



**Rancho de los Peñasquitos Planning Board
REGULAR MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

Approved: March 4, 2026

District 1	Brian Reschke-C	Present
District 2	Stephen Egbert	Present
District 3	Giovanni Benson	-
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	-
District 10	Tim Dougherty	Present
District 11	Martha Laundroche	Present
BMR 1	Ken Heinz-VC	Present
BMR 2	Cory Shepard	-
CO 1	Vacant	-
CO 2	Arlene Tendick	Present
Rec Council	Steve Leffler	Present
RP Town Council	Jessica Eaton	-
Renter @ Large	Beth Tennyson	Present
TH 1	Vacant	-
TH 2	Evelyn Heidelberg	Present

7:35 pm – The Call to Order (all times listed are approximate) by Chair Brian R.

7:35 pm – Appoint a Secretary for the Meeting or Term – Andrew K appointed.

7:36 pm – Agenda Modifications – Take action on the letter of support for The Friends of the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve in renaming of Camino Ruiz trail on the South side of the canyon to the “Les Braund Trail.”

7:37 pm – Approval of Minutes – January 2026 (motion by Steven L, seconded by Corey B to approve the January 2026 Minutes. Motion passes, vote: 10/0/2 with Stephen E and Beth T abstaining)

7:38 pm – Public Safety Agencies (Fire Station 40, SD Police Northeastern Substation) - Not Present

7:39 pm – Public Forum - Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person and 12 minutes per topic):

- None.



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7:40pm – 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 is reviewing the Balboa Park parking fees and reconsidering an alternative option and discussing a new second home vacation rental tax. Their office is holding a community event at Mostra Coffee in Carmel Mountain Ranch on February 7, 2026, at 9:00am. The Council office also worked with the RP Town Council to fill the potholes along Black Mtn Road in anticipation of the Fiesta event this spring and is allocating \$5,000 toward the event.

Comments: The RP Town Council is grateful for the allocation of funds from the Council Member's office but still needs to fundraise approximately \$20,000 to move forward with the event.

- 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:

7:43 pm Information Item – Election Committee

- Discussion: All even district Board Members are required to submit a new application by the end of this meeting in order to run for re-election. Voting will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 at the YMCA, immediately prior to the next meeting on March 4, 2026. Residents within each district as outlined in the Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board Area Boundary Map (found here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwjzRLNV4kOeS1zRWEyZTdPdXZIQTZMVXoY3ViZ3d5TUtr/view?resourcekey=0-S_IGNWpnjCdTb_xaOfshFw) may vote for



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a candidate within their district. 2026 Election candidates for even districts are as follows:

District	Candidates
2	Stephen Egbert
4	Andrew Kiesling
6	Jon Becker
8	Corey Buckner
10	Tim Dougherty
Renter at Large	Beth Tennyson
BMR #2	Evelyn Heidelberg

- Districts / Seats that are currently vacant with no candidates are District 5, Commercial seat #1 and Torrey Highlands seat #1.

7:50 pm

Action Item – Approve Letter of Support for The Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve

- Discussion: Arlene will draft the letter and will send it to Beth Mather.
- With no further comments, Motion by Corey B to approve writing and sending a letter of support, seconded by Arlene T. Motion passes, vote 12/0/0.

REPORTS:

8:01 pm

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

- No Report.

Vice-Chair: Ken Heinz

- No Report.

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)
 - Will be reviewing Verizon submission for towers located at Mesa Verde likely in next two months.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- Media/Communications/Website (Matt Megna, Brian Reschke)
 - No Report.



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- 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)
 - San Diego Mountain Biking Association is founding a trail crew to help maintain the trails, currently numbering in the 25 individual range. All volunteer crew will be supervised and trained by a park Ranger.
- Community Planners Committee (Jon Becker, Evelyn Heidelberg)
 - Discussed changes to the municipal codes, multi-family zones in relation to accessory dwelling units, shared parking, and streamlining of right-of-way permits (for preapproved utility vaults). The CPC has a total of 107 recommended changes.
- MCAS Miramar CLF (Stephen Egbert, Jon Becker)
 - Stephen has an invitation to the change of command ceremony on February 27 at 10:00am in the operations center. Business casual dress, looking to see if anyone else wants to attend.
- RP Fire Safe Council (Stephen Egbert, Giovanni Benson)
 - The council was able to visit fire stations and will be allocated some grant money for special projects. Will be undertaking a update to the wildfire protection plan this year, which is recommended to be updated every three years.
- PQ Town Council (Jessica Eaton)
 - Was able to work with City to perform pot-hole repairs on Black Mountain Road in anticipation of the Fiesta.
 - The Fiesta has been planned for May 9th, and the street closure application has been submitted. But the Town Council is still working to raise funds to pay for it, they need approximately \$20,000 more.
- PQ Recreation Council (Steve Leffler)
 - Met on January 22nd, the same officers were elected, and Steve was appointed to be the RPPB liaison again. Discussed whether they need to do a general plan amendment for the new park at Carmel Mountain Road. The mountain bikers and disc golfers will be interested in what the plan is for this park. The tennis club expansion has resubmitted its first cycle review, waiting for the next round of comments from the city.
- Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve CPC (Nina Kishore, Giovanni Benson)
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- Transportation Agencies (Ken Heinz, Matt Megna)
 - Ken H reported:
 - **February 4 Traffic Report: Canyonview Elementary School Traffic**
 - After the January Planning Board meeting a follow-up email was sent to Lauren Hirschman in Marni Van Wilpert's office, asking for assistance. Hopefully the council member can add her voice to following up on the concern.
 - I spoke to officer Luis Angulo, the Community Resource Officer at the NE SDPD Division. He reinforced my thinking: contact the city traffic engineering dept. to see what can/should be done. He promised to ask for short-term patrol coverage--when possible--during drop-off and dismissal times.
 - I spoke to the administrative assistant in the City Traffic Engineering office. The city isn't conducting surveys now because of budget shortfalls, but they assigned a case number and traffic engineer because of safety concerns. The engineer overseeing the case and I have spoken.
 - I promised to visit the school and to do an informal survey during dismissal, which was done February 4. I did not see any safety issues.
 - More follow-ups will be done.
 - Meet with the principal to update her and get her recommendations.
 - Contact the traffic engineer, principal, school board member and community member.
 - *What I'm currently thinking:*
 - *Recommend priority painting of the 20-foot no-parking red zones at all four corners of the Park Village/Adelphia-Black Mountain Road intersection per the new city ordinance.*
 - *Extend the red-painted curbs near the school crosswalk by an additional 25 feet to assure good sightlines when the safety patrol is not present. This should be done in both directions on both the north and south sides of Adelphia.*
 - *I do not believe that "No Turn on Red" signs at the Park Village/Adelphia-Black Mountain Road intersection are necessary.*

Landscape Maintenance Assessment Districts:

- Park Village (Jon Becker)
 - Currently working on improvements at Dormouse and Park Village Road, near the school.
- Peñasquitos East (Brian Reschke, Matt Megna)



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- No Report.
- Torrey Highlands (Brian Reschke, Evelyn Heidelberg)
 - No Report.
- Black Mountain Ranch South (Ken Heinz, Cory Shepard)
 - No Report.

Member Comments –

- Evelyn H: had concerns about oversized vehicles parking on Via Azul near the elementary school, and it being a safety hazard to other motorists.
- Stephen E: asked if there was any feedback on the new daylighting law, and how the city is handling it. Lauren Hirschman noted that the city is proactively painting some areas and targeting enforcement of existing dangerous intersections.
- Jon B: noted he received correspondence from a Scripps Ranch citizen/philanthropist that wants to donate to Poway Unified School District for specific projects. Will connect him with Tim D.
- Brian R: Rolling Hills elementary school has agreed to accept and store the donated safety equipment for wildfire events.
- Tim D: Next Thursday, February 12, Poway Unified School District is having a public meeting at 6pm regarding their budget in the community room of the district office.
- Corey B: Having issues with his eyes that prevents looking at screens. If you need to get ahold of him, please call instead of email or text.

Public Comment

- None

8:42pm ADJOURNMENT – With no further discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

LAND USE COMMITTEE - No Meeting

WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES COMMITTEE - No Meeting

NEXT MEETINGS:

03/04/2026 (election), 04/01/2026, 05/06/2026, 06/03/2026, 07/01/2026, 08/05/2026 (Dark?)

SEATS AVAILABLE BASED ON DISTRICT VACANCIES:

District 5, TH 1, Commercial 1.

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