



**Rancho de los Peñasquitos Planning Board
REGULAR MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, January 7, 2026**

Approved: February 4, 2026

District 1	Brian Reschke-C	-
District 2	Stephen Egbert	-
District 3	Giovanni Benson	Present
District 4	Andrew Kiesling	Present
District 5	Vacant	-
District 6	Jon Becker	Present
District 7	Matthew Megna	-
District 8	Corey Buckner	Present
District 9	Sunanda (Nina) Kishore Cruz	Present
District 10	Tim Dougherty	Present
District 11	Martha Laundroche	-
BMR 1	Ken Heinz-VC	Present
BMR 2	Cory Shepard	-
CO 1	Vacant	-
CO 2	Arlene Tendick	-
Rec Council	Steve Leffler	Present
RP Town Council	Jessica Eaton	Present
Renter @ Large	Vacant	-
TH 1	Vacant	-
TH 2	Evelyn Heidelberg	Present

7:34 pm – The Call to Order (all times listed are approximate) by Vice Chair Ken H, sitting as Chair due to Brian R's absence.

7:34 pm – Appoint a Secretary for the Meeting or Term – Andrew K appointed.

7:34 pm – Agenda Modifications – Adding SDGE presentation on transmission system upgrades as informational only, Friends of the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve request for support for renaming trail.

7:35 pm – Approval of Minutes – November 2025 (motion by Corey B, seconded by Nina K to approve the November Minutes. Motion passes, vote: 10/0/0)

7:35 pm – Public Safety Agencies (Fire Station 40, SD Police Northeastern Substation) - Not Present

7:36 pm – Public Forum - Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person and 12 minutes per topic):

- Christian: Requested any updated information on the Rhodes multi-family project along Camino del Sur. Members of the board responded that there has been no update, no presentation and have



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not seen a draft environmental impact report yet.

7:38pm – Public Officials (Community Announcements and Informational Items)

- San Diego City Office of the Mayor Todd Gloria - Lucero Maganda (LMaganda@sandiego.gov) – Not Present
- San Diego City Council, 1st District Joe LaCava - Joaquin Quintero (JQuintero@sandiego.gov) – Not Present
- San Diego City Council, 5th District Marni von Wilpert – Lauren Hirschmann (LHirschmann@sandiego.gov; 619-629-1810)

Update: The Council Member is holding a community event at Mostra Coffee in Carmel Mountain Ranch on February 7, 2026. Note that there are currently two vacancies for advisory board appointments; one on the Human Relations Commission and one on the Community Forest Advisory Board, if interested, please reach out to the Council member's office. Also noted a traffic study is being conducted in relation to the bicycle/car collision death along Pipilo Street.

Comments: Community and Board members asked about the roll out of the paid parking plan in Balboa Park, noted a struggle with affordability considering new taxes, new trash payments and now a potential sales tax increase (even though the last one was just voted down) and any plans regarding formal City oversight of Christmas Card lane (incentives, safety policing, code enforcement, etc.)

- San Diego City Planning Department – Matthew Nasrallah (MNasrallah@sandiego.gov) – Not Present
- San Diego County, District 3 Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer - Evan Bridgham (Evan.Bridgham@sdcounty.ca.gov) – Not Present
- CA State 76th Assembly District, Member Darshana Patel, PhD – Tracy Nguyen – (Tracy.Nguyen@asm.ca.gov; 858-675-0760) – Not Present
- CA State Senate District 38, Senator Catherine Blakespear - Aurora Livingston (Aurora.Livingston@sen.ca.gov) – Not Present
- CA State Senate District 40, Senator Brian Jones - Marc Schaefer (Marc.Schaefer@sen.ca.gov) – Not Present
- US Congressman 52nd District, Scott Peters – Priscilla Huang (Priscilla.Huang@mail.house.gov) – Not Present

BUSINESS:

7:48 pm **Action Item** – Appoint Renter at Large (Elizabeth Tennyson)

- Discussion: Board members asked questions about background, interests in the board, and current residence location.
- With no further comments, the Chair asked if there were any objections to the appointment. Being none, the Chair appointed Elizabeth Tennyson to the Renter at Large seat.



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7:51 pm

Action Item – Approve 2027 MAD Budgets – PQ East, Park Village, Torrey Highlands, BMR

- Discussion: Jon B: No real concerns about Park Village. Ken H: BMR South has restored some funding that was cut by the City Rep. Also noted that PQ East can barely maintain with the required budget that has been allocated, as costs have increased faster than the funding allowance. No concern about Torrey Highlands.
- With no further comments, Motion by Corey B to approve the MAD budgets as presented, seconded by Steve L. Motion passes, vote 10/0/1 with Elizabeth T abstaining.

7:56 pm

Action Item – Appoint Election Committee

- Discussion: Need to appoint an election committee for the RPPB elections occurring in March. This year, seats with even numbers will be open. Nina K volunteered, Ken H noted he could help, and Corey B said he would support. One more that can help will be named.
- With no further comments, the Chair appointed the Election Committee.

8:00 pm

Information Item – SDGE Project TL13811 – Presentation (Informational Only)

- Presenter: Rob Knudson from SDGE; RKnudsel@sdge.com. Project phone: 844-765-6388 or <https://www.sdge.com/rancho-penasquitos-san-marcos-alignment-tl-13811-wood-steel-project>
- Discussion: The Rancho Penasquitos to San Marcos Alignment, Wood to Steel Upgrade Project is an upgrade project on the transmission line, part of a 138kW system, with 75 planned site locations starting south of Lake San Marcos and ending at the Chicarita substation in Rancho Penasquitos. Construction sequence and location to be determined by the selected contractor, likely near the end of Q1, 2026. The purpose is to enhance resiliency of the system from wildfire threat by replacing existing wood structures with taller, fire-resistant steel poles, new top equipment, and stringing approximately 10.1 miles of new conductor. Estimated completion to be mid-2027.
- Comments: Board members were curious about how the work would take place, Rob noted it varies by site as all the sites, geologic make-up and requirements are different. Most groundwork and pole assembly will be done on location; however, some are too remote and will need to be helo-set. Staging will occur from the PUSD school site at Carmel Valley Road and Camino del Sur. A question about undergrounding was raised – Rob noted that transmission system lines are not typically run underground for a variety of reasons, but as a point of reference, distribution systems that are underground cost approximately seven times as much as overhead. A question was asked about interruption; Rob noted not initially, but when they switch over from the old lines to the new there will be some small periods of interruption that will be noticed well in advance. A board member recommended Rob also present this project to the Rancho Penasquitos Fire Safe Council, if they have not done so already.



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Action Item – Friends of the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Request for Support

- Discussion: Beth Mather, President of the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve - an organization that has been around for the past 41 years is looking to petition the city to rename the Camino Ruiz trail (leading from the Camino Ruiz Park into the canyon) to the Les Braund Trail. Les recently passed, but was integral to the Canyon Preserve, leading hikes, education courses, and preservation initiatives. Spotted and spearheaded the fight against the oak tree boring pests and could be the reason why we still have oaks in the canyon today. Spoke with the Mira Mesa Planning Board already, and they have voted in favor of the proposal. Looking for support from the RPPB for the proposed renaming.
- Comments: Some board members wanted further clarification where this trail was, and a board member had a question about the original name, which was noted being referenced after the street bearing the name of the original Spanish land grant.
- With no further comments, Motion by Steve L to support the renaming and write a letter of support to the city, seconded by Nina K. Motion passes, vote 10/0/1 with Elizabeth T abstaining.

REPORTS:

8:31 pm

Chair Report: Brian Reschke (rppb.chair@gmail.com)

- No Report.

Vice-Chair: Ken Heinz

- Notice about the Miramar community liaison forum, Andrew K will follow up with Stephen E about attendance.

Secretary: Vacant - Secretary (rppb.secretary@gmail.com)

- No Report.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Land Use (Corey Buckner, Andrew Kiesling, Martha Laundroche, Nina Kishore Cruz, Evelyn Heidelberg)
 - No Report.
- Wireless Communications Facilities (Tim Dougherty, Matt Megna, Steve Leffler)
 - No Report.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- Media/Communications/Website (Matt Megna, Brian Reschke)
 - No Report.
- Extra Ordinary Benefits Subcommittee (Brian Reschke, Matt Megna, Corey Buckner, Steve Leffler, Pam Blackwill)
 - No Report.

Liaison and Organization Reports:

- Black Mountain Open Space Park (Stephen Egbert, Open)



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- No Report.
- Community Planners Committee (Jon Becker, Matt Megna, Brian Reschke)
 - Discussed the land use code update; the city has a video about the proposed changes on their website. Proposed modifications will go to the Planning Commission in February.
- MCAS Miramar CLF (Stephen Egbert, Jon Becker)
 - No Report.
- RP Fire Safe Council (Stephen Egbert, Giovanni Benson)
 - Meeting on November 15, discussed zone 0 home hardening update; to begin effect by January 2027, enforcement would likely start February 2027. Noted a likely follow up meeting with Bob Ilko in February.
- PQ Town Council (Jessica Eaton)
 - Discussed potentially sponsoring a community clean up.
 - Changed the farmer's market days and times; is now on Friday's from 3:30pm to 6:30pm.
 - They don't have direction on the Fiesta yet; they have reserved the street closure for May 9th but are working to raise funds to pay for it.
- PQ Recreation Council (Steve Leffler)
 - Next meeting is January 22nd.
- Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve CPC (Nina Kishore, Giovanni Benson)
 - No meeting this past month. The next meeting is next week and will likely include discussion regarding the parking issue.
- Transportation Agencies (Ken Heinz, Matt Megna)
 - No Report.

Landscape Maintenance Assessment Districts:

- Park Village (Jon Becker)
 - Planning new landscape at Park Village Road.
- Peñasquitos East (Brian Reschke, Matt Megna)
 - No Report.
- Torrey Highlands (Brian Reschke, Evelyn Heidelberg)
 - No Report.
- Black Mountain Ranch South (Ken Heinz, Cory Shepard)
 - Moving forward with renovations on Carmel Valley Road from Black Mountain Road. It will likely start at the sides of the nodes/cross streets.

Member Comments –

- Tim D noted on Park Village Road east to Black Mountain Road, cars do not like to stop before turning right on red, and there are many children that cross the road in the morning to go to Canyon View Elementary. It is a dangerous intersection and



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requested the Transportation Committee to look at adding a no turn on red there.

- Jessica E also noted a dangerous intersection by Deer Canyon Elementary and will follow up separately with Ken H to discuss.

Public Comment

- None

8:59pm ADJOURNMENT – With no further discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

LAND USE COMMITTEE - No Meeting

WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES COMMITTEE - No Meeting

NEXT MEETINGS:

02/04/2026, 03/04/2026 (election), 04/01/2026, 05/06/2026, 06/03/2026

SEATS AVAILABLE BASED ON DISTRICT VACANCIES:

District 5, TH 1, Commercial 1.

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