

RB COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

RB Library

December 1, 2005

1. **Call to Order.** 7:04 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: Alethea Altenbern.

2. **Administrative Matters:**

Roll Call: All members present except Denny Roe, Guy Cargulia, Stan Robbins, Chris Miller, Ralph Stewart (all excused) and Rob Knudsen (unexcused).

Minutes: Diane moved and Karen seconded to accept the minutes with changes, and the motion passed unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary's report: Robin sent thank you to Brian Maienschein, and Alethea sent a thank you to the RB Foundation.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Knudsen was not in attendance and had not made a financial report available in his absence.

3. **President's Remarks:**

Following instructions to the audience as per meeting particulars, Robin acknowledged the RB Foundation for their generous donation that enabled the Council to purchase a sound system this fall; mentioned that a recording device may be added to the sound system for the recording secretary; and reminded everyone of upcoming Elections. She thanked all those who attended the Code Compliance meeting; the fourteen who attended will join with previous trainees to spruce up RB. She also thanked Jerry for use of the Seven Oaks Community Center. In regard to the community elections, Robin would like to see heavy recruiting and a "Meet the Candidates" night before the election. She announced that our next meeting will be on January 26, 2006 with a guest speaker: Augie Ghio, director of San Diego division of Homeland Security.

4. **Resident's Remarks:**

Sharon Murphy of Avenida Cordillera in Bernardo Trails addressed the Council regarding coyote problems in RB: she has been stalked by a coyote while walking her dog and has seen as many five on the golf course. Robin told Ms Murphy that she must call the USDA, not Animal Control.

Joe Dirks commented on the lack of a Treasurer's Report in the absence of a treasurer, stating that the treasurer could email a copy of the report to the president, or another member, when unable to attend a council meeting.

5. **Government Liaisons Reports:**

Courtney Smith for City Councilman **Brian Maienschein** introduced herself as our new representative, saying that anyone with questions or comments for the Councilman could contact her directly. She then talked about actions by the office in RB, among them: a new stop sign at Monticook and Smoke Signal and a new dementia wing has been opened at Casa de las Campanas. In closing she announced there will be a run-off election on January 10, 2006 for the open seats in City Council.

Jim Gonsalves for **County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price** gave highlights of issues dealt with by the supervisor's office in the past month, opening with the county-wide moratorium of offshore

drilling will continue. This topic drew questions from council members regarding energy resources and oil alternatives. Other issues met by the Supervisor were covered by a District 3 Slate newsletter, which was distributed.

Myrna Reese for the **San Diego North Chamber of Commerce** reported that the new banners are now up promoting RB businesses. On December 13, Bernardo Heights Country Club will host a fundraising lunch with Mike Aguirre for \$30 per person to benefit the education foundation. The next mixer will take place on December 14 at the California Bank & Trust in the Bernardo Plaza Court. An open forum is scheduled for December 7 to discuss issues regarding the Dog Park.

6. **Agenda Item:**

A) Website update: Teri Denlinger said the Council website will be up and running in about 3 weeks; it will include election information. She distributed copies of a first page mock up, and other samples created by Steve Ewart. George Cooke will do all the work to create the website for only a credit, and he says he can do the "paging" (not scrolling) style design that we want. Robert objected to the use of the word "governs" in language to describe the Council and the other boards. The website address will be www.rbcommunitycouncil.com and will only cost a nominal yearly fee to maintain the domain name. Anyone with changes, updates, etc. should send them to Teri. We would like the site to include a counter for total hits versus total visitors. Janet asked if we could get a data log of which pages are visited. Karen asked who will manage the site for contact requests. Teri would like to be the person to whom contact emails are sent, perhaps via George, or we may have individual member contact links.

B) SDG&E Expansion Proposal: 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. They showed a path the lines will take. Janet said the presentation was very professional. One corner of the path cuts through RB south of the San Dieguito River Park and may cross I15 at one point though not likely if coming from Imperial City to SD. SDG&E is disinclined to bury lines if not necessary because it is not cost effective. SDG&E must determine routes before they go to the PUC (Public Utilities Commission). Some of the proposed power sources are renewable. Health hazards will not be weighed in the decision, because there is no direct evidence to support claims against high voltage lines and health.

C) Development of ad hoc committee for bylaws update: will meet before January and after to review bylaws and recommend changes, such as the Council's non-profit status, which has lapsed. The committee will need 3-5 people, to be selected by Robin. Final wording will be reviewed by legal council, possibly Peter Flournoy who has worked with the Council before.

7. **Standing Committee Reports:**

Elections – Janet Hoy distributed a draft of the Declaration of Candidacy Application for the upcoming elections, scheduled for 4 March 2006. The committee has two big jobs ahead of it: getting multiple candidates for each seat and to publicize the elections to draw in voters. Teri will help with publicity; and Donna Hartings of the RB News Journal will be instrumental by running ads weekly. There may also be a Q&A session with the candidates. The Council made several changes to the declaration of candidacy forms. The deadline is January 31, 2005.

Government Relations – Tony Mitchell fielded a lengthy discussion regarding reducing time of liaison reports. Many recommendations were made to shorten the duration of Council meetings, but some of us are concerned about losing hard-won relationships with government representatives. Joe Dirks pointed out that our liaison reports only take 15 minutes, while the standing committee reports could be emailed. Most agree that mayoral and city council reports are important. Clearly this matter will require more discussion before decisions can be reached.

Maintenance Assessment District – Robin reported that things are moving along well with MAD. Over the next two months the committee will be dealing with the budget, doing a line-by-line and item-by-item review. Recommendations regarding the budget will be presented to the Council in January. In addition, MAD is in the process of negotiating a new contract with the contractor. Another issue is the moving of trees from Bernardo Center drive (west of I15) to Pomerado Road by Rios Road, pending some details.

Programs – Guy Cargulia was not available to report, but our next speaker Augie Ghio, director of San Diego division of Homeland Security, at the January 26th meeting.

Public Relations –Teri Denlinger is dedicated to the website and elections. Working with George Cook and Steve Ewart, she 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. The CC calendar plan may tie into another project.

Public Safety – Denny Roe was attending an important Emergency Preparedness meeting. See minutes. Some members of the committee voiced their thoughts and concerns about this committee. There seems to be some difficulty aligning members with some of the stand-alone organizations.

Traffic and Transportation – Robin said the committee received a large report from the city on all work done in RB. Jeff King, principal of RB High School, was quoted in the RB News Journal regarding the traffic problems surrounding the school.

8. **Liaison Reports:**

Planning Board – Myrna Reese said that chairman Jim Denton gave a report before the board. Mark Ellis from Cal-Trans spoke. They also had a meet and greet. A new property zoning proposal for San Pasqual was discussed. And a Nextel cell tower was approved, provided that the trees “hide it” from view. The City Planning Commission approved the RB Inn expansion, but a resident is protesting that it is an illegal commercial venture in a residential zone.

Recreation Council – Robin mentioned the Dog Park Forum to precede their December 7th meeting.

Palomar Pomerado Health – Myrna Reese gave an update on PPH activities. They are still working with Escondido city to work out the purchase of the ERTC site for the new facility and to upgrade the medical center. Meetings have been held to exchange information with the public on all plans for the Pomerado Hospital. PPH recently recognized for exceptional care throughout California. A community forum will be held on December 13 to share data collected from the Community Needs Assessment.

Adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Respectively submitted by Diane Peters.