

RB COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Hilton Garden Inn
Dec. 6, 2007

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.
2. **Administrative Matters:** (President votes only when there is a tie vote.)
 - Roll Call: Of 18 members, 14 were present - Excused: Dorothy Risheberger, Keith Worthington, Brooke Lambert & Patti Perna. Late: Ken Michael.
 - Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed to accept minutes of September meeting (13-0-0) with a correction in MAD Standing Committee Report – Frank Adelman to be changed to Frank Auwater.
 - Corresponding Secretary: No report was available.
 - Treasurer’s Report: No report was available.
3. **President’s Remarks:** In addition to the usual introductory comments , Robin Kaufman talked about the following:
 - Our Council expresses its condolences to those who suffered losses during the recent fires.
 - Temporary Code Compliance cards are available to those who completed the appropriate training.
 - A coalition has been formed of those who are trying to help those affected by the fires and more information is available on our web site (RBCommunityCouncil.com) and on RBUnited.com .
 - Recognition was given to our web master George Cooke for the outstanding job he has been doing in posting all the information on a daily basis. Recognition was also given to Jim Adelman for providing copies of bylaws to those in need.
4. **Resident’s Remarks:** (mostly inaudible – done after Liaison Reports below) Some comments included the parked cars on RB Road and Mr. Gus Davis reported on the character of the fires that RB recently experienced with cinders blowing and skipping some houses while being able to establish a flame in others. The use 1/8 inch attic vent screens was encouraged over the quarter inch mesh used in most homes today. A product called “Hardware Cloth” can be easily attached inside of the standard quarter inch mesh to provide eighth inch protection. Robin encouraged the speaker to e-mail that information to our Council and others to get the word out.
5. **Liaison Reports:** (Non Board Members)
 - Council Member Brian Maienschein’s Representative - *Courtney Smith* told us of the ongoing efforts to help the victims of the recent fires. She explained how they have already helped over 6 thousand individuals and have already seen a couple of building permits issued. She also told us of the availability of straw and sandbags and a special erosion control consultant and volunteers to help handle the expected rainstorm headed our way.
 - Mayor Jerry Sanders - Representative *Stephen Lew* was not present to provide a report.
 - Supervisor Pam Slater-Price -Representative *Erica Hollaway* was not present to provide a report.
 - Assemblyman George Plescia - Representative *Sara Sites* was not present to provide a report.
 - Senator Dennis Hollingsworth - Representative *Ellen Malin* was not present to provide a report.
 - Congressman Brian Billbray - Representative *Andrew Lund* was not present to provide a report.San Diego North Chamber of Commerce – Jim Adelman told us the SDNCC was also a supporter of the coalition to help with recovery from the affects of the fires. The Chamber will have on its website (SDNCC) additional information on this. He also mentioned that they hope to have a new CEO by the end of January. Jim also told us of the awards received by one of our own Council members – Jay Riordan.
6. **Presentation:** Fire Chief Tracy Jarman presented an informational update on the recent fires as well as progress on our fire station renovation project. With the use of visual aides; she discussed (& answered questions on) the preparation, strategy & tactics employed as well as complications

(weather & terrain, intensity & density, size & progression, resources & evacuations) the many fire fighters faced while they fought over 20 fires burning over 200,000 acres in southern California (>9000 w/in City of San Diego). Chief Jarman also gave praise to the CERT volunteers for their efforts & effectiveness during this emergency. She also expressed her appreciation and gratitude for the fact that none of her firefighters was killed in the fires that consumed so many homes. Chief Jarman discussed the need for additional fire fighters, stations and equipment. She also discussed the improvement opportunities that may exist for Reverse-911. Chief Jarman told us that the Station 33-renovation project will cost more than the million dollars that the City has come up with. She said they are in the process of ascertaining a Scope Of Work (SOW) and how they can incorporate other funds and move forward.

7. **Agenda Items (Voting Items):** The President abstains from voting, except to break a tie.
 - A) Appointment for District A Vacancy – Robin Kaufman: Robin asked those who were interested in filling the Dist.A vacancy to make themselves known. After Dick Katz presented himself and his credentials, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to have him fill the vacancy (13-0-0). He was then seated.
 - B) Appointment for District C Vacancy – Robin Kaufman: No one was present to apply to fill the Dist.C vacancy.
 - C) Liaison for the Rebuild RB Coalition – Robin Kaufman: A motion was made, seconded and passed to support the executive committee’s decision to go ahead so we could assist the Coalition by posting all the necessary information on our home page until the Coalition’s web site is up and running. And to have the Public Safety and Traffic Committee work on various issues which may arise – as part of the Rebuild RB Coalition. (14-0-0)

8. **Agenda Items (Non-Voting Items):** The President abstains from voting, except to break a tie.
 - A) Code Compliance Enforcement – Robin Kaufman: Robin described the functions and authority of the Code Compliance volunteers.

9. **Standing Committee Reports:**

Government Relations/Utilities – Ken Michael told us of the next meeting at which they’ll fix the purpose and topics for March, April & May of ’08.

Maintenance Assessment District – Frank Auwarter told us of items that probably will be in their January budget submission.

Programs – Joe Dirks confirmed program information set through Jan. of ’08.

Public Relations/Community Elections – Mr. Adelman told us of their next meeting.

Public Safety – Keith Worthington had provided information on their next meeting.

Traffic & Transportation – Robin told us of their meetings and Frank Auwarter made the suggestion to have our own Traffic Committee, which was agreed to be reviewed by the executive committee as a possible related item on the next agenda.

10. **Adhoc Committee Reports:** Tri-Council Elections Committee – Frank Auwarter told us of their meetings and publicity efforts.

11. **Liaison Reports:** Recreation Council – Ken Michael told us of the extensive damage that their fields suffered as a result of emergency equipment, supplies and management necessitated by the recent fires.

12. **Other Business:** It was suggested that we send thank you notes to the businesses providing temporary meeting space to our Council. And Jim Adelman’s suggestion, that we make a Council membership provision for those displaced by the recent fires, was directed to our Executive Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Joe Dirks from independent (w/o audio system) tape.