



**Rancho de los Peñasquitos Planning Board
REGULAR MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

Approved: June 3, 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	Corey Buckner	Present
District 8	Vacant	-
District 9	Sunanda (Nina) Kishore Cruz	Present
District 10	Tim Dougherty	-
District 11	Martha Laundroche	Present
BMR 1	Ken Heinz-VC	Present
BMR 2	Vacant	-
CO 1	Vacant	-
CO 2	Arlene Tendick	Present
Rec Council	Steve Leffler	Present
RP Town Council	Jessica Eaton	Present
Renter @ Large	Beth Tennyson	Present
TH 1	Vacant	-
TH 2	Vacant	-

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

7:35 pm – Agenda Modifications – Add 8:40pm Action Item: Support letter for the banner district

7:36 pm – Approval of Minutes – April 2026, with modifications from Ken H and Jon B, (motion by Corey B, seconded by Stephen E to approve the April 2026 Minutes. Motion passes, vote: 10/0/1, with Ken H abstaining due to attendance.

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

7:37pm – 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



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- San Diego City Council, 5th District Marni von Wilpert – Lauren Hirschmann (LHirschmann@sandiego.gov; 619-629-1810)

Update: City Budget (with Police & Fire allocations) to be discussed at a meeting on Friday, May 8, 2026. Will be livestreamed on the City's website.

Comments: The PQ library has had a capital project planned and funded to replace the roof and provide additional interior upgrades due to safety and maintenance issues. Will likely not have the ability to keep the parking lot open both from a construction staging and also digging up part of the parking lot for improvements. There are no planned reciprocal services but can look at alternative options such as the old library that the fire department is using for storage. An email will be sent out indicating final decisions for dates and arrangements but targeting August or early September closure. Will send comments about the library to the Council Member, and will follow up on temporary library options.

- 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

7:42 pm – Public Forum - Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person and 12 minutes per topic):

- Christopher/Family: Are very upset to hear the library is closing for over a year, their young child is within a golden window of learning and consistently utilizes the library both for planned and unplanned events. It is likely not feasible for them to use another library location, as the next available facility is too far away. This library serves as a major public benefit and wants to know why it will take so long to do these repairs, and is it possible that it could be for longer? What mitigation options do we have?
- Corey B – Can the old library which is being used by the fire station for storage be used temporarily as an alternative for library services?
- Nina K – Can any of the rooms at Canyonside be used to supplement library services & programs.
- Brian R – Would rather see the library project now, projects take long enough to get identified, specified and funded so when one is ready to go, he is in favor of proceeding. If delayed, it could take much longer.



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- Stephen E – Can PUSD offer any facilities in lieu of other options to replace the library?

BUSINESS:

8:01 pm

Information Item – MCAS Miramar Colonel Hermann - Presentation

- **Summary:** Colonel Hermann is the commanding officer of the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, a position like being a mayor of a small city. They have goods and services, fire and police, residences, parks, recreation, and an airport. He has held this position for two years and has 26 total years in the service. Their primary goal is to launch operational ready combat air forces and respond to both man made and natural disasters; which requires a concern of resiliency. The MCAS Miramar base is 24,000 acres and divided in half by the I-15 freeway. Current estimates project an estimate of a daily population of 10,000, and house the approximately 4,000 person, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing consisting of various types of aircraft such as KC130s, F-35's, FA-18s, MV-22s, and CH-53s. They are planning to move forward in July 2026 with a project to do goat grazing on approximately 1,000 acres, mostly around the North and South border of the east side of the base to remove wildfire fuel; and in September they will be hosting the annual airshow which is the 3rd largest event in California, drawing 354,000 people in 3 days last year.
- **Discussion:** There is an unmanned fleet attached to the Wing but only fly out of Yuma with no plans to locate any at Miramar. Contrary to what the public may witness, east Miramar is being used for various functions, and it is unlikely anything will ever be built out there due to it being called home by 14 endangered species. The Lakee departure is what flies over Rancho Peñasquitos, and due to current traffic conditions determines how high the aircraft are at the time of passing over the neighborhood. They naturally want to climb as fast as possible due to fuel savings but is not always possible due to traffic conditions. Anticipates change of command in summer 2027.
- **Closing:** The Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board sincerely thanked the Colonel for his service and appreciated him taking the time to come speak and answer questions for the board and our neighbors.

8:21 pm

Action Item – Cellular project at Mesa Verde Middle School SD06699A / PRJ-1144834

- **Summary:** The current cellular facilities are currently approved under an existing conditional use permit that is expiring. Approval of this application is a 10-year renewal of the conditional use permit only, with no physical work or changes occurring.
- **Discussion:** None.
- **Vote:** Motion by Corey B to approve the motion, seconded by Arlene T. Motion passes, vote 12/0/0

8:25 pm

Information Item – Potential board appointment

- **Summary:** Vina would like to join the board, currently living adjacent to the Torrey Highlands seat #2 district and requests appointment for this seat. Will need to fill out an application and can appoint her at next month's meeting.



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- **Discussion:** None.

8:27 pm

Action Item – Support of RPTC managing the banner district

- **Summary:** The Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council would like to be the manager for the Torrey Highlands streetlight banners. They currently manage all of the Peñasquitos banners and would like the Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board to provide a letter of support.
- **Discussion:** Around the rules of the banners (i.e. only 5% of the banners can be used for a for-profit business, mostly photo based, cannot be discriminatory, only one vendor who is approved to install the banners.) They are typically used for community events that are upcoming.
- **Vote:** Motion by Stephen E to approve the action item, seconded by Nina K. Motion passes, vote 11/1/0

REPORTS:

8:32 pm

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

- Potential upcoming items:
 - Cambridge School to discuss updated project likely in July/September
 - Mobile Gas Station on Carmel Mountain Road is applying for a conditional use permit for an off-premise liquor sales license; timing unknown
 - Verizon conditional use permit for new tower in SantaLuz, timing unknown
 - Rhodes is on their 5th cycle for the apartments near Merge, timing of discussion or revisiting the board is unknown at this time.
- Noted that board members are actively encouraged to seek out and address issues that appeal to them, and the Chair will help identify and connect resources to help with those issues but will not act on their behalf to resolve issues that may or may not even be related to the RP Planning Board.

Vice-Chair: Ken Heinz

- No Report.

Secretary: Andrew Kiesling - Secretary (rppb.secretary@gmail.com)

- Send City diversity forms to the Secretary to tally and provide to the city as part of the annual report.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Land Use (Corey Buckner, Andrew Kiesling, Matha Laundroche, Arlene Tendick, Open)
 - No Report.
- Wireless Communications Facilities (Tim Dougherty, Steve Leffler)
 - No Report.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- Media/Communications/Website (Andrew Kiesling, Brian Reschke)



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- No Report.
- Extra Ordinary Benefits Subcommittee (Brian Reschke, Corey Buckner, Steve Leffler)
 - No Report.

Liaison and Organization Reports:

- Black Mountain Open Space Park (Jessica Eaton, Stephen Egbert)
 - The trails look good. Based on a typical trash walk, most of the trash found and recovered was found at the entrance to the park. At the end of Penasquitos Drive there are 80 non-native palm trees that should be removed from the park but is estimated to cost approximately \$100,000 to complete and funding is not available to do this.
- Community Planners Committee (Jon Becker, Brian Reschke)
 - Discussed SB-79, enhanced density near transit, currently geared toward light rail as transportation corridors.
- MCAS Miramar CLF (Stephen Egbert, Jon Becker, Andrew Kiesling)
 - Update provided by the Colonel.
- RP Fire Safe Council (Stephen Egbert, Giovanni Benson)
 - Held three good meetings last month, had to pull out lots of chairs at Bob Ilko's presentation, the community really appreciated the evacuation demonstration at Andorra Way, and the community clean up was a success – had five large dumpsters that were all filled up by the end of the day. Will look at doing another soon.
 - The Fire Department reiterated that in an emergency, they will provide one warning to get out and that is it. Do not count on rescue if that warning is ignored.
 - City of San Diego has released its own Zone Zero guidelines for public review.
- PQ Town Council (Jessica Eaton)
 - Fiesta is scheduled for this weekend, has raised all the money needed but is still looking for about 20 volunteers.
 - Banners for the SD County Fair are going up on May 28th.
- PQ Recreation Council (Steve Leffler)
 - Meeting on May 28th, current budget cuts anticipated at \$5,000,000. Hilltop Park is at 100%, so the cuts are not distributed proportionally. Planning to submit the Canyonside amendment to the Parks and Recreation board in the next few weeks. Annual Flag Day is June 14th.
- Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve CPC (Nina Kishore, Giovanni Benson)
 - Matt Bartelt replaced Lydia. Currently holding night out events. Rangers are putting out water fill stations and will be putting out 80 yards of free mulch



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for pickup. There was a notice provided by SDGE to use the parking lot as a helipad and close trails to complete the transmission line project. There will also be intermittent power outages during work. The committee voted to write a letter opposing the requested use.

- Transportation Agencies (Ken Heinz, Beth Tennyson)
 - A city traffic engineer followed up on the traffic concern at the intersection of Adolphia Street and Black Mountain Road. Based on her field check investigation during morning and afternoon school peak hours does not recommend a NO RIGHT TURN ON RED blank out sign. A YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS sign will be added on all directions of traffic and the timing at the intersection has been updated to City Standards.

Landscape Maintenance Assessment Districts:

- Park Village (Jon Becker)
 - Working on replacing the tree in the roundabout. We are re-grading the trails and working on replacement of the ranch rail in the Camino del Sur median. Brightview is our new contractor, and Aztec is working on open space brush thinning.
- Peñasquitos East (Brian Reschke)
 - No Report.
- Torrey Highlands (Brian Reschke)
 - No Report.
- Black Mountain Ranch South (Ken Heinz)
 - Currently working on San Dieguito Road working toward Camino del Sur. Other nodes did not get down yet. Next will be Willow Grove and Lazanja.

Member Comments –

- Stephen E: Is working on completing his COW training, reminder to all others that need to do so.
- Arlene T: The Cuca Street roundabout is now shifting to night work to finish the other half of the roundabout.
- Ken H: Received an inquiry from another resident about serving on the board and encouraged them to apply.
- Jon B: Currently working with a benefactor to get new benches at Park Village Elementary.



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Public Comment

- None

9:27pm ADJOURNMENT – With no further discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

LAND USE COMMITTEE - No Meeting

WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES COMMITTEE - No Meeting

NEXT MEETINGS:

06/03/2026, 07/01/2026, 08/05/2026 (Dark?) 09/02/2026, 10/07/2026

SEATS AVAILABLE BASED ON DISTRICT VACANCIES:

District 5, District 8, Torrey Highlands #1, Torrey Highlands #2, Commercial #1.

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