

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2022
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 January 20, 2022 on Zoom virtual meeting platform.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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
Bunny Clews, Carmel Valley Trail Riders
Tim Gross, Member at Large
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
Pamela Stevens, Mira Mesa Community Planning Group

Members Excused

Erik Basil, Multi-use Trails Coalition
Rob Osbourne, Canyonside Ranch LLC

Members Absent

Torrey Hills Community Planning Group

City of San Diego

Gina Washington, Senior Park Ranger, City of San Diego Parks & Recreation
Megan Delaney, Park Ranger Intern, City of San Diego Parks & Recreation

County of San Diego

Timothy Leon, Senior 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

Marilyn Teague, Sorrento Mesa Resident
Tom Clark, Rancho Peñasquitos Resident

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of November 18, 2021

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Royle/Braund

The motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2021 was made by Mr. Royle and seconded by Mr. Braund. The motion passed 12/0/1

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Nothing reported

TREASURER'S REPORT – \$1899.67 in January 2022.

RANGER REPORTS

County Ranger reported that the trail counters were installed on December 21st west of Ranch House Crossing. The trail counter does not differentiate horses from people with the infered counter, and a magnetic strip for bikes. Averaging 400 people/day on weekdays and 1000/day on weekends. The purpose of the data is just to know how many people are using the trails and part of a larger initiative with the County of San Diego Parks.

City Sr. Ranger Gina Washington shared that Open Space District Manager Steve Haupt retired after nearly 35 years of service to the Parks & Recreation Department. She introduced Park Ranger Intern Megan Delaney, who will be working on the kiosk refurbishment project. Continuing with regular maintenance.

CORRESPONDENCE – Mr. Landis shared that he received a response to the letter about parking on Del Mar Mesa near Elizabeth Rabbitt Park on Carmel Mountain Road.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

ACTION ITEMS

101. Letter to County Supervisor and San Diego City Councilmembers on the LPCP Task Force, their historic role, what the CAC is doing, and to encourage them to become active again.

Mr. Landis shared that he does not feel the letter is ready for a vote. He feels it needs more finesse. The letter should include a request for the Task Force members to send representatives to the meetings of the CAC. It was suggested that the cultural portion of the letter should include the Native American resources as well. There was a spirited discussion about including “overuse” of the Preserve by visitors. Mr. Landis will complete the letter and bring it back for the March meeting of the CAC.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

201. Update on Kiosk Project - Ms. Delaney reported that she has completed the inspection of the kiosk and is currently prioritizing where to start. Once determined the work will start.

202. Preliminary news regarding possible settlement with Cisterra over litigation on the Preserve at Torrey Highlands/Notch property

Mr. Landis shared a statement from Lisa Ross, President of Protect Our Preserves (POPs). POPs is working on a settlement that is not yet finalized. A fund will be established to be used in the Preserves within four months.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Friends of LPCP – Mr. Braund shared that the Friends are still working with City Rangers on the GSOB spraying and inspection. The Friends are having volunteer t-shirts and hat printed. A group of Marines are going to volunteer to cleanup the area around the waterfall in the coming month.

Carmel Valley Trail Riders – Carmel View Stable is full, it is strictly a trail riding stable as it has no amenities. McCarty's Stable is also full, and it is also strictly a trail riding with no amenities.

San Diego Mountain Biking Association – Mr. Bartelt shared they are working with a donor that may provide funds to replace the swing bridge at Wagon Wheel Crossing. They have also been working on the Darkwood Connector Trail construction.

Archeological Society – Mr. Gross shared that City College has finished a successful season at the ranch dig and the class was recognized for diversity in their enrolment.

COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS

Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Feb 4-6, Vietnamese Student Council will be hosting a Tech Fair

Carmel Valley Community Planning Group – no report

Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Group – Ms. Parikh shared that since the redistricting DMM is completely in CD1. There is a Proposal to make Community Planning Groups ineffective, so DMMCPG is negotiating with Councilmember LaCava. Proposal will not require developers to come to planning groups for approval. Meeting places will not be free.

Rancho Peñasquitos Community Planning Group – Mr. Heinz amplified the issue of city redistricting/mapping. The final map reunifies all RPQ and Torrey Highlands. Just a small portion near the ranch house is in CD5. RPQ will continue to be active in the LPCPCAC.

NON-AGENDA MEMBER COMMENTS

None

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Letter to Task Force

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Washington