

# President's Report for 2005-2006

## OVERVIEW

The Rancho Bernardo Community Council is responsible for maintaining the quality of life for those who reside in Rancho Bernardo and keeping our neighborhoods safe. As a proactive organization, the Community Council strives to establish itself as an organization which stays abreast of issues that affect our area and provides important information to the residents of our community. The Rancho Bernardo Community Council meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, 7pm, at the Rancho Bernardo Library. Due to the holidays in November and December, we do a combined meeting for those two months which is held the first Thursday of December.

This report covers the present administrative year from March 2005 through February 2006. During that time frame the Community Council had a very active year. Each month consisted of very informative and productive presentations to help increase the public awareness of issues surrounding our community. There was an increase in the residents attending many of the meetings of the Community Council which indicated an interest in our presentation schedule.

During this year, we did have the resignation of one of our members in District B due to various health issues. We were able to immediately fill the vacancy.

### Year in Review:

#### March:

- President's annual report was presented by Robin Kaufman
- Outgoing board members were thanked
- Incoming board members were recognized
- Nominating Committee presented names of new officers which were approved by the board
- Committee Chairs were appointed by the President

#### April:

- Due to the resignation of one of our members, April found us with a vacancy in District B ~ Eastview area. Teri Denlinger presented herself to the board and was elected to the position.
- April was Public Awareness month and presenters were newly appointed Police Captain Christopher Ball, SDPD, Northeast Division, SDG&E representatives regarding emergency preparations as well as Nancy Walters, representing the Office Of Emergency Services (OES).
- The web page adhoc group was established.
- Approval of MAD's proposal for median work/changes on Bernardo Center Dr., east of I-15 overpass

-Second Reballoting of MAD fees was passed ~ 73% yes, 27% no.

#### May:

- Rob Knudsen, our Treasurer, finished certifying our Audit which was done free of charge by Peter Flournoy, attorney at law.
- Approval of MAD's proposal for median work/changes on Bernardo Center Dr.. west of the I-15 overpass
- Due to lack of members on the Utilities Committee, merging of the Government Relations and Utilities Committees was approved
- Guest speaker was Deputy City Manager, Lisa Irvine from the office of City Manger, Lamont Ewell.

#### June:

- Guest speaker was City Attorney, Mike Aguirre
- The Community Council donated \$500 to the City Libraries matching fund program

#### July:

- SBC representative, Scott Alevy addressed the pressing topic of charges for undergrounding phone lines. Many Rancho Bernardo residents had raised questions regarding the request by SBC to charge all its customers an additional 94 cents per month even in areas that already have underground phone lines, such as Rancho Bernardo.
- County Supervisor, Pam Slater-Price, gave a County State of address which highlighted the many accomplishments over the fiscal year.
- Acceptance of proposal to send agendas and minutes electronically to save a minimum of \$40 a month accord. Those who wish, can request information sent via USPS.

#### August:

- District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis presented information on activities undertaken by the DA office.
- Rob Knudsen presented information he was gathering regarding a sound system
- Approval of purchase of stationary and envelopes

#### September:

- Sheila Harden of Center City Development introduced the "Rediscover Downtown San Diego" campaign that is renovating downtown to attract local residents and businesses back to the area.
- CalTrans engineers Marcelo Peinado and Tim Mann presented information on the I-15 expansion work.
- Formulation of the Community Election Committee was discussed
- Code Compliance Training was offered for any Community Council members who were interested
- Rob Knudsen purchased a sound system for the Community Council meetings

#### October:

- It was announced that the Rancho Bernardo Foundation will be giving the Community Council \$500 which helped pay for the sound system as well as community elections

- Several residents addressed traffic and parking issues in the Greens East area
- Courtney Smith became the new representative for Councilmember Brian Maienschein
- Councilmember Brian Maienschein presented information on various accomplishments, issues, problems of his office and the Council in general
- Amendment of bylaw, Article IV, 4.0.5 (g) on page 6 of Bylaws, to change the date of the Community Council President's Address from January to March was approved

#### November/December:

- Due to Thanksgiving/Christmas, the Community Council combines these two months, meeting on the first Thursday of December
- Teri Denlinger from the Public Relations Committee announced the website would be up and running in December
- Janet Hoy reported that SDG&E held a series of open houses to discuss their initiative for new power sources in mid 2006 and high voltage transmission lines to gauge peoples' acceptance and response to the new lines.
- Development of Adhoc group for updating the bylaws was announced
- The Election Committee, spear headed by Janet Hoy made great headway with PR and various forms needed for the election process

#### January:

- There was an inquiry under Resident's Period regarding improvements of the asphalt medians on Pomerado Road
- A presentation was made by David C. Harrison, Homeland Security Coordinator
- Barbara Ayers of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) educated the audience regarding the vital role of CERT
- Announcement that the Adhoc committee will consist of the Executive Board members
- Denny Roe was appointed as Chair of the Officer's Nominating Committee

#### February:

- Motion was made and passed to cosponsor 50th Congressional Debate with the Rancho Penasquitos Town Council on April 6th at the Double Tree Resort. The Government Relations Committee will be in chairing the event
- Guest speaker Tina Pope, Director of Community Development from Palomar/Pomerado Health was not in attendance so time was spent reviewing information on the bylaws update, community elections process and Officer's nominating committee
- Jim Denton, Chair of the Planning Board attended to hand out copies of their annual report and review our sound system

#### GOALS 2005:

- Improved liaison reporting in each District:

A member of each District was supposed to keep their District informed of our activities through posts, on club bulletin boards, club newsletters, and HOA newsletters. The liaison was also supposed to report back on any issues/problems in the District. Some of these aspects were not fully reached and will be implemented again this year in order to establish community awareness of the Community Council and its function.

Junior members of each District will be assigned this task and will give a monthly report at the Community Council meetings.

-Continue to build a solid relationship with the media

We have established a strong relationship with the two local newspapers and will work on establishing as strong a relationship with the Union Tribune and North County Times

-Development of a website

This goal has been met and received well within the community. The site has had over 1400 visitors since it was made public in December, 2005 ~ just three months ago. The ultimate goal is to make the site the place residents will go to for information about the community

-Other ways of making the public aware of the Community Council

This goal has been partially met by the daily CalTrans updates we send out to residents on our email list. This is an ever growing list as more and more residents learn of it.

-Various community improvement project

This is an ongoing goal. Concentration this year will continue to be Fire Station #33, through the Public Safety Committee as well as the Pomerado Rd. asphalt median, through the Maintenance Assessment District Committee. We will also be working on establishing a strong CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) in Rancho Bernardo.

-Code Compliance team

We will continue to work with the Planning Board to establish a strong Code Compliance team in Rancho Bernardo. We presently have trained 28 people between the two organizations.

-Robert's Rules of Order

This has been an ongoing goal. The majority of our members do remember to follow a certain amount of protocol at our meetings. However, we are still having problem with a few members and once again, this will be a goal which we hope to finally meet. Specifically, raising hands at all meetings and waiting for the President or Chair of the Committees to call upon the member before speaking out. This also pertains to question and answer periods at meetings when there is a presenter or speaker.

On a personal note, I would like to say it has been a pleasure and honor to work with such fine, dedicated volunteers. I am proud to say I am a member of the Community Council and look forward to working with all of you this coming year.