



# RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS PLANNING BOARD

## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 7:30 PM**

*All Times listed are approximate.*

<b>Attendance</b>					
District	Board Member	Present	District	Board Member	Present
District 1	Geoffrey Patrick	X	District 2	Stephen Egbert	X
District 3	Thom Clark (C)	X	District 4	Mike Shoecraft	X
District 5	Ramesses Surban	X	District 6	VACANT	
District 7	Corey Buckner		District 8	VACANT	
District 9	Cynthia Macshane	X	District 10	Darshana Patel	X
District 11	Jon Becker (VC)	X	BMR1	Joseph Schmelzer (S)	X
BMR2	VACANT		Commercial 1	Pamela Blackwill	X
Commercial 2	Alex Plishner	X	Rec Council	Steve Leffler	X
Renter-at-Large	Brian Reschke		Torrey Highlands 1	Sabrina Leitner	
Torrey Highlands 2	Brooke Whalen	X	RP Town Council	Jonathan Palinkas	X

X: present, seated

P: present, not seated

<b>Community Members (Voluntary Sign-in)</b>	
Dale Politte	Keith Rhodes
Nancy Denen	Mike Denen
Keira Brown	Jocelyn Lomahan
Christian Aravena	

Time	Item	Notes
<b>7:39 PM</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	
<b>7:40 PM</b>	<b>Agenda Modifications</b>	
	<i>None</i>	
<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
	<i>Motion to approve November 7, 2018 Minutes, as amended through public discussion</i>	<b>MSC:</b> Thom Clark / Joe Schmelzer: 14/0/0/0  <b>PASS</b>
<b>8:05 PM</b>	<b>Public Safety Agencies Report</b>	<b>Fire Station 40, San Diego Police Northeastern Substation</b>
		No report
<b>8:10 PM</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	<b>Non-Agenda Items</b>
	Dale Politte PQ-NE	Opposed to the Junipers Project, concern for community safety in the event of a fire. (Statement below for the record.)



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		<p>Over 24 hours, the CAMP fire burned at the rate of about 0.8 acres per second or 48.6 acres per minute.</p> <p>The Camp Fire’s most significant growth happened Thursday afternoon, when it grew 10,000 acres in about 90 minutes, more than one football field per second.</p> <p>A football field is approximately 1.32 acres. Black Mountain open space park is currently 2,352 acres, with expansion a future possibility. Converting Acres to football fields - Black Mountain open space equals approximately 1,782 football fields.</p> <p>In the CAMP fire’s first three hours, the CAMP fire grew to 5,000 acres, burning an area the size of a football field every three seconds in that period.</p> <p>If a similar (40-50 MPH Wind driven fire) hits the Black Mountain open space park (using the CAMP FIRE burn rate of one football field every three seconds ) the entire Black Mountain Open space park would be completely burned in approximately 5,346 seconds. This equals approximately 89.1 minutes to burn the entire Black Mountain Open Space. Approximately One and One half hour from the start of a fire to the time it runs out of open space to burn. Using the CAMP Fire one football field per second rate of burn would mean that the entire Black Mountain Open Space would be burned in approximately 30 minutes.</p> <p>During the 2007 witch creek fire it took us over 60 minutes to go one mile from Rolling Hills Elementary to the 15 freeway on ramp. If we received an evacuation order in the first ten minutes of the start of a fire that would leave less than 20 minutes to load up my family and get in my car to get in line to escape. During the witch creek fire many of my neighbors reported it took them over one hour to get to the 15 freeway on-ramp. ( It took them longer to load up and leave / get in line.)</p> <p>500+ more households with only one way in and one way out means we are cutting our odds of escaping alive considerably.</p>
<b>8:15 PM</b>	<b>Public Officials</b>	
	San Diego Planning Department	Sara Toma: <a href="mailto:TomaS@san-diego.gov">TomaS@san-diego.gov</a>
		Not present, no report
	San Diego City Council, 5 <sup>th</sup> District, Mark Kersey	Quinton Grounds ( <a href="mailto:qggrounds@san-diego.gov">qggrounds@san-diego.gov</a> )
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on the Toy Drive through December 12</li> </ul>
	San Diego City Council, 6 <sup>th</sup> District, Chris Cate	Daniel Manley representing. <a href="mailto:DManley@san-diego.gov">DManley@san-diego.gov</a>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on the availability of Community Cleanups work via request through Councilman Cate’s website.</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on annual pancake breakfast. Almost 400 toys delivered acquired and delivered!</li> <li>Inauguration held on Monday. Report that things are changing in City Council, new committee leaders (potentially) and new vote is being held. City Council committee assignments are in the air. Eight full time committees and nine councilmembers.</li> </ul>
	San Diego County, District 3 Supervisor Kristin Gaspar	Jason Paguio representing. <a href="mailto:Jason.Paguio@sdcounty.ca.gov">Jason.Paguio@sdcounty.ca.gov</a>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not present, no report</li> </ul>
	CA State 77th Assembly District, Member Brian Maienschein	Lance Witmond representing. <a href="mailto:Lance.Witmond@asm.ca.gov">Lance.Witmond@asm.ca.gov</a>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5th annual pet adoption event kick-off this Saturday at Kahoots 9-12 at Poway Kahoots</li> <li>Collecting items for animals that are homeless</li> </ul>
	CA State Senate District 39, Senator Toni Atkins	Jason Weisz: representing. <a href="mailto:Jason.Weisz@sen.ca.gov">Jason.Weisz@sen.ca.gov</a>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not present, no report</li> </ul>
	US Congressman 52nd District, Scott Peters	Jason Bercovitch representing. <a href="mailto:Jason.Bercovitch@mail.house.gov">Jason.Bercovitch@mail.house.gov</a>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not present, no report</li> </ul>
<b>Business</b>		
<b>8: 40PM</b>	<b>Information Item</b>	<b>The Responsibility of a Board Member needing to reclude themselves from a project discussion and/or vote -- Pamela Blackwill and Keith Rhodes</b>
	Thom Clark	<p>Advisement to the RPPB: There are the By-Laws and he guidance from the City of San Diego Council Policy 600-24 document. The guidance from the documents is clear: there must be a direct financial relationship and/or benefit to the Board member to warrant a recusal for conflict of interest.</p> <p>Advisement that any Board member may engage the Ethics Committee with any questions or concerns in this area.</p> <p>Clarify his request for Ms.Blackwill’s recusal: based on “erring on the safe side.”</p>



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	Pamela Blackwill	Reached out to the Ethics Committee after her recusal. Their opinion was that (further to the above) there must be a “direct financial relationship” to warrant a recusal. Ms.Blackwill stated (in no uncertain terms) there is no direct financial relationship and therefore the recusal was unnecessary. Ms. Blackwill also reminded everyone, on the Board and public, that the point of the variety of seats and representatives on the RPPB was to provide a variety of opinions, from commercial to non-commercial and any others.
	Ramesses Surban	We are bound not only to the city council code but also to the California codes, which are more restrictive. Suggest we (RPPB) get an opinion from the city attorney.
	Alex Plishner	It’s a personal decision (recusal). A Board member has four actions: vote for; vote against; abstain; and, recuse.
	Public Comment: Keith Rhodes	Address the issue of RPPB member recusal. Mr.Rhodes strong disagreement with the recusal of Ms.Blackwill in the prior month’s vote on the Cisterra Project. No Board member has the right to ask another member to recuse. Ms.Blackwill should not have recused, her situation does not qualify as a direct financial relationship, and “we would have voted NO on the Action Item.”
	Thom Clark	Two takeaways: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Each member knows, should know, if there is a direct financial relationship with any given project.</li> <li>2. We follow the Brown Act, and there appears to be some interpretive leeway.</li> </ol>
<b>9:00 PM</b>	<b>Information Item:</b>	<b>Construction update on the status of the Villages at Park Village housing project -- Alex Plishner</b>
		Handouts provided indicating the status of the demolitions. A variety of improvements to the property are in progress. There are three model communities planned, starting development April 2019. Planned to be open fall of 2019. Pacific Village website preparing to go live. Co-branding with Cal/Atl.
<b>9:15 PM</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
	<b>Chair Report</b>	Thom Clark. <a href="mailto:Rppb.chair@gmail.com">Rppb.chair@gmail.com</a>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RPPB position letter on the Junipers as specified last month. The letter has been started with Steven Haas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Concerns around impacts from fires</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan to finish and have this out for review by this weekend.</li> <li>Planning Commission Rules comments</li> <li>Email sent to Sara Toma and received zero response.</li> <li>Started an update for the Annual Report</li> <li>Agenda for Elections for 2019 Board Members</li> <li>Have not heard back from the Mayor's Office on the Grand Jury findings</li> <li>Suggestion to reach out to other Planning Boards for support for our opposition to the Cisterra project</li> </ul>
	<b>Vice-Chair Report</b>	Jon Becker. <a href="mailto:jbecker@projectdesign.com">jbecker@projectdesign.com</a> Shared the Holiday Event Schedule from the City Parks and Rec board.
	<b>Secretary Report</b>	Joseph Schmelzer. <a href="mailto:rppb.secretary@gmail.com">rppb.secretary@gmail.com</a> No report
<b>9:30 PM</b>	<b><i>Standing Committee Reports</i></b>	
	<b>Land Use Committee</b>	Alex Plishner: <a href="mailto:alex.plishner@calatl.com">alex.plishner@calatl.com</a> Shared the Junipers presentation. Added presentation to RPPB files.
	<b>Wireless Communications Facilities</b>	Joseph Schmelzer, Chair. No meeting, no report.
	<b><i>Ad Hoc Committee Reports</i></b>	
	<b>Media Communications / Website</b>	Brooke Whalen Nothing to report.
	<b><i>Liaison and Organization Reports</i></b>	
	Black Mountain Open Space Park	Mike Shoecraft No Meeting.
	Community Funds	Thom Clark Angela is struggling to respond to our Community Funds list due to lack of resources (people).
	MCAS Miramar CLF	Stephen Egbert



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		Meeting was to describe how the MCAS supports CalFire. CalFire has the resources and capability to manage seven fires. MCAS can (and does) augment that with resources and capable personnel.
	PQ Fire Safe Council	Mike Shoecraft
		Meeting Jan 17 at 7PM to plan the year and elect officers. Location TBD.
	PQ Town Council	Jonathan Palinkas
		Meeting tomorrow at Hotel Karlan at 730PM. Sponsoring the Los Pen Animal Holiday Party Received over 500 donations. Started a GOFUNDME for the annual July fireworks show: Rpcouncil.com
	PQ Recreation Council	Steve Leffler
		Saturday we had a very successful Winter Wonderland at Hilltop Park. Shuttle from the school. Snow hill. Carriage ride. Horse drawn carriage. Bounce houses, climbing walls, etc. Santa was there. Crafts and food.  Lessons learned: Trucks were stuck, a tow truck had to be called. Parks and Rec will modify the access route for next year to better protect the field.
	Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve CAC	Joseph Schmelzer
		Nothing to report
	Park Village LMAD	Jon Becker
		Held meeting to cover the budget, expecting increasing budget for special projects.
	Peñasquitos East LMAD	Geoffrey Patrick
		Met with Erika. Erika will be here next month. Budget approvals for LMADs will be on the agenda for January.
	Torrey Highlands LMAD	Sabrina Leitner
		Not present, no report
	Black Mountain Ranch South MAD	Brian Reschke
		Nothing to report
	Transportation Agencies	Corey Buckner
		Not present, no report
<b>9:45 PM</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	

<b>Committee Meetings</b>	
Land Use Committee	See notes



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Wireless Facilities Meeting	See notes
<b><i>Future Meetings</i></b>	Will be held at the Hotel Karlan (Doubletree Resort), same room as board meeting, 14455 Peñasquitos Drive.
	01/2/2019; 02/6/2019; 03/6/2019; 04/3/2019; 05/1/2019; 06/5/2019; 07/3/2019; 9/4/19; 10/2/2019; 11/6/2019; 12/4/2019