

## RB COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### RB Branch Library

March 23, 2006

1. **Call to Order.** 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Alethea Altenbern.
2. **Administrative Matters:**
  - Roll Call: All members present except Rob Knudsen, Jerry Coats, Ralph Stewart, Guy Cargulia and Myrna Reese—all excused; also absent were Teri Denlinger, Nancy Linton and Chris Miller.
  - Minutes: Stan Robbins moved and Richard Aufderheide seconded to accept the minutes as printed, which passed by a unanimous vote.
  - No Corresponding Secretary's report: No letters sent out since last Council meeting.
  - Treasurer's Report: No report in Rob's absence, but it will be posted on the web site.
3. **President's Remarks:** After her customary welcome and instructions to the guests in attendance, Robin made a few announcements, including the following.
  - Nancy Linton from the Oaks North district is stepping down from the Council, leaving a one-year vacancy. Robin invited suggestions of possible candidates to fill this seat.
  - *RB Alive* 2006 Expo Street Fair is set for the first Sunday in June. The Council already has a booth space reserved. Robin says it is in a good location and will be shared with the other two boards. There will be promos that will be discussing next month.
  - She thanked the election volunteers, in particular the committee chair, Janet Hoy, for an excellent job as chair and a smooth-running election.
4. **Resident's Remarks:**

**Juan Baligad** introduced himself as the new manager of the Rancho Bernardo Community Service Center, located in the in the RB Branch Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Mr. Baligad gave a brief run down of services offered to residents of RB and Carmel Mountain via the Center, and distributed a pamphlet outlining its many services.
5. **Government Relations Reports:**

**Courtney Smith**, for **Councilman Brian Maienschein**, asked residents to contact her personally with community concerns, which she can then take up with Brian. One such concern that RB is experiencing anew is graffiti; residents that find graffiti in the community should notify Courtney immediately, so that it may be cleaned up right away. Brian will be speaking at the Remington Club in April. Courtney thanked Council members that were departing from Council service. Robin asked about a speed limit sign with a silhouette of children playing on Matinal Road by Westwood Elementary. Courtney said the city doesn't seem to have any such signs, and it may therefore be illegal. Robin will get a photograph of the sign.

**Aaron Pottichen** for **State Senator George Plescia** announced that his boss has been elected Senate Minority Leader! He will be involved in projects with the governor. Plescia is backing bill AB2010 regarding Health Savings Accounts, which he highly recommends, involve tax-deferred savings to cover health costs.

**Gary Powers**, president and CEO of the **San Diego North Chamber**, welcomed newcomers to the Council and commended those leaving for doing an important job. Gary announced various events on the Chamber calendar for April, such as: the new Young Professional's Group formed to help new business people form contact networks; a Business Success network luncheon on April 5 in Sabre Springs; 72-hour survival vests available at a good price from the Chamber web site; a reception to welcome 150 new members; a 5-Minute Networking Groups starts on April 13 at 7 am at Home Town Buffet in Mira Mesa; Salute to Military golf tournament April 19 to raise money to support military families at Miramar; on April 23-25 nine members of the Chamber will be attending the California Legislative Conference in Sacramento; and more. See the Chamber website or visit the office for more information.

Janet asked if the Young Professionals' Group had a minimum age. Gary said they did not want to impose an age limit.

## 6. **Presentation:**

**President's Annual Report** Community Council President, Robin Kaufman, delivered a summary of her "state of the Community Council" address for the administrative year March 2005/2006, which will be posted in its entirety on our web site. Robin defined the role of the Council in maintaining RB quality of life standards through its many committees and code compliance training. All meetings are open to the public, and speakers are chosen for their value and interest to RB residents. Some of our more notable presenters over the past year have included City Attorney Mike Aguirre, County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, CERT managers, CalTrans engineers, City Councilman Brian Maienschein, and SDG&E representatives. Many of the goals set for this year have been met, which include but are not limited to the following:

- Improve liaison reports—each Council member is responsible for disseminating information to residents in respective districts.
- Strengthen relationships with media—accomplished with *RBNews Journal* via reporter Donna Hartings, who attends almost all community meetings and gives us comprehensive coverage—and we would like to develop similar contacts with other newspapers and radio.
- Develop Council website—achieved through the concerted efforts of Steve Ewart, Teri Denlinger and George Cooke!
- Fire Station 33 renovation—now in planning stages and ready to launch fundraising efforts.
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) for RB residents will roll over into the next year as a focus.
- Code Compliance training for Council members was held, certifying the attendees to identify and report code violations in the community.
- Observe and follow Robert's Rules of Order in all meetings.

Robin thanked all the members who were departing for their time of service with the Council, and took this time to individually recognize some for notable contributions:

- Tony Mitchell, chairman of the Government Relations committee, and fought to bring about the solid relationships we have with the many elected officials in the city, county and state that send representatives to report at our meetings. The upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> District Congressional Debate in Penasquitos this April 6, 2006 is a direct result of Tony's efforts.
- Denny Roe, who chaired the Public Safety committee, a difficult group to manage: migrant worker issues, defibrillator locations, SDFD Station 33, EPP, NHW.
- Del Ritchhart, whose intelligence, maturity, experience and vast knowledge of government organizations and diverse matters was invaluable and will be missed.
- Steve Ewart, Vice President and MAD chair, was a concerned resident who began attending MAD meetings and later ran for a seat on the Council, has given countless hours of time and lent his many skills to all RB issues.
- Stan Robbins served on the Traffic/Transportation and MAD committees and always had great comments and questions.

Each of them was presented with the parting gift of a star-shaped figure commemorating their "starring" roles in service to the community.

## 7. **Standing Committee Reports:**

Elections – Janet Hoy gave us a comprehensive report of the activities and accomplishments of the Elections' Committee and the 2006 community election on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The committee was responsible for overseeing the mechanics of the election process and coordinating with the Tri-council Elections Committee, comprised of members from all three boards. Concerted efforts were made throughout the process to publicize all stages of the event from candidacy declaration to voting. Particular attention was given to make it easier for people to vote. There were 9 polling sites and 32 candidates (11 for the Council). Though voter turn out was slightly lower than last year, with 628 ballots cast, the election went smoothly with only a few minor complaints. This committee was able to streamline the process overall and, via thorough evaluations, will provide future elections with the benefit of this committee's experience.

Janet recognized her committee members for their roles in this success: Del Ritchhart, Teri Denlinger, and Jerry Coats.

Government Relations/Public Utilities – Tony Mitchell (stepping down): serves as the liaison between the Council and residents to government officials and utilities' management. On April 6, 2006 the committee will host the 50<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Debate at the Double Tree Hotel in PQ, beginning with a reception at 6:30 pm before the debate at 7:30 pm.

Maintenance Assessment District – Steve Ewart (stepping down): meets monthly with city staff to advise them on how we would like our community right of ways, medians, and green spaces managed in regard to landscape, lighting, repairs, beautification, and capital improvements.

Programs – Guy Cargulia: schedules speakers to present at the Council meetings. Almost every month, there are one or more presenters who cover a variety of topics that concern life in RB, such as utility rates, freeway construction, emergency preparedness, and city finances.

Public Relations – Teri Denlinger (not re-elected): primarily responsible for producing publicity materials to be posted and/or emailed, press releases to media informing RB residents of Council events, but also for educating the community as to the identity and role of the Council.

Public Safety – Denny Roe (stepping down): a correlation committee of police and fire departments, emergency preparedness, RSVP and neighborhood watch. From this a few ad hoc committees have spun off to focus on issues like the day workers, defibrillators, and Station 33 renovation. Officer Paul Lennon says that PSC is the police department's main communication channel to the community.

Traffic and Transportation – Robin Kaufman: this is a joint committee with the Planning Board to deal with traffic matters in RB, such as speed control, signal timing, signage, striping, and pedestrian crossing. T&T works with the city Traffic Division as a liaison from the residents.

## 8. **Liaison Reports:**

Planning Board – Myrna Reese: deals with land use issues and building, renovation, etc.

Recreation Council – Robin Kaufman: oversees matters of recreation in RB, such as the Dog Park, which is holding monthly fund raising events.

## 9. **Other Business:** All members retiring from the Council were then given a moment to leave the stand.

2005/2006 Council Adjourned at 8:13 pm

2006/2007 Called to order at 8:15 pm

1. **Seating of 2006/2007** Janet Hoy allowed newly-elected Council members a few minutes to introduce themselves and then to take a seat on the stand:

Dorothy Rischeberger (District A) is a 13-year resident and former Planning Board member from Casa de las Campañas.

Jim Adelman (District B) is originally from Iowa, but has lived in RB for 20 years; he owned a successful printing company (now sold) in Mira Mesa, where he served on the board of the Diamond Gateway Chamber.

Susan Santilena (District C) moved from Carlsbad, where she had an accounting business but now is a realtor with RB Prudential; she has always been active in community boards and committees wherever she has lived.

Debbie Keller (District D) has lived in RB for 32 years! She has worked for the Union Tribune for 20 years as a sales manager in La Jolla, and she is excited to join the Council.

Eric Luthard (District D) is fairly new to RB with 15 years' experience as an EMT, paramedic, and firefighter; now a paramedic for WAP while gaining his nursing degree, he is also a new father of triplets!

Andrea Thomas of District E has lived in RB for 4 years, serves on the Seven Oaks' Board of Directors and advises its Architectural Committee, and she is also library volunteer.

Norman Murkoff (District F), a resident of RB for 10 years, came here from Poughkeepsie, NY when he and his wife decided to just drive west until they found a place they wanted to live. He is a retired kitchen designer and an RSVP patrolman.

2. **Nominating Committee Report and Election of Council Officers:**

Denny Roe, chair of the Nominating Committee (other members: Richard Aufderheide, Nancy Linton, Del Ritchhart, Stan Robbins, and Denny Roe) explained process of nominating officers to the Community Council for the 2006-2007 year and then announced the nominees.

Nominees: President – Robin Kaufman; Vice President – Janet Hoy; Treasurer – Rob Knudsen; Corresponding Secretary – Alethea Altenbern; Recording Secretary – Diane Peters.

Denny made a motion and Karen seconded to accept the nominees as stated, by which all were elected by unanimous vote. Janet then turned the meeting over to the president re-elect, Robin.

3. **District G Candidate seats:**

Keith Worthington, a business studies' instructor in San Diego City Schools from North Carolina, where he was very active in community governing organizations, presented himself for the vacant seat in District G. A motion to vote for Keith, made by Janet and seconded by Richard, passed to accept him onto the Council.

4. **Committee Chairs Establishment:** Robin announced new committee chair appointments to fill the new vacancies.

Government Relations/Utilities – Janet Hoy

MAD – Alethea Altenbern

Public Relations – will be made up of the junior members of the Council

Public Safety – Karen Rott

Traffic & Transportation – co-chair, Robin Kaufman

5. **Other Business:**

Alethea Altenbern mentioned that the photos of the PQ median that were emailed to MAD members were time-consuming to download. Robin agreed but noted they will be helpful in planning the revamp of the Pomerado Road medians—an improvement goal for the coming year.

Karen Rott said that she is very excited for PSC this year. Meetings are still to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays at 9 am, but at the Bernardo Heights Community Club. Karen will be conducting tours of Fire Station 33 for all Council members over the next few weeks. She hopes to give tours to residents as well to inform them of the poor condition of their fire station and to generate community interest in and support of its renovation.

Robin announced that the Executive Committee meeting time was changed from 6 pm to 7 pm.

Biographies for new members will be posted on the Council website.

BBQ/potluck is a get-together for the Council to welcome new members; date and time is yet to be determined sometime this spring (May or June).

Adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectively submitted by Diane Peters.