

RB COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

RB Library

October 27, 2005

President: Robin Kaufman

1. **Call to Order.** 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Administrative Matters:**

Roll Call: All members present except Alethea Altenbern, Denny Roe, Jerry Coats, Ralph Stewart, excused, and Richard Auderheide.

Minutes: Diane noted a misspelling of Alethea's name in the Corresponding Secretary's report, and read an addition of Janet Hoy's report for the Mayor pro tem, Tony Atkins. Del moved and Chris seconded that we accept the minutes with changes, and the motion passed unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary's report: None.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Knudsen distributed financial reports for both September and October, as there was no report given at the September meeting. The account totals for September and October are, respectively, \$10,155.56 and \$10,597.63. Myrna made a motion that Del seconded to accept the treasurer's report into record, which passed without contest.

3. **President's Remarks:**

After welcoming and instructing the audience on meeting particulars, Robin announced that council member, Ralph Stewart, has had a decline in health, preventing his attendance. In lieu of the planned presentation to honor his years of service and 90th birthday, a card was circulated for members and friends to sign.

The RB Foundation recently presented the Council with a \$500 grant at a luncheon, which will pay for the new sound system—in use tonight for the first time.

Robin once again implored residents to not give money to street beggars, whose numbers have risen, but rather make donations to organizations that serve the unfortunate, i.e. shelters and food banks.

The Recreation Council's annual fundraiser exceeded expectations, raising ample money for the maintenance and improvement of the Dog Park.

4. **Resident's Remarks:**

Barbara Billotte addressed the Council on problems with traffic and parking on Greens East Road, especially due to vendor trucks servicing the RB Golf Club, which seems to have had membership increase—a charge the club denies. Resident requests include: Elimination of overflow parking on street; elimination of vendor loitering with idling engines; cautioning of club employees to reduce stereo and conversation volume; reduce speeding; and additional stop signs on Frondoso and Campillo. Robin said that the Traffic & Transportation Committee will review this matter at next meeting.

Joe Duris echoed some of Barbara's comments and added his concerns for Campillo Way, where it intersects Greens East, saying it was a dangerous intersection that needed a 4-way stop sign. Robin said Traffic is going over this with Streets Division.

A third resident, Ken Huepper, also of Greens East, had submitted a speaker request form, but did not address the Council. He did, however, leave a copy of a letter he wrote to Brian

Maienschein requesting that no action be taken on the RB Inn expansion by the Council until it first considers five issues itemized in the aforementioned letter.

5. **Government Relations Reports:**

Jim Gonsalves for **County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price** gave highlights of issues covered supervisor's office in the past month: stroke response preparedness, mosquito abatement continuing through fall, hotel tax refunds, watershed management, and beach revitalization.

Erica Holloway for **Senator Dennis Hollingsworth** declared his last workshop a success--great attendance—and announced a second workshop: *Sex Offenders: Do They Live in Your neighborhood?* for North County in Temecula. People seem to like the website (Megan's Law) but want more info on offense particulars. Erica is now also the senator's Press Secretary.

Aaron Pottichen for **Assemblyman George Plescia** thanked Gary Powers for his work on the Carmel Mountain street fair; the Child ID booth was well-attended. For the holidays they are promoting "Operation Mom" to collect gifts to be sent to soldiers in Iraq. Directed people to Secretary of State website to read initiative: www.ss.ca.gov and www.sdvote.com for poll.

Josh Finestone, a representative of **Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham**, reported that a bill to reject the BRAC recommendations left committee but failed to pass; good news for those who support the BRAC results, in which San Diego was quite fortunate. Illegal immigration is still an issue for Duke, who has drafted letters to President Bush asking that no new legislation be considered until existing laws are enforced.

Gary Powers, CEO of the new **San Diego North Chamber of Commerce** announced the October mixer at the old Ralph's location in the Bernardo Heights mall. It is hoped that this will help boost business for this locale. Henry's Farmers Market is set to fill this vacancy, possibly by June or July. The November 16th mixer will be sponsored by Unicorn Jewelry and other businesses in the Bernardo Center Plaza. Street fair next Sunday (October 30) in 4S Ranch will include the ever-popular Strut Your Mutt. Two Senior Experience Teams from Cal State San Marcos are working on projects for RB: a website and signage and banners for retailers. He also announced that Karen Snead, Chamber board member and RB business woman, will join Karen Rott's Fire Station 33 committee as a liaison from the Chamber.

6. **Presentation**

San Diego City Councilman, Brian Maienschein began by naming Courtney Smith as his new representative to the Community Council. Brian ran down the various accomplishments, issues, problems of his office and the council in general, such as the effect of opening highway 56. The city is in the process of taking down seven bridges; Lake Hodges will be done in 2008 and the rest in 2007. Concerning lands owned by the city that surround the Wild Animal Park, Brian is committed to preserving it as protected open space. He would also like to see the agricultural lands preserved. He believes the RB Dog Park to be the nicest in SD. About 70% of Scripps Ranch residents, who were burned out by the Cedar Fire, are now back in rebuilt homes with the help and support from their councilman. City now better prepared to fight fires. Brian's Team Court to try non-violent, 1st time teen offenders seems to be very effective. An interesting Q&A session followed, both council and audience members participating.

7. **Agenda Item:** 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, when it has been given for the past few years anyway.

A discussion arose before a motion could be made, when Robert Dunlap pointed out that the new verbiage or details about it should have been on the agenda or at least have been sent out ahead

of time to review instead of hearing it for the first time at the meeting. The article was then read before the council, followed by the new wording. Janet moved and Del seconded to amend the article as proposed. This motion passed with fourteen yays and one abstention (Nancy). Robin asked council members to read the bylaws and suggest changes.

8. **Standing Committee Reports:**

Elections – Janet Hoy explained that there are three committees managing the upcoming elections. The Tri Council Committee, with representatives from the Planning Board, Rec Council and the Community Council oversees the elections and makes sure that all three committees are accurately and consistently represented; the Publicity and Election Committee- a sub-committee of the Planning Board -will manage the publicity and PR including generating interest in running for an open seat, and the CC Election Committee will manage the mechanics of the elections- arranging for polling places, polling workers, putting together the ballots, etc.

Government Relations – Tony Mitchell thanked all those that attended their last meeting on water reuse.

Maintenance Assessment District – Steve Ewart reported that the city is now in a bid process for a new 5-year contract for our district; MAD will participate in an advisory capacity. See minutes.

Programs – Guy Cargulia worked with Denny Roe to get SD Homeland Security director Augie Ghio as a speaker for January. Senator Hollingsworth is a possibility for February. Robin asked for the speakers to be scheduled three months in advance.

Public Relations – Chris Miller. Teri, working with George Cook and Steve Ewart, is in the process of creating a CC website under the name of rbcommunitycouncil.com. She is also working with Janet to publicize the elections.

Public Safety – Denny Roe. See minutes.

Traffic and Transportation – Robin Kaufman says the committee is working on the Greens East issues. They are also looking into lengthening the time of lights for pedestrian crossing—need 20 seconds but currently only have about 3-5 seconds. The school parking concerns are still not resolved in Bernardo Heights; there are still many cars parked on the street, while parking lots have many empty spaces. 4S Ranch is still in need of traffic lights and crosswalks to protect school children, even though one child was hit by a car.

9. **Liaison Reports:**

Planning Board – Myrna Reese had no report; see forth coming minutes. Robin said the board is dealing with issues concerning the industrial park, and the old Shell Station at the intersection of Pomerado and Rancho Bernardo Roads may have a second life as a Jiffy Lube.

Recreation Council – Robin Kaufman said much of the news had to do with the Dog Park event. Currently they are “making deals” with pet sitters.

Adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Respectively submitted by Diane Peters.