costing about \$25M/year. Retirees, however, may still purchase medical insurance via the County. There were a few more questions from Janet and Guy Cargulia concerning these matters.

Andrew Lund for **Assemblyman George Plescia** announced that the governor signed the Presidential Primary Bill into law this month; so there will be a new election in the election cycle. Plescia voted no on SB113, though it too passed. Also this month, Senate Republicans presented their Health Care plan, which Andrew says is “centered around affordability” and includes provisions for statewide connections to other plan options and giving people more choices. Janet had many pertinent questions regarding the healthcare bill and health care in California, to which Andrew responded by listing points of the bill, before he referred people to read the recent press release about it. In response to Guy's query about what the Assemblyman objected to in SB113, Andrew said he found the language of the bill “too loose” regarding reimbursement of counties, considering the State's slow repayment history.

Keith Turner, Vice President San Diego North Chamber of Commerce reported on Chamber news and some upcoming events, which are also listed on the SDNCC website. April 3rd there is a Community Luncheon. March 27th there will be a celebration and recognition at City Hall for esteemed RB and SD public figure Joetta Mihalovich, who is fighting for her life against brain and lung cancer.

6. **Presentations:**

A. Patty Klein, Property Manager of RB Investments, LLC presented information pertaining to the construction of the new building on the corner of Rancho Bernardo Road and Bernardo Center Drive, where the RB Information building sat, also housing Prudential Realty for a time, but which has been recently razed to make way for a replacement. Meant to honor the historical significance to RB of the original building, the new building – a one-story, stucco structure tile roofing – will include: signage on RB Road and Bernardo Center Drive, a semi-circular driveway, a fountain, loggias, and new landscaping. The multi-story buildings that share the property will get “face lifts” to match and compliment the new building. A large color elevation of the proposed building showed people what to expect in the finished product. Patty and Dean Stalter, Prudential Branch Manager, answered several questions concerning the project – mostly regarding signage and landscaping.

B. Annual President's Report: Council president-elect Robin Kaufman gave a review of the year April 2006 – March 2007, recalling highlights, challenges, achievements, and goals (met and unmet), before citing goals and expectations of the year to come. A copy of her report may be found on the Council website. Before resuming her seat, Robin thanked and gave special recognition gifts to Council members who

were leaving: Myrna Reese (termed out at 8 years of service!), Guy Cargulia and Diane Peters (4 years each), and Janet Hoy and Robert Dunlop (2 years each).

7. **Agenda Items (Non-voting):**

A. Fire Station 33: Diane Peters talked about the Open House on Saturday, March 24 at 1-4 PM in the parking lot of Fire Station 33 at 16966 Bernardo Center Drive, listing the attractions, thanking those on the Council who volunteered to help and reminding them to come early for set up. Robin mentioned our event sponsors: Shea Realty, Brooke Lambert and First Future Credit Union.

8. **Standing Committee Reports:**

Government Relations/Utilities: Janet Hoy – no meeting held in March.

MAD: Alethea Altenbern reported on the Rios Road project that is progressing nicely now, and Frank Auwarter is maintaining a photographic record of the process. The olive tree replacement program is in full sway. The water meter experiment has been extended to move the temporary meter to another valve to provide another cost comparison. We have an architect reviewing the Pomerado Road median project.

Programs: Guy Cargulia – CalTrans is coming in April to give an update on the work affecting our community, there are no speakers scheduled for May, but Bonnie Dumanis is coming in June.

Public Relations/Elections: Jim Adelman reported that we had a record low turnout for the election, 35% fewer voters than last year. He expressed disappointment, attributing apathy to the lack of controversy and big issues. On an up note, Jim praised Maria Keith for her work on PR for the committee, calling her “a gift from heaven.” He outlined his goals for the committee for the coming year that included more press releases.

Public Safety: Robin Kaufman reported in Dave Hall’s absence that they will not have their usual meeting (last Tuesday of month), attending instead Officer Paul Lennon’s presentation on Thursday, March 29.

Traffic & Transportation: Robin Kaufman – Meeting on Monday, March 26—see agenda on website.

9. **Ad Hoc Committee - Fire Station 33 Renovation Project:** Diane Peters again promoted the Open House on Saturday, March 24 at 1-4 PM at Fire Station 33 for tours of the firehouse, safety demos, tile painting, art, photos opportunities, coloring contest, refreshments, and opportunity drawings.

10. **Liaison Reports:**

Planning Board: Myrna Reese said that a representative of BAE spoke on the status of the Industrial Park in RB and restrictions in that area. PB Chair, Jim Denton, stepped down after many years of service and was duly honored. Two board members, Robin Kaufman and Ellen Willis, were nominated for the chairmanship, which resulted in a history-making tie – three times! The board is solidly split, so an interim chair was selected until the votes sway one way or the other.

Recreation Council: Robin Kaufman reported that after 8 years of service both she and Karen (Crowly) LeMuix are stepping down.

11. **Other business:** Myrna announced the RB Hall of Fame Luncheon at 12 Noon on Saturday, March 24 that will honor Jim Roth and Steve Riddle.

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Diane Peters.

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Keith Worthington called the meeting back to order. He asked if all the new members would take their turn introducing themselves to us and then take a seat at the tables. New members present consist of:

Ken Michael ~ District D

Jay Riordan ~ District A

Janet Atkin ~ District F

New members not present:

Tim Harrington ~ District A

Brandy Luscalzo-Steman ~ District G

Jeffrey Gamble presented himself to fill the vacancy for District F. Unanimously elected to fill the spot.

Other seats were filled by re-elected people on the board:

Alethea Altenbern ~ District B

Frank Auwarter ~ District C

Maria Keith ~ District D

Joe Dirks ~ District E

Keith then explained what the nominating committee did and mentioned who they were suggesting as officers for the year:

Robin Kaufman, President

Brooke Lambert, Vice President

Dorothy Risheberger, Treasurer

Joe Dirks, Recording Secretary

Andrea Thomas, Corresponding Secretary

Keith asked if there were any nominations from the floor for officers. Seeing none, he took a vote.

After the vote, the newly elected President made a few comments, welcomed the new members, announced upcoming meetings, and adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Second half of meeting submitted by Joe Dirks