

**RB COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Rancho Bernardo Library**  
**Mar.27, 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, 11 present at beginning (Ken Michael arrived after start)- Excused: Keith Worthington, Steve DeMatteo, Brandy Luscalzo-Steman . Unexcused: Jeffrey Gamble, Patti Perna, Brooke Lambert.
  - Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed to accept minutes of February meeting with correction to change of Bylaws as having been tabled. (10-0-1)
  - Corresponding Secretary: Andrea Thomas sent a thank you letter to the previous months' speaker.
  - Treasurer's Report: Dorothy Risheberger told us we have 7 CD's for a total of \$8097.93 and \$1273.26 in our checking account as well as an unconfirmed amount 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 Kaufman told us:
  - Maria Keith resigned after last month's meeting.
  - All committees have submitted their annual reports.
  - Members should not identify themselves as Community Council members when endorsing any candidate for the upcoming community elections or when writing letters to editors, etc..
  - New flexible safety dividers have been installed on West Bernardo Drive (near the Elephant restaurant) to prevent certain left turns – and they are expensive to replace, so please do not ignore them.
4. **Resident's Remarks:** Deferred till after Item 6 (Presentation) – *Carl DeMaio* (candidate for City Council) thanked our members for their efforts to better the community and expressed his plans to work with the Council in the future. *George George* introduced himself as a candidate for the District 5 – City Council seat. He gave a brief history of his background and his reasons for running for office. *Diane Peters* spoke about the needed renovation of Station 33 and the scheduled fundraiser of a golf tournament and dinner set for May 19.
5. **Liaison Reports:** (Non Board Members): - Mayor Jerry Sanders - Representative *Stephen Lew* is scheduled to be with us next month.
  - Council Member Brian Maienschein's Representative - *Courtney Smith* spoke about the City Council having adopted the general plan, the installation of two signs warning of a curb ahead on Bernardo Heights Parkway, and brush management on the City's 1,198 open space acres (with the help of 2.36 million in federal funds).
  - Supervisor Pam Slater-Price -Representative *Erica Hollaway* spoke about the ratification of the new fire code and the items described in the "District 3 Slate" newsletter. She also provided certificates of appreciation to those leaving our Council for their support of the community.
  - Assemblyman George Plescia - Representative *Eric Dietz* was not present.
  - Senator Dennis Hollingsworth - Representative *Ellen Malin* spoke on current legislation in progress and also provided certificates to the outgoing members of our Council.
  - Congressman Brian Bilbray - Representative *Andrew Lund* spoke about upcoming legislation and also provided certificates to the outgoing members of our Council.San Diego North Chamber of Commerce – *Jim Adelman* spoke about upcoming Chamber events, including RB Alive (Sunday – June 1<sup>st</sup>).
6. **Presentation:** *Jeff Bowman*, former SD Fire-Rescue Chief and present Chair of SD Regional Fire Safety Forum, gave a comprehensive presentation on issues pertaining to planning for the next wildfire and what improvements are needed to protect us.  
Following the presentation – Robin Kaufman advised us that her President's Report will be posted on the RB Community Council's web site and she expressed appreciation to all those who helped make our Council the success that it is.

7. **Agenda Items (Voting Items):** The President abstains from voting, except to break a tie.
  - A) A motion was made to have the recommendations for bylaws changes referred to a committee in the future. After seconding and discussion, the motion passed (10-0-1).
8. **Agenda Items (Non-Voting Items):** None.
9. **Standing Committee Reports:**

Government Relations/Utilities – Ken Michael told us of the next two month’s scheduled presenters, the scheduled debate and work in progress to obtain speakers for upcoming Community Council presentations.

Maintenance Assessment District – Frank Auwarter told us about their next meeting.

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

Traffic & Transportation – Robin Kaufman told us about their most recent meeting and their efforts to bring about traffic calming in the Gateway Hills area. She also told us the T&T committee will be continuing as a joint committee between the Community Council and Planning Board as the deviations in the new PB bylaws have not yet been approved by the City Attorney’s office.
10. **Liaison Reports: Planning Board** – Teri Denlinger provided a synopsis of their last meeting.
11. **Other Business:** Robin Kaufman provided certificates, along with her appreciation, to the departing members of our Council. In turn – Robin Kaufman was provided with the thanks and a token of their appreciation from the entire Council for her outstanding work for the betterment of our community. Additionally – Robin Kaufman presented George Cooke with a token of appreciation for the web site he has maintained for our Community Council.

**Meeting was adjourned for CC2007/2008 Year and reconvened for CC 2008/2009 at 9:15pm :**

After the meeting was reconvened, the following new members introduced themselves and were seated: Irving Sherman, Michele Stitzel, Beverly Judge, and Teri Denlinger (Beverly Merrill could not be present due to a medical situation.)

Since there was a tie vote for an opening in District G, after short presentations by Myrna Reese and for Steven DeMatteo, there was a vote taken by the seated members. Mr. DeMatteo received the most votes – and will be seated.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers: Andrea Thomas – Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer – Dorothy Rischeberger, Recording Secretary – Janet Atkin, Vice President – Brandy Luscalzo-Stemen, and President – Jay Riordan. Additional nominations were called for each position, and there being none, those nominated were confirmed.

Jay Riordan took over the meeting and expressed his eagerness to involve others in our progress. Jay told us he is looking forward to working with the following committee chairs: Government Relations-Ken Michael, Programs.-Joe Dirks, MAD-Steve DeMatteo, PR&Executive Committees.-Brandy Luscalzo-Steman , Finance-Dorothy Rischeberger, and Traffic and Transportation-Dick Katz. Jay Riordan called for a Chair to our Public Safety Committee and will serve as its Chair in the interim.

Jay Riordan expressed his thanks to Robin Kaufman for all the excellent leadership she has shown while with our Council and reminders were made to have the new officers sign the bank signature cards that Dorothy Rischeberger has and to see George Cooke if they needed their picture taken. With that the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

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