

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2021**  
**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 November 18, 2021 on Zoom virtual meeting platform.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

MEMBERS

Frank Landis, Chair, California Native Plant Society  
Anne Fege, Vice-chair, Member-at-Large  
Matthew Bartelt, San Diego Mountain Biking Association  
Lillian Barnes, Audubon Society  
Les Braund, Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve  
Ann Harvey, Carmel Valley Community Planning Board  
Ken Heinz, Rancho Peñasquitos Community Planning Board  
Shital Parikh, Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Board  
Jim Royle, San Diego County Archeological Society  
Erik Basil, Multi-use Trails Coalition  
Bunny Clews, Carmel Valley Trail Riders  
Craig Radke, Mira Mesa Community Planning Group Alternate

Members Excused

Rob Osbourne, Canyonside Ranch LLC  
Tim Gross, Member at Large

Members Absent

Torrey Hills Community Planning Group

City of San Diego

Gina Washington, Senior Park Ranger, City of San Diego Parks & Recreation  
Melanie Fontana, Park Ranger, City of San Diego Parks & Recreation  
Cherlyn Cac, Senior Planner, City of San Diego, Stormwater & Transportation  
Vanessa Sandoval, Associate Planner, City of San Diego Stormwater & Transportation  
Christine Rothman, Development Project Manager III, City of San Diego Stormwater & Transportation  
Mark Berninger, MSCP Senior Planner, City of San Diego Parks & Recreation

County of San Diego

Gabby Widseth, Park Ranger, County of San Diego Parks & Recreation  
Jen Spencer, Park Project Manager, County of San Diego, Parks & Recreation  
Brandon Schroeder, Region Manager, County of San Diego, Parks & Recreation

Others Present

Jim Prine, ESA  
Marilyn Teague, Sorrento Mesa Resident  
Tom Clark, Rancho Peñasquitos Resident  
Tracy Johnson, ESA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of September 16, 2021

**MOTION:                    MOVED/SECONDED                    Heinz/Braund**

The motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2021 was made by Mr. Heinz and seconded by Mr. Braund. The motion passed 11/0/1

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Nothing reported.

TREASURER'S REPORT – No report from alternate.

RANGER REPORTS

County Ranger Widseth reported that they've been working with a council-member to install a little free library. The County is bringing in a watershed model for their Discovery Kits and general public. They've received approval for a trail improvement project for the south side single track trails with Urban Corps. GSOB spraying for the Spring is not scheduled yet but she will update the CAC when it is. The County will be installing a trail counter. She explained details of the location choice and counter design with additional comments from Mr. Schroeder. A discussion ensued and member questions were answered.

Ms. Jen Spencer gave an update on the County's outdoor amphitheater project. They've received funding and will be surveying next week. Site visit on October 23rd went well and included discussion of design issues for bridges and amphitheater. Will be setting up public outreach campaign shortly.

City Senior Ranger Washington reported that the City will be adding two paid internship positions to Los Penasquitos and Black Mountain Ranger Districts. The City hosted a Job Fair for those positions yesterday. She is looking forward to having the help and hope it will be good for the ranger program and preserves. She also reported on the new style of signs the City has begun installing on single track trail entrances in LPCP and Del Mar Mesa Preserve, detailing their purpose and design features, as well as those being installed as part of a current Eagle Scout project. A discussion ensued and member questions were answered.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Kiosk and Public Education Project – Ms. Teague shared that she has been following up on working with the Friends as a fiscal agent for the project according to Mr. Braund's suggestion at

the last meeting. She's been continuing to communicate with Sr. Ranger Washington and making progress on the content and fiscal needs of the project.

#### ACTION ITEMS

101. El Cuervo del Sur Phase II Mitigation Site, a planned wetland mitigation project located in the southwest portion of the Los Peñasquitos Canyon

Presentation by Cherlyn Cac, Senior Planner at Stormwater and Transportation. Action item to support project. Ms. Cac shared a Power Point outlining the project plan. She thanked the CAC for their suggestions and detailed the adjustments they made to the project plan based on that feedback. A discussion ensued in which she answered member questions.

**MOTION:                      MOVED/SECONDED                      Basil/Heinz**

The motion to support the action item as revised and presented was made by Mr. Basil and seconded by Mr. Heinz. The motion passed 9/1/1

102. Request for legal street parking to access Del Mar Mesa Preserve (DMMP) Trailhead from Duck Pond Lane entrance Presented by Ms. Shital Parikh and Mr. Frank Landis. Action item to edit and approve sending the letter.

The Committee discussed and edited the draft letter provided by Ms. Parikh.

**MOTION:                      MOVED/SECONDED                      Basil/Harvey**

The motion to approve the letter with revisions as discussed was made by Mr. Basil and seconded by Ms. Harvey. The motion passed 9/0/2

#### INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

201. Climate Resilient San Diego. Whether to get involved in this program. <https://www.sandiego.gov/sustainability/resilience/climateresilientsd> – Ms. Barnes shared Audubon's participation in the program. She believes the program could be helpful in the long run. It was suggested to be included in the next meeting's agenda as an action item.

202. Discussion of LPCP Task Force, their historic role, whether to inform the current Supervisor and Councilmembers of the Task Force and what the CAC is doing, and whether to encourage them to become active again. Revisiting the discussion from September factoring in redistricting. – Mr. Landis led the discussion. He did not yet draft a letter to the Task Force, as decided at the September meeting, and would like to adjust it with regard to the new council district lines. A discussion ensued regarding how much historical information to include about the Task Force. Mr. Landis specifically asked for input from cycling and archeological organizations to include in the letter. He intends to present the draft letter at the January CAC meeting for a motion of approval.

#### ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Friends of LPCP – Mr. Braund shared that the Friends will likely be approving the Kiosk Project (presented earlier by Ms. Teague). He shared that the Friends are continuing talks with Mark

Berninger at the City regarding the treatment and whether the City will be able to take over payment for it.

Carmel Valley Trail Riders – Bunny Clews reports that bridle trails continue to receive illegal use by cyclists. She noted the need for improved signage.

Multiuse Trails Coalition – Mr. Basil shared that there are still issues with pedestrians creating new social trails and gave kudos to SDMBA’s bell project.

San Diego Mountain Biking Association – Mr. Bartelt shared that SDMBA will be conducting trail building in the coming wet season. The bell program has been a “ringing success,” though they are finding the program needs regular restocking. He anticipates the program extending into other areas like MTRP in the near future. He shared that SDMBA could be involved in the construction of the future approved Darkwood Connector Trail from DMMP to LPCP.

Archeological Society – Mr. Royle shared that Arch in the Park was held Saturday October 3, 2021

#### COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS

Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Craig shared that the MMCPG was approached about a large building project by Carol Canyon Road. They turned it down because it is designated open space, though, privately owned.

Carmel Valley Community Planning Group – Ms. Harvey shared that there is nothing relevant other than redistricting and that her alternate resigned some time ago. Solicited the group for recommendations of friends living in Carmel Valley.

Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Group – Ms. Parikh shared that redistricting is causing a stir and their board has a new chair.

Rancho Peñasquitos Community Planning Group – Mr. Heinz shared there is nothing to report.

#### NON-AGENDA MEMBER COMMENTS

None

#### ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Letter from Frank Landis to request the reconvening of the LPCP Task Force

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Melanie Fontana