

RANCHO BERNARDO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes

Thursday, February 28, 2008

7 p.m.

Rancho Bernardo Library

17110 Bernardo Center Drive, second floor

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order 7:00 pm. All in attendance with the exception of Joe Dirks, excused and Brooke Lambert, unexcused. Total present: 17 members.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve DeMatteo

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

-Minutes: Motion made by Patti Perna, seconded by Dick Katz, to approve the minutes with the correction of Tracy Jarmon's name removed as guest speaker. Motion passed unanimously with Jay Riordan and Jeff Gamble abstaining as they were not present at the January 2008 meeting (President only votes to break a tie).

-Corresponding Secretary's Report: Andrea Thomas reported sending a thank you note to our January 2008 guest speaker.

-Treasurer's Report: Dorothy Risheberger reported we have \$8,067.98 in CDs, \$1,277.26 in our checking account and \$1,218.06 in our San Diego Foundation account. Total balance is \$10,563.30. Alethea Altenbern made the motion to accept, seconded by Patti Perna. Unanimously accepted(President only votes to break a tie).

3. **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** following introductory comments to the guests in attendance, Robin Kaufman spoke on the following:

-City Council approved usage of \$7K of the community DIF funds for the fire station renovation project.

-Jim Gonsalves, Pam Slater-Price's long time community representative, officially retired and Robin Kaufman was present today at a going away luncheon honoring him.

-The Nominating Committee will begin accepting suggestions for officers after the RB Community Election on March 1.

- Copies of the RB Community Council meetings dating back to October 2005 are posted on the www.RBCommunityCouncil.com web site.

- Robin announced she is aware of all communications taking place regarding some issues members were discussing. She recognized all those on the RBCC and non-members for realizing the importance of following protocol and keeping her informed of any and all issues pertaining to the RBCC by forwarding all emails and/or informing her of the discussions taking place.

-Robin gave an update on RB United Coalition.

4. **RESIDENT'S REMARKS:** 3 minutes each

- Julie Jennings, one of the two residents in charge of a golf tournament fundraiser for the Fire Station 33 Renovation Project, updated everyone on the event. She announced it is on March 24, 1pm. Golf and dinner/silent auction. Several local celebrities will be present. Several local city officials, including the Mayor and Fire Chief Tracy Jarman, will be present. Flyers with detailed information were placed on the back table.

- Pat White, representing RB Neighborhood Watch, presented information on an upcoming Neighborhood Watch recruitment event taking place April 19th at the RB Library.

- Gina Molise, representative from the San Diego Water Authority, gave an update on the Ramona Cathodic Pipeline project. She also gave valuable information on water conservation, leaving information on the back table.

5. **LIAISON REPORTS** ~ Non Board Members (3 minutes each):

-Councilmember Brian Maienschien's Representative, Courtney Smith, announced there have been 17 homes which have started to build, with 31 in the process stage of receiving permits from the city. She announced that a second fire helicopter was recently approved. She also announced that \$2.4 million was received from FEMA for brush management and that the city will be matching that money. She also announced that there are stricter rules in place for sex offenders ~ 300 feet from parks, school buildings, etc.

-Supervisor Pam Slater-Price's Representative, Erica Holloway, announced the fire committee had it's first meeting and reviewed the 2003 fire report. Finally, she announced that there would be a senior fair on April 17 in Encinitas.

-Assemblyman George Plescia's Representative, Eric Dietz announced there was a special session with the governor. Results: selling state surplus property to help the budget, halting non essential service projects and gave handouts of legislation introduced by Plescia.

-San Diego North Chamber of Commerce ~ Jim Adelman announced Michael Roberts will not be attending our meetings like Gary Powers as the San Diego North Chamber is focusing on all the communities they represent. He also mentioned their upcoming Mixer on March 12, at the El Torito Restaurant in RB. All RBCC members are invited to attend at member's price.

6. **PRESENTATION:**

A) J.C. Thomas, Regional Public Affairs Manager for SDG&E, along with Brian Freye, Governmental Affairs Specialist for SDG&E, presented information on clean transportation, smart meters, and Sunrise Powerlinks.

B) Shawna Anderson, Environmental Planner for the San Dieguito River Park, gave a brief update on the bicycle/pedestrian bridge over Lake Hodges. Total cost went from initial \$7 million to the present \$10 million. It's being funded by state, federal and local grants. It will be 990 feet long and expected to be completed by March 2009. What we all see now is the construction tressile. The actual construction of the bridge has not yet begun.

7. **AGENDA ITEMS (Voting Items)** :

A) Update on Code Compliance Vote at January Meeting. Robin Kaufman informed everyone of updated information gathered at a recent Code Compliance training session which several RBCC members attended. Ida Ford, City Code Compliance representative, explained that all community Code Compliance groups function quietly, without announcing meetings, etc. All reporting on Code Compliance issues are dealt with anonymously. Last month, RBCC voted to have Code Compliance fall under Government Relations Committee. In light of the new information, a new motion was made by Patti Perna, seconded by Dick Katz, that we amend last month's vote and not have the Code Compliance fall under any of the RBCC's committees. Vote: 15-1-0 (President only votes to break a tie).

B) Approval of Support for Neighborhood Watch Letter. Keith Worthington presented information on a letter of support indicating Neighborhood Watch members would be notified through CERT protocol, in the event of a disaster/emergency in our community. Neighborhood Watch members would then be able to contact their neighbors and inform them of the situation, etc. Keith Worthington made the motion, seconded by Patti Perna. Vote: 16-0 (President only votes to break a tie).

C) Agenda Order of Residents Remarks and Guest Speaker. Frank Auwarter presented information suggesting the order on the agenda be switched so our guest speakers present themselves first, followed by the Residents Remarks. This will allow the guest speakers to speak first and not have to wait long periods of time if we have many residents presenting various information. Frank Auwarter made the motion seconded by Ken Michael. Vote: 16-0 (President only votes to break a tie).

D) Proposed Bylaws Amendments (any and all amendments must pass with a 2/3 vote of all members of the RBCC)

-Patti Perna began to propose an amendment in the bylaws regarding the Traffic and Transportation Committee. However, until such time as the City Council approves the Planning Board's proposed bylaws, the Traffic and Transportation Committee will continue to operate at a Joint Committee, with a co-chair from the RBCC and RBPB. Therefore, this was a mute issue.

-Patti Perna proposed amendment of bylaws regarding Term Limits. Patti Perna made the motion, seconded by Karen Rott. Motion failed 9-7-0.

-Patti Perna proposed amendment of compensation issue which appears in Section 3.02 A. Agents and Employees, by removing the words regarding compensation. Patti also proposed amendment of 3.06 by removing the ambiguous wording. Andrea Thomas and Jay Riordan suggested more time was needed to address the issue and that the item be tabled until the March meeting. Unanimously agreed.

8. AGENDA ITEMS (Non-Voting Items):

None

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-Government Relations/Utilities. Ken Michael gave an update on guest speakers for the next couple of months

-Maintenance Assessment District. Frank Auwarter announced the upcoming meeting the following Monday.

-Programs. Joe Dirks was not present, but Ken Michael already made the announcements.

-Public Relations. Maria Keith had no comment.

-Public Safety. Keith Worthington reiterated the letter of support which was discussed at the last Public Safety Committee meeting.

-Traffic and Transportation. Robin Kaufman shared information of a letter received from the Transportation Engineering Division announcing that 84 of the 150 Bernardo Hills residents contacted regarding the proposed Traffic Calming Pilot program responded. 71 votes in support, 13 votes opposing it. Work orders have been prepared for the installation of road humps on Rios Road and an all way stop at the intersection of Rios Road and Alondra Drive.

10. **ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

-Tri-Council Community Elections. Frank Auwarter announced elections were taking place this coming Saturday.

11. **LIAISON REPORTS:**

- Planning Board. No report.
- Recreation Council. No report.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS:** none

ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned 9:26 pm

Upcoming Committee Meetings:

Community Elections ~ as needed, Frank Auwarter/Ken Michael Tri-Council Co-Chairs

Finance ~ as needed ~ Dorothy Risheberger, Chair

Government Relations/Utilities ~ Third Wednesday of the month, 7pm, Swim and Tennis Club ~ Ken Michael, Chair

Maintenance Assessment District ~ First Monday of the month, 7pm, Swim and Tennis Club ~ Frank Auwarter, Chair

Programs ~ As needed, Joe Dirks, Chair

Public Relations ~ First Thursday of the month, 7pm, Swim and Tennis Club ~ Maria Keith, Chair

Public Safety ~ Third Tuesday of the month, 7pm, High Country West Center ~ Keith Worthington, Chair

Traffic and Transportation ~ Fourth Monday of the month, 7pm, San Diego National Bank ~ Robin Kaufman, Co-Chair

Executive Board Meeting ~ Second Thursday of the month, 6pm, Bernardo Heights Community Club ~ Brooke Lambert, Chair

Respectively submitted this month by Robin Kaufman, Dottie Risheberger and Andrea Thomas.