



## Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2014

Attendees: Jon Becker, Joost Bende, Thom Clark, Bill Diehl, Bill Dumka, Stephen Egbert, Steve Gore, John Keating, Jeanine Politte, Keith Rhodes, Mike Shoecraft, Rod Simmons, Dennis Spurr, Melinda Vasquez

Absent: Mike Kenney, Ruth Loucks, Cynthia Macshane, Darren Parker, Ramesses Surban, Zachary Tanton, Dan Valentine

Community Members & Guests (Voluntary Sign-in): Anne DeBevoise-Abel, Eric Rubalcava, Dirk Smith, Frank Landis, Mitz Lee, Joe Thompson

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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm at the Doubletree Golf Resort located at 14455 Peñasquitos Drive, San Diego, California 92129. A Quorum was present.

2. Agenda Modifications: none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 5, 2014

**Motion:** To approve the March 5, 2014 Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board Meeting minutes as presented. M/S/C - Politte/Becker/Approved, 10 in favor – 0 against – 2 abstentions (Vasquez, Shoecraft).

- Diehl said that members who are absent for the vote should be publicly announced according to a lawyer who attends the Park & Rec Board meetings.
- Politte objected to absent members being listed for the minutes' vote adding that members who vote against or abstain from voting are listed.
- Discussion on interpretation and whether the Brown Act requires this.
- Clark read out the following names as absent for the vote: Loucks, Surban, Kenney, Parker, Macshane, Tanton, Rhodes, Valentine.

4. Public Safety Agencies: not present

5. Public Forum:

- a. Anne DeBevoise-Abel spoke regarding the BMOS Park NRMP potential future trail that was drawn across her property. She reminded the group that she had spoken with us a few months ago and that they were never noticed at the time we were reviewing the NRMP. She noted that the potential trail will impact the biology, habitat, slope. The Planning Commission reviewed the project and approved the proposal, sending it on to City Council on April 29, 2014. City staff informed her via email that the line will be removed from the maps, but she doesn't believe that RPPB was allowed to review the habitat, slope, and biology of their parcel and whether it should be listed/shown on the map.
  - Bende recalled that Rhodes had commented that lines on maps mean things when we reviewed the NRMP project and Community Plan amendment and he added, we were assured that the proposed trails were not on private property.
  - Simmons noted that the City said they needed a trail connecting trails from BMOS in the Rancho Peñasquitos Community Plan and the trails in Black Mtn. Ranch Community Plan, adding the line (future trail) between the two areas was done in

- error. The Planning Commission hearing was very confusing because it was for the Rancho Peñasquitos Community Plan amendment and the discussion include both plans. He said that DeBevoise-Abel spoke about her issues at that meeting but because her property is in Black Mtn. Ranch, they didn't address her issues. Planning Commission voted on the Rancho Peñasquitos Community Plan Amendment only.
- DeBevoise-Able noted that the map they voted on included a future trail across her property.
  - Simmons said that the map will show a point A & B, not a route.
  - Becker asked, if the trail doesn't go across her property, does it go through MHPA City owned property? DeBevoise-Abel said that she was told that the City will own the MHPA in the future and they can do whatever they want. At the same time, they expect the property owner to build it even if they don't want it; a significant liability to the property owner.
  - Bende asked Becker if he recalled being told the trails were not across private property; Becker said yes, we would not have supported it if the trails went across private property.
  - Diehl added that the City can't take and build a trail across private property.
  - Clark said that he wanted to continue the discussion under the Chairs report.
  - Politte noted that if we want to take an action on this or modify our previous approval, we would need to vote to modify the agenda adding an action item.
  - Bende suggested that RPPB send a letter stating that we were never informed that future trails would be on private property.
  - Clark agreed and will pull together all background documents to prepare a letter to City Council.
  - Simmons said that he will contact Laura Ball to verify which map will be used.
- b. Frank Landis, a Torrey Highlands resident & member of the San Diego Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (Conservation Chair). He spoke on the benefits of the habitat on Del Mar Mesa. The DMM NRMP is in process and he is concerned with future development (Diocese Property, Rhodes Crossing & Merge 56) on the eastern end of the Mesa and the impacts on the flora/bio.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION ITEMS:
- a. San Diego City Development Services Dept. Report – Michael Prinz, absent
  - b. San Diego City Council Member Lorrie Zapf, District 6 Report – Conrad Wear, Friedman provided a brief report in Wear's absence.
    - The decision to fill City Council District 2 vacancy will be made during the April 7<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting; there are 19 applicants. Info is available on the City Clerk's homepage.
    - Councilmember Zapf received an award for her work on regulations banning puppy mills and attended several events: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pacific Beach Bike only event, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cabrillo Nat'l Monument and the Taste of Mira Mesa.
    - Walk San Diego and Move San Diego have merged to become Circulate San Diego.
  - c. San Diego City Council Member Mark Kersey, District 5 Report – Lee Friedman
    - District 5 has a new infrastructure specialist, Pat Buteler, and hired a new Community Outreach assistant who may attend RPPB meetings in Friedman's absence.
    - One topic at the last Infrastructure Committee meeting was service levels. The multi-year Capital Improvement Project process is an evolving document; looking a what

- the service levels should be, what are the costs, and project ranking. Having a conversation with public works department on the recent CIP submitted lists.
- Clark noted that he heard that all the projects submitted made it onto the long-term plan list; Friedman clarified that the vast majority of projects that would qualify as a capital improvement project are listed, but funding is the issue. It's long term planning and will be fluid moving forward.
  - Gore asked if CPGs would be preparing a submission this fall? Friedman noted that the process may be changed to every other year or another format. Clark added that he was told at CPC that CPGs would not go through the exercises done over the past 2 years and there would be dialogue this fall on changing the process. Friedman said they have been talking with the Director of Public Works and don't want to duplicate efforts so the policy will be amended, exactly how is not finalized.
  - Diehl inquired if the City is conducting a conditions and asset assessment of all Parks; Friedman said yes.
  - Diehl asked about the status of the Infrastructure Bond.
    - Friedman said they are not commenting on the Bond lawsuit adding that the Mayor's budget comes out on April 15<sup>th</sup> and there is always general fund monies for infrastructure repairs ie. potholes, repaving, etc. Previous bonds have not been completely exhausted, but the new Bond was for projects like new fire stations, etc.
- d. San Diego County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 Report – Harold Meza, absent
- e. 77<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, Member Brian Maienschein's Office Report – Michael Lieberman
- SR56 Issues - Assembly member Maienschein and staff have been talking with Caltrans and pushing for a center median barrier; noting the multiple accidents along the route. Caltrans will only agree to more lane delineation which the Assembly member feels is insufficient. Staff is still working on the bike lane barrier changes for better bike safety. They are also working on the over/under pass that Caltrans promised as part of the Pacific Highlands Ranch development plan (Carmel Valley Planning Group) which hasn't been built yet.
    - Vasquez asked what Caltrans opposition was to the center median barrier.
      - Lieberman noted that Caltrans said the road was built to standards. Staff is talking to them about adding noise bumps on the shoulder as a form of delineation, but would prefer the barrier.
    - Keating noted that the bike path is to be enhanced where the path is closer than 30 feet (standard distance). He added that Caltrans' argument against barriers is that if someone hits the barrier, they could be hurt worse or bounce back into traffic and then if barriers are damaged, they need to be repaired.
    - Lieberman added that the center median is 75-100 feet wide and Keating added that if it was less they would be required to install a barrier.
    - Vasquez noted that she doesn't understand why Caltrans wouldn't want to put in barriers after one accident.
    - Bende noted that when SR 56 is widened to 4 lanes each way, Caltrans will have to install a barrier. He added that SR 54 had similar issues about 10 years ago where they had to install a barrier after multiple accidents.
    - Lieberman added that Caltrans has said they have slated the permanent barrier along the bike path in the next budget.

- Keating added there are 3 locations, less than 30 feet, where concrete barriers will be installed. These are not where any of the accidents onto the bike path have happened, but fit Caltrans' criteria.
  - Politte/Friedman added that City Council approved moving up the timeline of the study for the widening of SR 56.
  - Simmons noted that on I-5 from Sorrento Valley to Genesee, bicyclists have to ride on the shoulder without any barrier. The plans as he understand them are to be similar to that on SR 56 with a fence separating the bikes from traffic. This, too, eventually needs to be addressed – Lieberman took note.
    - Keating said there are 3 alternatives that the City is working on with Caltrans on the I-5 bike paths and feels they will be looking at barriers not a fence; it will be a Class I bike path.
    - Lieberman added that Caltrans has said they don't own k-rails, they rent them.
    - Becker suggested the corrugated steel & wood barriers versus permanent concrete; Keating noted that would work.
    - Keating asked if there was a SR 56 Caltrans point of contact; Lieberman said no.
- f. 52<sup>nd</sup> District, U.S. Congressman Scott Peters' Office Report – Hugo Carmona, absent; Vasquez read brief portions of Carmona's emailed report, see Attachment 1.

## 7. BUSINESS.

### a. **Ratify Election Results, Appointments (Commercial 2, Organization Seats & Vacancies) & Election of Board Officers** – Thom Clark (Action Item)

- 1) **Ratify Election Results** - No appeals to the election results have been received since being announced at the March 5, 2014 meeting.

**Motion:** To ratify the election results as follows: Rancho Peñasquitos Dist. 2 - Stephen Egbert, Dist. 4 - Mike Shoecraft, Dist. 10 - John Keating, and Torrey Highlands At-Large Seat 2 - Dan Valentine. M/S/C – Spurr/Bende/Approved, 13 in favor – 0 against – 0 abstentions/recusals.

- Clark thanked outgoing members, Spurr and Bende, before they left and Egbert (Dist. 2) took his seat.
- 2) **Appointments** – Applications for chair appointed Dist. 6 vacancy and Commercial seat and letters of appointments were received.

Rancho Peñasquitos Dist. 6 – Rod Simmons

**Motion:** To approve the reappointment of Rod Simmons to Rancho Peñasquitos District 6 seat (2 year term). M/S/C – Vasquez/Becker/Approved, 11 in favor – 0 against – 1 recusal (Simmons).

Commercial 2 – Bill Dumka

**Motion:** To approve the reappointment of Bill Dumka to Commercial 2 seat (2 year term). M/S/C – Becker/Simmons/Approved, 11 in favor – 0 against – 1 recusal (Dumka).

PQ Rec Council – Steve Gore was appointed by the Rec Council.

**Motion:** To confirm Steve Gore's appointment (1 year term, appointed annually). M/S/C – Clark/Shoecraft/Approved, 11 in favor – 0 against – 1 recusal (Gore).

Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council – Cynthia Macshane was appointed for the next few months, until they elect their new officers who would then make their appointment.

**Motion:** To confirm Cynthia Macshane's appointment (term - until Town Council officers are elected). M/S/C – Clark/Gore/ Approved, 12 in favor – 0 against – 0 abstentions.

CPC Alternate – Clark asked Jon Becker if he still wanted to be his alternate on the CPC in his absence (vote required); Becker agreed.

**Motion:** To appoint Jon Becker as Clark's alternate on the CPC. M/S/C – Clark/Politte/Approved, 12 in favor – 0 against – 0 abstentions.

3) **Election of Officers –**

Chair -

**Motion:** To nominate Thom Clark to continue as RPPB Chair. M/S/C – Becker/Vasquez/Approved, 11 in favor – 0 against – 1 recusal (Clark).

Vice Chair –

**Motion:** To nominate Jon Becker to continue as RPPB Vice Chair. M/S/C – Shoecraft/Clark/Approved, 11 in favor – 0 against – 1 recusal (Becker).

Secretary –

**Motion:** To nominated Jeanine Politte as the Secretary. M/S/C – Vasquez/Simmons/Approved, 12 in favor – 0 against – 0 recusals.

4) **Committees –**

- Clark noted that Parker & Surban agreed to continue as the Chairs of Telecomm and LUC, respectively. Clark invited the members to consider sitting in on the Telecomm Committee meetings to assist in reviewing projects.
- Diehl noted that the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve CAC requires us to appoint our representative and alternate; sending a letter as needed. Keating agreed to be RPPB's Rep and Simmons will be his alternate.

b. **Black Mtn. Access Road Repair Project, Proj. #356059, City of San Diego Public Utilities** – Dirk Smith, Environmental Planner & Eric Rubalcava, Project Mgr., City of San Diego (Action Item)

- Rubalcava noted the site is at the corner of Black Mtn. Road and Carmel Valley. Permanent repairs are needed due to erosion from accidental discharges of the Black Mountain reservoirs across the access road and toward Black Mountain Rd.; threatens to expose 3 San Diego Water Authority underground aqueducts. The project removes existing headwalls and detention basins, and installs a 250' of 36" dia. drain pipe (below grade), 150+' of riprap (rock channel 10' wide x 3' deep) that will connect to an existing storm drain on Black Mtn. Rd.
  - Clark asked how long this erosion has been going on; Rubalcava said approx. 6 years and caused by accidental spills and storm runoff.
  - Becker asked about the discharges and mechanisms at the reservoirs to control overflow. Rubalcava briefly explained, the reservoirs are controlled by pump stations, the mechanics involved that should stop accidental spills but they failed and the City need a failsafe.

Smith reviewed the biological impacts (Figure 3 of handout). All eroded areas will be re-contoured and restored with native plants. Impacts - .04 acres of non-wetlands (no wetlands are present) and .08 acres of coastal sage scrub that will be mitigated. New native plants will include container plants and hydroseed mix. They will be required to monitor and maintain the new vegetation for 25 months. There were no cultural resources found onsite. The California Gnatcatcher was found in the study area which will restrict construction to August through March. The will have a biological

monitor onsite. They need approvals from the City for the MND and SDP, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife.

- Clark noted that they will need those environmental approvals before they can move forward.
- Becker inquired if they would do off-site mitigation. Smith/Rubalcava said they will be designated soon. Brief discussion of previous mitigation issues in the area.
- Egbert asked when they would begin. Smith responded that they hope to have approval in the fall, beginning construction before winter rains.
- Clark asked if they had a traffic control plan for vehicles along Black Mtn. Rd. Smith noted the largest is a backhoe and transportation for getting the equipment and riprap onsite.
- Becker asked about hours of construction; 7am – 4pm.
- Clark asked for clarification Figure 3 and the temporary access road; Smith said it is needed, temporarily, to access the lower portion of the rock channel.
- Politte noted the number of schools along the traffic route and was concerned with impacts to schools' drop-off/pick-up times. Smith/Rubalcava noted that 350 cu. yds. of riprap (30-45 truck loads) will need to be brought in and could be done in 2-3 days. Discussion that timing of deliveries should be a condition to our approval.
- Clark noted the plans are vague on fencing during construction; Smith/Rubalcava noted fencing would be similar to orange environmental fencing to prevent those unauthorized impacts.

**Motion:** To approve the Black Mtn. Access Road Repair Project, Project #356059, as presented with the following condition that materials will be only delivered between 9:00am and 1:30pm to avoid traffic from local school(s) drop off and pick up times. M/S/C – Diehl/Vasquez/Approved, 10 in favor – 0 against – 0 abstentions/recusals.

- c. **Request for \$30,000 from Black Mtn. Ranch Development Agreement Fund 392190/400245 to cover additional cost to the Skateboard Park upgrades/ADA – Bill Diehl/SD Park & Rec (Action Item)**

Diehl said that they were 6-7 days away from claiming the Skateboard Park ramp improvements and last month the contractor went bankrupt. The City is in negotiations with the bonding company so they can hire a new contractor to complete that work. In the meantime, the shade structures need to go in which is a separate contract and the money is set aside for that. The City made an \$30,000 error in calculating the administrative costs for the shade structure project. There is approx. \$30,800 in the fund which could be used to cover these additional costs. Diehl clarified that this fund had \$30,400 in June 2013 plus the interest accrued would be approx. \$30,800. He would like to recommend using the remaining funds in the account for the Canyonside Park overflow parking lot, depleting this fund so it can be closed. (Note: RPPB approved fund expenditures for constructing the Canyonside Park overflow parking lot on March 5, 2014.)

- Politte asked for clarification on which fund Diehl was referring to and how it would be used for Canyonside overflow parking lot. Diehl said that we would use the remaining monies from this fund first, then use the monies in the fund (PQ East Trust Fund) we approved last month for the overflow parking lot. Politte suggested that we would need to modify/recind our motion from last month to use the remaining monies from this fund; Diehl disagreed and Becker said this would be another vote that

- would augment our previous approval. Diehl said that any unused monies would stay in the fund. Politte noted that she didn't want to see the cost of the overflow parking lot increase just because additional monies were available with his proposal. There are other neighborhood parks in the community ie. Rolling Hills that need upgraded/new equipment and have been pushed back and neglected while the Community Parks are getting all the funding.
- Discussion of funding sources and their uses. Diehl said that parks are allocated for in the FBA (new facilities, ADA upgrades compliance, not maintenance). Community funds are no longer used for neighborhood parks. It can be used for new items/additions, upgrades and ADA compliance. Rhodes added that there will be plenty of money in the FBA when Rhodes Crossing moves forward.
  - Clark asked us to focus on the agenda item, the funds can only be used for new items only.
  - Shoecraft said it was possible a new contractor might comeback asking for more money. Diehl noted that the bankrupt contractor's bond should cover the new contractor's work. The contingency funds were used for the soil samples/testing for the shade structures and the inspections. Shoecraft suggested using the remaining funds on the skateboard park instead of Canyonside.
  - Simmons asked if it was a problem leaving that small balance in the fund; Diehl said that the City would prefer not to manage a small account and it's better for us to close it out.
  - Vasquez reviewed Diehl's proposal.
  - Discussion on best way to close out this fund and the language of the motion.
  - Politte said the proposal is too confusing.
  - Becker added that our motion last month is now memorialized and should be amended to document the change. Once funds get opened up, it will get tapped.
  - Diehl said that the City administrative cost overruns is \$30,000.
  - Rhodes added that the remainder would be used for the other project.
  - Diehl said that the administrative cost overruns included geo-tech, bi-weekly meetings with staff members.
  - Rhodes asked if they could use the remainder of the fund at the Skateboard Park.
  - Politte asked if it would change the administrative costs for Canyonside Park to pull the balance out of this different fund?
  - Becker asked if Diehl could use the remainder at the Skateboard Park for trees, shrubs; Diehl said it might cover the cost of a couple new concrete trash cans.
  - Keating noted the name of the fund and asked if it should be used for Black Mtn. Ranch. Diehl said that the name of the fund has no relation to where the funds may be used.

**Motion:** To approve the request for \$30,000 from Black Mountain Ranch Development Agreement Fund 392190/400245 to cover additional costs to the Skateboard Park upgrades (shade structure/administrative costs) and the remainder of this fund will be used for additional Skateboard Park amenities; this will deplete the Black Mountain Ranch Development Agreement Fund so it can be closed out. M/S/C – Becker/Simmons/Approved, 11 in favor – 0 against – 0 abstentions/recusals.

- Rhodes commented on how his EOB funds were calculated and would like to revisit it because he is no longer building the self-storage.

## 8. REPORTS.

### a. Chair Report – Thom Clark

- Clark received correspondence from Shelly Federheart, thanking the board for our consideration of the Merge 56 project. Discussion pertaining to who attended the meeting and signed in.
- CPC Meeting –
  - Voted on Council Policy 600-24. He was the only one who voted against it for the language “elected member” which didn’t seem to register with the other members. Others were hung up on term limits. The vote did not go easy, lots of amendments, unacceptable amendments and the vote took approx. 30 minutes.
  - 5 Year Consolidated Plan and the study – It pushes more funds into Capital Improvements and a majority of the districts around the City will not benefit.
  - Alcoholic Beverage outlets issues – He noted they asked which communities have alcohol related issues. Some communities responded with numerous issues and CPC discussed how census tracts are used to determine the number of outlets. Clark said that he didn’t think we have a problem and the board (RPPB) discussed our local bedroom community with very few outlets. Our commercial properties are limited, not on the scale that downtown, Gaslamp, OB & PB have.
    - Politte suggested that we ask SDPD what problems they are having ie. DUIs and social host issues, etc.
- Design Review Process – Planning is looking at having planning groups to do design review.
  - Politte suggested they provide workshops and include as part of the COW along with workshops pertaining on historical and environmental review.
  - Politte reviewed who needs to take the COW or e-COW. Planning will be offering a live workshop in May; will forward email invite. Simmons needs to complete.
- Received email from Lisa Ross pertaining to the ‘notch’ property suggesting that City staff do a site visit at the property to evaluate and update their assessment of the bio.
  - Politte said that it is still owned by the Diocese.
  - Becker noted that an evaluation would take place as part of the CPA Initiation and plan review if the project moves forward.
  - Frank Landis said he went through the property while GPSing the trails through DMM Preserve. It was noted that it is still private property in regards to trespassing.
  - Clark noted that Lisa Ross sent him documents (historical) to review pertaining to the SDP & grading for the roads alignment through Rhodes Crossing.
  - Rhodes said that the survey markers are not related to Camino del Sur alignment. The footprint was an approved SDP. He reviewed the 3 permits (404, 401 & 1603) adding that Camino del Sur north is separate. Merge 56 is being reviewed by staff now, adding that the roads can be built independently and before the development which is the hope of Merge 56.
  - Frank Landis noted that the maps show overlapping boundaries.
    - Politte noted that the GIS maps have had issues previously where boundaries overlap on paper only.
  - Rhodes said that the project will be reviewed by City staff.
  - Keating noted that we are on record as saying these connections (Camino del Sur & Carmel Mtn. Road) need to be made.



- BMOS NRMP - Clark will draft a letter pertaining to ‘future trails’ on private property. Simmons will contact Laura Ball about what the City is proposing to show on the map going to City Council; ie. taking out the line and using Point A/B. Politte will pull the minutes where the NRMP & Community Plan Amendment were presented and our approval. DeBevoise-Abel will email Clark with additional info.
- b. Vice-Chair Report – Jon Becker, no report
- c. Secretary Report – Jeanine Politte
  - Melinda Vasquez thanked Politte for filling in for her last month.
- d. Standing Committee Reports:
  - Land Use (Ramesses Surban)
    - Clark said that BMR projects will be coming back for review.
  - Telecomm (Darren Parker) – no report
- e. Ad Hoc Committee Reports:
  - Doubletree Resort (Jeanine Politte) – no report
  - Santa Fe Summit II & III (Darren Parker) – no report
  - Santa Fe Summit IV (Thom Clark)
    - Clark corresponded with Robin Madaffer and they have team together and anticipate submitting their application this spring. She will return with more information possibly in May.
    - Clark asked Madaffer on the status of the Torrey Meadows Bridge; agreements between the City and Caltrans have been executed, engineers are working on initial design phase and hope is have design completed by 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2015.
      - o Keating commented about the grading on west end of Torrey Highlands and south of SR 56 where the bridge would cross; no activity since work this past fall.
  - Merge 56 Development (Jon Becker) – no news
  - Rhodes Crossing (Jon Becker)
    - Rhodes reported, they are analyzing product(s) they would like to build; will provide an update in May.
  - Black Mtn. Rd. Reclassification (John Keating)
    - Keating reported he has received the CPA report (Silverman); needs to review the details.
- f. Liaison and Organization Reports:
  - Black Mountain Open Space Park (Bill Diehl)
    - Simmons will be taking over and reporting beginning next month.
    - BM NRMP goes to City Council on April 29<sup>th</sup> for final approval.
    - Ranger Station – SDP has been approved.
    - Lost 1 Park Ranger who went to Chula Vista.
    - Trail for All People received a \$130,000 State grant; will help finish the project and should help with additional amenities. Jas Arnold submitted the grant application, awarded to the City.
  - Community Funds (Bill Diehl)
    - Diehl noted that he has copies of Rhodes EOB; will copy and send to members.
  - MCAS Miramar Community Leaders Forum (TBD)
    - Clark asked Egbert if he would be interested in attending the meetings and report back; Egbert will talk with Spurr on requirements and let us know.

- PQ Fire Safe Council (Mike Shoecraft)
  - Attended the County meeting, where they announced that they are giving S215 Fire Training – a chance to participate in 1 day of the official training. April 12<sup>th</sup> in Pine Valley.
  - Next meeting is on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree on the patio at 7pm; planning what they will be doing at the Fiesta.
  - PERC training on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm at the Library; topic presentation by SDG&E on Utilities and what to do in an emergency.
  - Clark mentioned applying about previous grant; Shoecraft noted that the app required history and felt the chance of getting a grant was slim. Scripps Ranch was successful, but they needed it. The County Fire Safe Council got grant money for dead oak removal and there is still money available to be applied for.
- PQ Town Council (Cynthia Macshane) – Melinda reported
  - Council grants of \$300 were awarded to Little League and YMCA.
  - City Council Dist. 6 Candidate Forum will be held at 7pm, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Mira Mesa High School (sponsored by the MM Town Council and PQ Town Council).
  - Town Council Fiesta committee is ramping up for the Fiesta; will conduct their elections at the Fiesta and there are open slots.
  - Simmons asked, what is the function of Town Council? Vasquez responded that the idea is to let community know about current events, main function is grants and youth/community service awards. New benefactor, SDCCU, sponsoring new banners for the banner district. Darshana Patel is no going to run for President, and she is up for election. Available seats (determined by elementary school boundaries) are posted on the website <http://rpcouncil.com>. Shoecraft noted that there is usually a seat available in each district; Rolling Hills district is open.
- PQ Recreation Council (Steve Gore) – Diehl reported
  - Spring Egg Hunt on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am sharp; Parks: Rolling Hills, Ridgewood, PQ Creek & South Village.
  - Expenses: \$8,000 for SDP/Canyonside Park overflow lot; \$1,000 for a ‘Movie In The Park’ to be held at Rolling Hills Park (Sienna’s Playgarden event).
  - City gave Park & Rec a gopher eradication machine (an engine) that gases gophers inside the tunnel. It was used at Torrey Del Mar today. Problem is at Torrey Del Mar, South Village, Hilltop, Ridgewood and Rolling Hills.
  - The City took over the maintenance of Torrey Del Mar and South Village parks. BMR Community and Views West parks are the only contracted parks for maintenance, all others are maintained by City.
  - Rec Council will be at the Fiesta.
- Los Pen Canyon Psv CAC (John Keating) – Simmons reported
  - DMM NRMP MND was the big topic at the last meeting.
  - Simmons will be reporting and does not represent any other group at this time.
  - Becker asked when they will start of Ranger Station; permits are approved and funding in place. Diehl said they hope to start at the end of the year, adding that another turn lane is being added on Mercy Rd. at Black Mtn. Rd.
- Park Village LMAD (Jon Becker)
  - The LMAD has a presentation on the conversion for their potable to recycled water; a 3 year payback in savings. They will connect into the pipes coming through the preserve and then up Camino del Sur.
  - Random projects are moving forward.

- Peñasquitos East LMAD (Bill Diehl)
  - New bus benches have been installed throughout the community.
- Torrey Highlands LMAD (Darren Parker) – no report
- Transportation Agencies (John Keating)
  - Black Mtn. Rd. Bike Path at Black Mtn. Rd. – Blank Out signs (No Right on Red) have been installed. They are push button operated, one sign per approach. The ramps have been widened and the center median widened also. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> application of Blank Out signs in San Diego County for bicycle facility.
  - Diehl asked if a biker is allowed to ride across the intersection or do they have to walk their bike across; ride across.

Referencing the email Clark sent out pertaining to the original 2001 documents for the approval of SDP No. 40-0386 & grading permit (alignment of Camino del Sur and Carmel Mtn .Rd.) and the upcoming approval of the DMM NRMP, Diehl asked if they are including the changes of street name from Camino Ruiz to Camino del Sur and listing RPPB as the official planning group for Torrey Highlands in the revised documents. Clark/Becker said the comment period ends April 31<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Politte  
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Approved 5/7/2014, 12 in favor – 0 against – 1 abstention (Surban).

Legislative Update from the office of Congressman Scott Peters

April 2, 2014

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#### This Past Month

- Veterans History Project - This nationwide effort, run in coordination with the Library of Congress, collects personal accounts of American war veterans in order to provide a way for future generations to hear and learn about some of the most significant events in American history from the very men and women who were a part of, and helped shape, them. Veterans who want to participate will be interviewed at area high schools and libraries by volunteers and students earning community service. Current partners in the interview process include the following: Women's Museum of California, Coronado HS, The Bishop's School, Mira Mesa HS, Mt. Carmel HS, Poway HS, UC San Diego, San Diego Mesa College, Pt. Loma Library, and the Tierrasanta Library.
  - The project is yet another way Rep. Peters is working to support and promote San Diego's proud and significant veterans population. Last month, Rep. Peters, local veterans groups, and non-profit organizations together launched the Military Transition Support Project to help ease the transition of active duty servicemembers into civilian life.
  - For more information interested veterans should visit [scottpeters.house.gov/veteranshistoryproject](http://scottpeters.house.gov/veteranshistoryproject) or to sign up they can see here: <http://scottpeters.house.gov/contact-me/sign-up-veterans-history>
- House App Competition - This year marks the first annual Congressional Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academic Competition, the "House App Contest." This new competition is designed to engage student's creativity and encourage their participation in STEM education fields. Established by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in 2013, this competition is a nationwide event that allows high school students from across the country to compete by creating and exhibiting their software application, or "app," for mobile, tablet, or

computer devices on a platform of their choice. Throughout the completion period, participating students will be provided opportunities to engage with various STEM educational partners located within the community to mentor and assist them with their app development.

- The “House App Contest” is open to all high school students in the 52nd District. Students entering the competition must submit their app’s source code online during the Competition Submission Period that ends at 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on APRIL 30TH, 2014, as well as provide a YouTube or VIMEO video demo explaining their app and what they learned through this competition process.
- Congressional Art Competition - We are now accepting submissions for the 2014 Congressional Art Competition, *An Artistic Discovery*, which is open to all high school students in the 52nd Congressional District.
  - This is the second year of providing this amazing opportunity. It is a chance to not only celebrate and showcase the artistic talent and creativity of students in San Diego, Coronado, and Poway, but also encourage students to explore their creativity in a way that will foster a lifelong love of the arts.
  - This year’s winner will be invited to a winners’ celebration in Washington, D.C. This trip will coincide with the unveiling of the 2014 student artwork exhibition where his or her piece will be hung in the nation’s capitol for one full year.
  - If you have any questions about the competition or submission guidelines please contact Sarah Czarnecki at 858-455-5550. SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Please note that all work must be delivered to the San Diego District Office at 4350 Executive Drive, Suite 105, San Diego, CA 92121 on Friday, April 25th, 2014 by 4:00 PM.

### Upcoming Events

- Congressman Peters will be hosting a town hall with the Filipino American Senior Citizens Association at the Mira Mesa Senior Center on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.
- Congressman Peters will be speaking the Institute of the Americas at UCSD on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to speak on his efforts to modernize the San Ysidro Port of Entry, the world’s busiest land port of entry. More information can be found here: <https://www.iamericas.org/en/events/upcoming-events>