

RB COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Rancho Bernardo Library

January 24, 2008

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.)
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call: Of 18 members, 15 present - Excused: Marie Keith and Brooke Lambert, Absent: Jay Riordan and Jeffrey Gamble.
 - Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed to accept minutes of December meeting.(13-0-1)
 - Corresponding Secretary: Andrea Thomas sent a thank you note to Fire-Rescue Chief Tracy Jarman as she was the guest speaker in December. Robin mentioned Andrea also sends thank you notes to those who make donations for fire station renovation project.
 - Treasurer's Report: Dorothy told us we have 7 CD's for a total of \$8039.78 and \$1273.49 in our checking account as well as \$1221.35 with the San Diego Foundation. Motion made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the report as presented.
3. **President's Remarks:** In addition to the usual introductory comments, Robin talked about:
 - George Cook was acknowledged as our webmaster who is keeping things updated – especially things about the recent fires.
 - Robin recognized Brandy who made the flyer (on very short notice) announcing tonight's speaker.
 - It was advised that there is activity at the out door men's restrooms at our community park.
 - RB United was established to help those who were impacted of recent fires (RBUnited.com).
 - Code Compliance training will be at the Swim & Tennis Club on Feb 12th.
4. **Resident's Remarks:** (somewhat inaudible) Marilyn Greenblatt described services provided by Rides With Smiles and their need for additional volunteers. Barbara Levine spoke of need for secondary alert (sirens) system for community emergencies. Gus Davis spoke to us on need to prevent fires with 1/8" hardware cloth, rather than 1/4" mesh, in attic vents to our crawl spaces (under roof). He also told us the finer mesh attic vents are used in Oregon. One young lady told us of the need for funds for a school project and Robin suggested she turn to our Chamber of Commerce. Another resident brought forth her concerns on the I-15 progress by CALTRANS.
5. **Liaison Reports:** (Non Board Members)
 - Mayor Jerry Sanders - Representative *Stephen Lew* spoke to us about increasing need for water conservation and availability of free water audits from water department. He also pointed out upcoming budget challenges that need to be faced. Stephen also discussed communication lessons learned during recent fires. He also promised to check on questions of whether residents could replace their burned wooden fences with similar products, and whether residents would need to pay for burned up recycling containers.
 - Council Member Brian Maienschein's Representative - *Courtney Smith* spoke about rebuilding after recent fires (38 have applied for building permits & City has issued 8). She told us Council Member Maienschein is Chair of Fire Prevention and Recovery Committee which meets monthly (report will be made at next meeting on Feb. 7th). Courtney also told us they are looking into a method of providing a closer (to RB) battery-recycling center (possibly once a month or so).
 - Supervisor Pam Slater-Price -Representative *Erica Hollaway* spoke on registration deadlines for upcoming election. She also spoke upon runoff issues we may be facing with coming rains after recent fires.
 - Assemblyman George Plescia - Representative *Eric Dietz* spoke about health care bill that has passed Assembly and is now moving on to Senate Health Committee and of new fire codes that are currently being worked on.
 - Senator Dennis Hollingsworth - Representative *Ellen Malin* spoke on current legislation in progress and told us the Senator is vice-Chair of the Budget Committee and spoke about the across the board reductions in expenditures.
 - Congressman Brian Billbray - Representative *Andrew Lund* spoke about upcoming State of the Union address, the economic stimulus package, and the usage of military aircraft to help fight fires.

San Diego North Chamber of Commerce – Jim Adelman introduced Michael Robertson (their new President and CEO) who told us he is looking forward to working with all of us within the concept of partnership, working together, for the betterment of all. He stressed the importance of his learning by listening and he encouraged those with ideas or concerns to make them known.

6. **Presentation:** Ken Michael introduced Bruno Leone, a stem cell lecturer, who explained the simple technology involved in cloning and stem cell research and who explored and evaluated the ethical, moral and practical objection to the procedure.
 7. **Agenda Items (Voting Items):** The President abstains from voting, except to break a tie.
 - A) Maintenance Assessment District's 2009 Budget – Frank Auwarter presented the proposed MAD budget and introduced Joe Henderson (District Manager) to speak on the budget and answer our questions. After discussion, the Budget was approved with a vote (13-0-1) after a motion was made and seconded. This was followed by the Adhoc Committee Reports (10.) reported below.
 - B) Joint Traffic Committee Update – Frank Auwarter explained the desirability of our continuing to have a Traffic Committee as it is in our bylaws and is not eliminated by any action of the Planning Board. No motion was made to dissolve our Traffic Committee.
 - C) Code Compliance Update – to be under the umbrella of the Government Relations Committee. Robin Kaufman pointed out that the City Council will be ruling on the Planning Boards' by-laws, and Code Compliance is not part of them. Thus the Code Compliance responsibility rests mainly with our Community Council and we ought to have it under the umbrella of our Government Relations Committee. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to do just that (14-0-0).
 - D) Appointment of Nominating Committee – Robin Kaufman pointed out that this five-person committee makes recommendations for officers after the elections are over. The Executive Committee is presenting Frank Auwarter, Ken Michael, Dick Katz, Andrea Thomas & Brandy Luscalzo-Stemen as their suggestion for our approval. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have these five members on our Nominating Committee. (14-0-0)
 8. **Agenda Items (Non-Voting Items):** The President abstains from voting, except to break a tie.
 - A) Bylaws amendment regarding temporarily displaced members – Robin Kaufman pointed out that there is no need to amend our bylaws, and we can just continue our practice of adjusting to situations as they occur. .
 9. **Standing Committee Reports:**

Government Relations/Utilities – Ken Michael told us of the possible purpose and topics for upcoming Community Council presentations.

Maintenance Assessment District – Frank Auwarter already covered his items in our first two voting items.

Programs – Joe Dirks confirmed the program information described by Ken.

Public Relations/Community Elections – Robin Kaufman told us Jim Adelman has stepped down as co-chair and Maria Keith is not here this evening to provide a report.

Public Safety – Keith Worthington had just left, but he has been working with the Government Relations Committee in contacting Senator Feinstein's office to have her become a guest speaker. PSC is working closely with several residents in regard to safety issues pertaining to the October fires.

Traffic & Transportation – Robin Kaufman had nothing more to cover.
 10. **Adhoc Committee Reports:** Tri-Council Elections Committee – Frank Auwarter asked for volunteers to staff the polls during our election process. He told us of their meetings and publicity efforts. Fire Station Renovation Project – Diane Peters told us of their plans to have a golf tournament (with an auction and dinner) for the benefit of the fire station. She explained that she was not only seeking golfers to participate in the event, but also volunteers to help make it a success.
 11. **Liaison Reports:** Recreation Council & Planning Board – No meetings held.
 12. Other Business: None
- Meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.
Minutes prepared by Joe Dirks from independent (w/o audio system) tape.