

## RB COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### Rancho Bernardo Library

June 26, 2008

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Administrative Matters:**
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Roll Call: Of 18 members; 14 present; Excused was Ken Michael. Unexcused were: Jeffery Gamble, Brandy Luscalzo-Steman, and Michele Stitzel
  - Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed with two corrections – the vote count for the recycling program was actually 14-0 and the vote regarding Robin Kaufman’s membership application for District D was actually 9-3-2.
  - Corresponding Secretary: Andrea Thomas sent a thank you note to the San Diego City Council candidates who spoke at the meeting in May.
  - Treasurer: Dorothy Risheberger reported that the Council has 7 CDs totaling \$8,182.95; a checking account with \$1,178.42; and a San Diego Foundation account with \$1,004.49; one check was written for \$163.78; the total in the account is \$10,365.86. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report as presented.
3. **President’s Remarks:** In addition to the usual introductory comments, President Jay Riordan explained that this meeting was work session for the Council to share ideas, set priorities and become better acquainted. No liaison reports were scheduled for this meeting.
4. **Resident’s Remarks:**
  - Patrick Hunter, Executive Director of the Citizen’s Review Board on Police Practices, presented a brief overview of the program. Twenty three volunteer citizens spend 20 hours a month reviewing about 75 serious complaints each year brought by the public against the Police Department of San Diego. Presently there is no Rancho Bernardo resident sitting on the board – however there are no vacancies and a wait list to participate.
  - Firefighter Justice Norgord spoke about the reality of future wildfires and warned residents not to have a false sense of security but instead to be ready by clearing brush, safeguarding our homes, etc. He said that our area has several new assets, including a high-tech helicopter and a revised schedule to add extra crews during Santa Anna conditions, and that communication county wide has improved. Frank Auwarter encouraged the council to make fire readiness a priority this year.
  - Carl DeMaio, our newly elected San Diego City Council Representative, is organizing several “listening sessions” in the district to give residents a chance to share their concerns. The Rancho Bernardo meeting is Monday, July 28 at Carl’s home. He is working on pension reform and has five Council votes of support.
5. **President’s Remarks to the Council:** President Jay Riordan has received a letter of resignation from Michele Stitzel, District F. Because Michele works out-of-town, she is unable to attend the evening meetings.
6. **Agenda Items (Voting Items):** The President abstains from voting, except to break a tie.
  - Steve Dematteo, Chair of MAD (Maintenance Assessment District), asked the council to approve the establishment of a CIP (Capitol Improvement Project) to set aside funds over a long period to eventually have enough in the account to landscape medians on Pomerado Road. It was moved and seconded to set up a CIP and the Council voted unanimously to approve that motion (13-0).
  - Janet Atkin, Chair of the Ad Hoc committee to coordinate the artistic painting of the SDGE utility boxes, reported that the first box had been painted on Lomica in front of the post office. Many council members had driven by to review the artwork and some discussion followed regarding logistics of the first phase of the project. It was moved and seconded to continue the first phase which involves painting ten boxes. The motion was passed unanimously to continue the project (13-0).

- Two residents from District D applied for membership on the council to fill the two vacancies. They both introduced themselves and the council voted unanimously to accept Suzanne Burns and Nancy Amon on the board (13-0).

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

- There was a round table discussion regarding the filling of vacancies and term limits of council members. An Ad Hoc committee was established to set some guidelines for future situations. Frank Auwarter will chair and Andrea Thomas and Beverly Judge volunteered to work with him.

**8. Standing Committee Reports:**

- Government Affairs: Ken Michael was not present to give a Government Affairs report for this meeting.
- Maintenance Assessment: Steve DeMatteo had no report other than the CIP request presented earlier
- Programs: Joe Dirks has arranged for Sheryl Bilbrey, President/CEO of the San Diego Better Business Bureau, to speak at the July 24 meeting. The evening will feature a Fire Survivors Forum with an attorney who specializes in working with contractors and a panel of October fire survivors who will discuss where they are in terms of rebuilding their lives and homes.
- Public Relations: Brandy Luscalzo was not present. President Jay Riordan reminded all new members that they must serve on the public relations committee during their first year on Council.
- Public Safety: Frank Auwarter reported that the committee was focusing on fire safety issues.
- Traffic and Transportation: No report at this time.

**9. Other Business:**

- Treasurer Dorothy Risheberger suggested that new badges and nameplates be ordered after new members have served for three months. She argued that too much money was being spent and wasted when new members resign shortly after being elected. People agreed and Dorothy will create temporary nameplates.
- Robin Kaufman announced that new classes for CERT training will begin in September.
- President Jay Riordan has received an email from Planning Board Chair Ellen Willis asking RBCC to write a support letter for two policemen who are helping to deter the selling of cars on Rancho Bernardo Road by issuing parking tickets. Board members agreed to send a support letter.

**12 Liaison Reports:**

- Planning Board: Joe Dirks reported that San Diego city staff representatives from MAD presented an overview of the history and process of the program and how it relates to Rancho Bernardo in particular.
- Recreation Council: Ken Michael was not present to report.

**13 Adjournment;** The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by Janet Atkin