

# Proposed renaming of the Canyonside Recreation Center to Lois J. Mangarelli Recreation Center

Parks and Recreation Board  
May 15, 2025

# Canyonside Recreation Center

- Located in the Rancho Peñasquitos Community.
- Two indoor Basketball Courts, a multipurpose room, lobby, office space, a courtyard and two meeting rooms.
- Offers indoor court sports, gymnastics, tiny tots, camps, martial arts, woodworking, sports, enrichment classes and art classes.



12350 Black Mountain Road, SD, CA 92129

# Lois J. Mangarelli



Lois with Park Director Marcia McLatchy at Canyonside Recreation Center opening.

- Rancho Peñasquitos Recreation Council for 25 years.
  - 1983 – 2008
- Held the position of Chair or Vice Chair for 20 years.
- Instrumental in the design of many parks including,
  - Canyonside Community Park
  - Hilltop Community Park
  - Views West Neighborhood Park
  - A Dog Park and Skate Park
  - and 9 Neighborhood Parks



Lois Mangarelli worked with City and Poway Unified School District for the Joint Use Facility at Black Mountain Middle School.

Lois Mangarelli worked with the City of San Diego and the YMCA to bring a pool to the Rancho Peñasquitos community.

Lois Mangarelli established the Recreation Council sponsored July 4<sup>th</sup> Firework Celebration.

Lois Mangarelli created a fundraiser called “Buy a Brick” to raise funds to build and operate a snack bar at Canyonside Community Park.

Lois Mangarelli established the Rancho Peñasquitos Tennis Center to maintain and operate the courts.

Lois Mangarelli helped establish the Special Use Permit for the YMCA to use Canyonside Recreation Center for Gymnastics.



Rancho Peñasquitos Community Recreation Group initiated the community input process in September of 2023.

## Approved

- Rancho Peñasquitos Community Planning Board on May 22, 2024
- Rancho Peñasquitos Community Recreation Group on November 21, 2024



Lois with Park Director Marcia McLatchy and Councilwoman Abbe Wolfsheimer at Canyonside Recreation Center opening.



Lois with Center Director Kelly Wood at Hilltop Rec Center Holiday Festival.



Lois with Park Director Marcia McLatchy and Councilman Harry Mathis at Hilltop Recreation Center opening.



# Sign Change

## Lois J. Mangarelli Recreation Center




- Funding
  - \$3,000.00 Canyonside Recreation Center Fund
    - Approved by the Rancho Peñasquitos Community Recreation Group on March 27, 2025
  - \$2,000.00 Mangarelli Family
  - Current Quote: \$4,887.50

# Letters of Support

## Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board

## Bill Diehl, Former Chair of Rancho Peñasquitos Recreation Council

**RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS PLANNING BOARD**



Mr. Andy Field, Director  
City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department  
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May 22, 2024

**RE: Support for Proposal to Rename Canyonside Community Park Recreation Center  
Recommendation of The Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board**

Dear Director Field,

The Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board (RPPB) is an advisor to the City of San Diego on actions that would affect our Rancho Peñasquitos community including within our area parks. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board held its monthly, regularly scheduled, public meeting which included an action item to consider support for renaming of the Canyonside Community Park Recreation Center in honor of Lois Mangarelli. A copy of the May 1<sup>st</sup> RPPB Agenda is attached. The motion passed unanimously, and this letter serves to memorialize our support for the proposed action. We understand that the renaming proposal will need to be approved by the Rancho Peñasquitos Community Recreation Group (CRG), the Parks and Recreation Board, and yourself before implementation can occur.

The basis for RPPB's support for the Canyonside Park Recreation Center renaming is that Lois Mangarelli should be recognized for her long-standing and significant record of service to our community. Lois served for 25 years on the Rancho Peñasquitos Recreation Council (now CRG) from 1983-2008 with 20 of those years as Chair or Vice-Chair, and was instrumental or a significant participant in the advocacy for and the design and/or implementation of Canyonside and Hilltop Community Parks, many of our neighborhood parks, our dog park, skate park, and community pool at the YMCA. As a Poway Unified School District employee and Chair of the Recreation Council, she worked to implement the joint use agreement for the Black Mountain Middle School gym. At Canyonside Park, she raised money, obtained contractor donations of time and materials to build the snack bar and helped operate the snack bar for several years before sports organizations assumed that responsibility. She also incorporated the Rancho Peñasquitos Tennis Center and served as its President for 2 years. Bill Diehl, another long-standing community volunteer and past member of RPPB and the Parks and Recreation Board has strongly endorsed this proposal.

  
Brian Reschke, Chair  
Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board

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Marcella Bothwell, Parks and Recreation Board, Chair  
Steve Leffler, Rancho Peñasquitos Community Recreation Group, Chair  
Mike Mangarelli, Family Member, Proponent

The Rancho de las Peñasquitos Planning Board has been formed and recognized by the San Diego City Council to make recommendations to the City Council, Planning Commission, City staff, and other governmental agencies on land use matters, specifically concerning the preparation of, adoption of, implementation of, or amendment(s) to the General Plan or any local use plan which is a matter within the Rancho Peñasquitos, Torrey Highlands and Black Mountain Ranch communities' boundaries. The planning group also advises on other land use matters as requested by the City or other governmental agencies.

Attachment F

27 Oct. 2023

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To Rancho Peñasquitos Rec. Council

I support the Naming of a PQ Rec. Facility / Park after Lois Mangarelli, for her many years of service to the PQ community. Lois served for over 30 years on the PQ Rec. Council as member. She served as both Chair and Vice Chair for many years.

She was instrumental in the design of neighborhood and community parks in the PQ, Black Mtn. Ranch and Torrey Highlands communities.

In the 1970's and 80's the Rec. Council started in a beat up old trailer where the Canyonside pump station is today. Lois was there. At that time, there were only two Neighborhood parks in PQ ( Rolling Hills and Twin Trails ).

Thanks to Lois, we now have 3 Community parks 11, Neighborhood parks, a Skate park and a Dog park. Lois spent many hours and years dedicated to the development of these parks.

I believe she deserves recognition for everything she has done, for the communities of PQ, Black Mtn. Ranch and Torrey Highlands, in regard to recreational facilities / parks.

Bill Diehl

# Questions?

Fred Mangarelli

Family Member of Lois J. Mangarelli

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