

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2025
LOS PEÑASQUITOS CANYON PRESERVE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee was held at 7:00 PM on March 20, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM

MEMBERS

Pamela Stevens, Treasurer, Mira Mesa Community Planning Group
Lillian Barnes, San Diego Bird Alliance
Matthew Bartelt, San Diego Mountain Biking Association
Tim Gross, San Diego City College, Member-at-Large
Sunanda "Nina" Kishore Cruz, Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Group, Alternate
Beth Mather, Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve
Jim Royle, San Diego County Archeological Society

Members Excused

Anne Fege, Vice-chair, Acting Chair, Member-at-Large
Erik Basil, Multi-use Trails Coalition
Bunny Clews, Carmel Valley Trail Riders
Ish Khan, Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Group
Shital Parikh, Friends of Del Mar Mesa

Members Absent

Frank Macaulay, Carmel Valley Community Planning Group
Torrey Hills Community Planning Group

City of San Diego

Gina Washington, Sr. Park Ranger, City of San Diego Parks & Recreation

County of San Diego

Brandon Schroeder, Regional Manager, County of San Diego, Parks & Recreation
Tim Leon, Senior Park Ranger, County of San Diego, Parks & Recreation
Yoshihito Nagata, County of San Diego, Parks & Recreation

Others Present

Cathy Handzel, Dark Sky San Diego County
Hillary Hankel, Avian Behavior International

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of September 19, 2024

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Bartelt/Gross

The motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Bartelt and seconded by Mr. Gross. 5/0/2

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES – Items 101 and 102

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Ms. Barnes shared that she met with the Friends of LPCP and “pleaded” with them to buy equipment so that the CAC could facilitate guests to participate in the meetings via Zoom. There was a discussion that there should be an Action Item on the next LPCP CAC agenda to discuss and approve the need/acceptance of this type of equipment before an official request to the Friends of LPCP is made and to work out details.

A further discussion was held about the continued need establish a purpose for the LPCP CAC. Ms. Barnes said she will have a draft letter for the LPCP CAC to approve to send to the Task Force.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

RANGER REPORTS

No reports.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

ACTION ITEMS

101. Bylaw Revision Draft CAC approve for presentation to the LPCP Task Force
Continued

102. Moving/Permanent Outdoor Exhibit – Instruction Signage in Del Mar Mesa Preserve
Continued

103. Dark Skies Event – April 19, 2025, Discussion and CAC Participation
Cathy Handzel, Dark Sky San Diego County, shared plans for the April 19, 2025, Star Party in celebration of International Dark Sky Week to be held at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve at the Adobe Ranch House grounds, in partner with San Diego Bird Alliance. The event is to bring to “light” the issue of light pollution. There was a discussion about activities during the event. It was decided a planning meeting was needed outside of the CAC.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

201. America the Beautiful Challenge Grant – Audubon Society

Chair Barnes shared that the grant request for proposals has not been released yet.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

- Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve – Ms. Mather shared that the Friends continue to work on restoration projects, specifically removing non-natives from Darkwood Canyon and Harrier Hill. They attended a meeting with the Penasquitos Lagoon Foundation to discuss a \$1 million grant to survey invasive plants within the watershed over 3 years.
- San Diego Bird Alliance – Ms. Barnes shared information about Bird Fest 2025.
- San Diego Mountain Biking Association – Mr. Bartelt reported that they are working with City Park Rangers to rehabilitate the 10N Trail, in Carmel Valley. They also cleared storm debris from Wagon Wheel Crossing. SDMBA will also be leading beginner bike rides to teach trail etiquette.
- Mr. Gross shared that San Diego Community College students are excavating around the ranch house on Fridays 9:00 am – 1:30 pm in April

COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS

- Rancho Penasquitos Community Planning Group – Ms. Kishore Cruz shared that the Rhodes Crossing Development is trying to cap zoning to keep apartment buildings to 6 or 7 stories. A representative from Canyon Side stables attended the Community Planning Meeting to share concerns about flooding at the ranch and how to mitigate it.
- Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Mrs. Stevens reported that the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group held member elections.

NON-AGENDA MEMBER COMMENTS – None

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Draft Letter to Task Force, LPCP CAC purpose, Moving/permanent outdoor exhibit DMMP, Public Access Program CA Wildlife Conservation Board

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Washington