

Rancho Bernardo Community Council  
MAD Committee Minutes

June 14, 2006

-Call to order at 7:06 pm. In attendance: Alethea Altenbern, Diane Peters, Robin Kaufman, Frank Auwarter, Myrna Reese, Steve Ewart, Susan Santilena. Staff: Joe Henderson, Cory Peterson. Also in attendance, Donna Hartings from RB News Journal and resident David Blitzblay.

-Approval of the minutes: Diane Peters made the motion, Steve Ewart seconded and all approved with the following corrections:

- correct spelling of Frank's last name should be Auwarter.
- street in discussion for meter is Paseo del Verano Norte
- change wording from MAD agenda to MAD minutes

-Joe Henderson gave a brief background of MAD and what our function is for the new members and resident in attendance.

-Staff Report:

-Update on Bernardo Center Drive accident by the freeway overpass: Cory's rough estimate of \$800 in damages last month was adjusted this month after reviewing the situation with our contractor. Damages to repair the site was quoted as being \$536. Cory presented photos to show the damage to numerous plants, shrubs, trees.

-Cory contacted the Principle Water Utility Supervisor (Roger Hawley) regarding the temporary water meter for Paseo del Vernano Norte per the Community Council's recommendations. There are only temporary meters for new construction. Mr. Hawley will be looking into why we need to pay the larger charges for capacity and water authority fees as he believes they would have been included in the medians when they were built. He is in the process of located any and all old records. Cory will give us an update at our next meeting.

-Tree Trimming: Western Tree service has provided us with the lowest bid at \$9500 for the 82 out of 100 which need to be trimmed on Bernardo Center Drive, RB Road and Pomerado Rd. Cory is pursuing this bid with purchasing department before July 1<sup>st</sup> when the living wage will be attached to the price. The next lowest bid is \$16,705.

-Westwood Soundwall/native planting letter: Alethea will touch base with Joe for specific information and formulate a letter for review regarding the maintenance of that property. Presently, MAD keeps the sidewalk clear of any limbs in the walkway as well as courtesy weeding.

-Review of Proposal To Get One Meter Installed at Paseo del Verano Norte: tabled until next month. See information under Staff Report.

-Letter To RB Journal Regarding MAD: Joe Henderson spent 2.5 hours on the telephone speaking to a resident who had some concerns regarding the possible upgrading of medians in our community. The resident was invited to attend our meetings. The MAD committee is satisfied with how Joe handled the situation and encourages all residents to attend our committee meetings.

- "Keep RB Beautiful" Was Our Slogan. Are We Doing That? Boxes Containing Electrical, Cable, etc.: Robin explained MAD is not responsible for utility boxes that are in need of painting/replacing as they are owned and are the responsibility of the individual utility companies. However, the Chamber and the Community Council were at one point working on developing a Keep RB Beautiful Committee to help 'spruce up' or community. Robin will contact the Chamber to see when we can get that committee up and running. Cory will get us some information on how we can obtain City approved paint from a location in Escondido to help with the 'sprucing up'.

-Other Items:

-Backflow Cages Information: Cory painted the backflows in our area. The City has a new policy to paint them blue to help prevent them from being stolen. If people bring in blue painted copper pipes to a recycling center, the center is supposed to report the individuals as it is stolen property. Since the backflows have been painted by the City, there have been no new reports of stolen copper piping.

-Frank asked if there are specific capital improvement plans (CIP) in the works. All are presently under discussion without anything definitely planned yet. Research and discussion are presently occurring in regard to the various projects.

- Joe mentioned grant opportunities for CIPs on Pomerado Rd and Rancho Bernardo Rd. We missed the Feb/March grant cycle, but we can bring up the FBA plan with the Planning Board. Robin and Joe will pursue this avenue. Joe mentioned application for some grant funding has been found. Staff will get us ornamental landscape information for this ~ we also need to decide if we want someone to come in and design some specific renderings for the grant. There is a funding mechanism for the next 2-3 years. The applications is 8-9 months.

-In consideration of community complaints, MAD staff is speaking with private businesses in charge of a median to work out an amicable exchange. The motion was made by Myrna and seconded by Robin that staff continue to pursue this issue. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm

Respectively submitted by Robin Kaufman