



# REPORT

## THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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DATE ISSUED: July 11, 2016

REPORT NO: 101

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board  
Agenda of Thursday, July 21, 2016

SUBJECT: Naming the “Jas Arnold Trail for All People” at Black Mountain Open Space Park

### SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Park and Recreation Board recommend approval of naming the “Jas Arnold Trail for All People” at Black Mountain Open Space Park?

Director’s Recommendation – The Department does not take a position on naming requests.

Other Recommendations – The following groups have reviewed and considered the proposed project. Actions taken and recommendations made by these groups are listed under Discussion below.

Black Mountain Citizen’s Advisory Committee

Fiscal Impact – None

Water and Energy Conservation Status – The proposed action would not have an impact on all water and energy conservation guidelines contained in Council Policy 200-14.

Environmental – No impact

### BACKGROUND

- The 1,554 acre Black Mountain Ranch Open Space Park is in the Rancho Penasquitos Community of San Diego. Construction of the ADA-accessible “Trail for All People” is being completed on the north side of the park at the Miner’s Ridge Staging Area. The trail is an approximately ¼-mile long trail with four shade structures, directional and interpretive signs and parking that meets Americans With Disabilities Act requirements for accessibility. It is anticipated to be opened to the public in the next few months.
- Jas Arnold, a longtime advocate for open space and access to open space for all people passed on May 1, 2016 of complications from Multiple Sclerosis. Per the Rancho Penasquitos Planning Board: “Jas devoted countless hours to provide a means for an accessible route to natural settings for the physically impaired. Impaired late in life,

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Jas knew of free access to nature and was driven to afford the same freedom to others who may be physically impaired."

- As Chair of the CAC and as a volunteer for the past 10 years Mr. Arnold spearheaded the effort to build an accessible trail that all people could use to enjoy nature.
- Mr. Arnold identified the site at the Miner's Ridge Staging Area in Black Mountain Open Space Preserve with potential for an accessible trail that would use an already disturbed footprint that would minimize impacts on the open space while offering spectacular views. He helped design the trail and signs, and advocated for the project through permitting, design, funding, land acquisition, and construction phases. In January 2016 Mr. Arnold was able to help test out the compaction of the path during a final phase of construction.

DISCUSSION

The naming of the trail is in compliance with Park and Recreation Board Policy #1001 (see attached).

On May 4, 2016 the Rancho Penasquitos Planning Board voted 15-0-0 to approve a motion to author a letter "in honorarium of Jas Arnold for his service to the community to rename the Trail for All People."

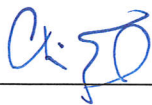
The Black Mountain Citizen's Advisory Committee held a meeting on May 12, 2016 to consider the naming of the trails as "Jas Arnold Trail For All People." The CAC voted 8-0-0 to approve a motion to change the name of the "Trail For All People" to the "Jas Arnold Trail For All People."

Please see attached meeting minutes and letter.

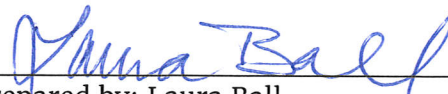
ALTERNATIVES

Do not recommend approval of the naming of "Jas Arnold Trail For All People" in Black Mountain Open Space Park.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Zirkle  
Deputy Director, Open Space Division



Prepared by: Laura Ball

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Attachments:

1. Park and Recreation Board Policy #1001 – Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities
2. Minutes for Black Mountain Citizen Advisory Committee dated May 12, 2016
3. Minutes for Rancho Penasquitos Planning Board dated May 4, 2016

cc: Council District 5

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD POLICY

- SUBJECT:** Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities
- BACKGROUND:** The public sometimes suggests that parks and recreation facilities be named after persons, living or dead.
- PURPOSE:** To provide a systematic procedure for the naming of parks and recreation facilities which will assist in their location by the citizenry, and to develop a method for the retention of names of historical or fiscal significance.
- POLICY:** As a general policy, parks and recreation facilities should be named to identify their locations. Especially for parks, the name of the community area, the names of nearby geographic features, the names of adjacent schools and street names should be given first consideration. However, they may also be named for individuals, living or dead, who are of historical significance to the local area or who have made major financial contributions in the opinion of the appropriate Recreation Councils and/or other advisory bodies, Board committees and the full Board. Facilities within parks, (such as buildings, gyms, courts, etc.) are more appropriate for naming after individuals than are parks.
- Renaming a facility for a person, when that facility is already named for a person, should only be undertaken with the utmost consideration. Every attempt should be made to contact the person or heirs of the person for whom the facility is currently named, to present their views verbally, or in writing, at a public hearing.
- PROCEDURE:** The Recreation Council effected by the proposed name change, shall hold a public hearing to review the request and the supporting documents and information, and shall make recommendations to the Area Committees and the Park and Recreation Board on any and all recommended changes to the renaming of existing facilities.
- SUBSTANTIATION:** Park and Recreation Board Minutes of 6/16/83 (page 2469)  
Park and Recreation Board Minutes of November 15, 2001 (page 4).

**MINUTES**

CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
BLACK MOUNTAIN CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
May 12, 2016

**Meeting Held At:**

Canyonside Recreation Center  
12350 Black Mountain Road  
San Diego, CA 92129

**Mailing Address Is:**

Park and Recreation Department  
Open Space Division  
12115A Black Mountain Road  
San Diego, CA 92129

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:**

Maryanne Young  
Mike Kelly  
Bill Diehl  
Antonella Zampolli  
David Metzgar  
Matt Bartelt  
Beth Mather  
Dirk Nasland – San Diego – CA Land Surveyors Association (CLSA)

**Absent**

**Staff:**

Carey Goldstein, Park Ranger

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:35 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**March 2015 minutes approved**

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

-Rod Simmons resigned as CAC Chairperson at March meeting. Matt Bartelt elected as new Chairperson. Certified by City as a recognized member of the Black Mountain CAC but not in receipt of letter of approval.

**STAFF REPORT**

-Staff report generally relayed info on new trail completion at Black Mountain, NRMP survey work at Lusardi Canyon, various habitat improvement projects being worked on at Crest Canyon and elsewhere, volunteer events and trail maintenance at Gonzales Canyon and Lusardi Canyon, interpretive programs and public outreach

## **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

-Black Mountain Community Park development plans to address drainage issues from sports fields

-Mike Kelly's planting projects in "salt seep" area of Lusardi Canyon, spraying for iceplant and planting of salt tolerant native plants. Girl Scouts providing substantial labor. Of historical note: ice plant first recognized in San Diego in 1857, probably arrived accidentally in ballast aboard ships.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

-Passing of Jas Arnold. Proposal to add his name to TFAP to honor him. Other ideas include etched metal plate of his likeness and story. CLSA worked closely with him and may be able to provide funds for monument plaque and bench.

Consent: Mike Kelly makes a motion to change name of TFAP to: Jas Arnold Trail For All People."

In favor: All

Opposed: None

## **WORKSHOP ITEMS**

None.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

-Marvin Gerst, vocal equestrian proponent involved in CAC in 90s passed away.

-Les Braund, Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve having health issues

-Nothing further on PQ monument proposal

-4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks to take place on July 1<sup>st</sup> this year at Westview HS.

-June 12<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day at Hilltop Park

-July 9<sup>th</sup>, "Movie in the Park" Rancho Peñasquitos - Rolling Hills Neighborhood Park

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm

**Next regular meeting:**

July 14, 2016 6:30pm-8pm  
Canyonside Recreation Center  
12350 Black Mountain Road  
San Diego, CA 92129



**Submitted by:**  
Carey Goldstein  
Staff Representative



## Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2016

**Attendees:** Jeanine Politte, Thom Clark, Susan Sindelar, Corey Buckner, Bill Diehl, Jon Becker, Stephen Egbert, Mike Shoecraft, Brigitte Rosendall, Darshana Patel, Brian Reschke, Darren Parker, Pamela Blackwill, Brooke Whalen, Alex Plishner

**Absent:** Ruth Loucks, Chris Butler

**Community Members & Guests (Voluntary Sign-in):** Mary Alice Schmidt, Luisito Flores, Milagros Q Liganor, Pepito Ramos, Shariat Allamehzadeh, Farangis Farzin, Alsa Agustin, Estila Valencia, Myzell Saringan, Percival and Virginia Ruiz, Rosalina Lazaro, Mary Ann Lazaro, Anto Nio Sablaon, Erlinda Sablaon, Annaman Lafoon, Paciencia C Natividad, Tanny B Garcia, Purcia E Garcia, Hermenegildo Pagaduan, Felicidad Cayabyab, James Bailey, Serapin Ocampo, Dorcas Moses, Susana Ocampo, Farangis Dorafshaw, Jessica Roth, Gloria Adam, Habbib Alengezy, Teodoro Luntao, Dolores Lunta, Reynaldo and Juliet Sanohan, Amalia Macaraig, Velma Smith, Ed Harris, Bettina Rausa, Remedior Ron, Farideh Daryani, Maria Teresa Fernandez, Edna Yanuaria, Norma Shuga, Alicia Gonzales, Kristine Gonzales, Seyfollah Moradinejad, Ha Kyung Kim, Loida Maul, Maria Cantim Buhan, Flordeliza Flora, Judith and Adelita Bautista, Gollaputa Tejidor, Pilar Barredo, Soledad Opinion, Elvira Roncal, Amelia Macaraig, Ernesto Samone, William Ocampo, Antonio Tumulad, Jesus Ramos, Veronica Farol, Ngoc Tran, Leslie Farrington, Cory Clemers, Nelson Hautea, Diana Baier, Joan Smith, Spring Williams, Lori Saldana, Jose Zara, Artisito Carumba, Mahmood Shamshiri

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:46 pm at the Doubletree Golf Resort located at 14455 Peñasquitos Drive, San Diego, California 92129. A Quorum was present.
2. Agenda Modifications
  - a. Motion: To add an Action Item in Business to approve the Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board author a letter in honorarium of Jas Arnold for his service to the community to rename the Trail for All People and erect a plaque with final language approval by his family. M/S/C – Jon Becker/Jeanine Politte/Motion was approved 15-0-0.
3. Approval of March 2, 2016 and April 6, 2016 RPPB Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion: To approve the March 2, 2016 Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board Meeting minutes as corrected. M/S/C – Mike Shoecraft/Alex Plisher/After discussion, motion was approved 12-0-1 with Brooke Whalen abstaining.
  - b. Motion: To approve the April 6, 2016 Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board Meeting minutes as corrected. M/S/C – Susan Sindelar/Thom Clark/After discussion, motion was approved 9-1-4 with Stephen Egbert voting in opposition and Brigitte Rosendall, Jeanine Politte, Darren Parker, and Brooke Whalen abstaining.
4. Public Safety Agencies: Not present, no report.
5. Public Forum:
  - a. Ed Harris – Announcement of candidacy for San Diego City Mayor, flyer handed out.

- b. Percival Ruiz – Presented questions to the Board re: redevelopment of PQ Village, including development process, how community members can provide input, and discussed potential negative impact on residents.
- c. Spring Williams – Outlined issues affecting redevelopment of PQ Village, potential negative impact on residents, and requested assistance with creating a petition against the project, flyer handed out.
- d. Lori Saldaña – Announcement of candidacy for San Diego City Mayor, flyer handed out.
- e. Corey Buckner - Announcement that there will be PQ Village open forum to discuss project, residents will be notified in advance in English, Spanish, and Tagalog, Stephen Egbert is District Representative, and it is not proper for RPPB to assist in petition process either for or against projects.
- f. Jon Becker – Announcement that the PQ Village open forum will explain the development process, encourage residents to attend the Land Use Committee Meetings where the developer will be present, and explained Public Forum process.
- g. Susan Sindelar – Announcement that community members who sign in will be added to the distribution list to receive notifications of upcoming meetings.
- h. Stephen Egbert – Introduction to community members as District Representative.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. San Diego City Planning Dept. Report
  - i. Michael Prinz was not present, no report. More information can be found at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning>
- b. San Diego City Council Member Mark Kersey, District 5 Report
  - i. Kyle Rodenbo was not present, no report. More information can be found at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd5>
- c. San Diego City Council Member Chris Cate, District 6 Report
  - i. Daniel Manley reported on various issues. More information can be found at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd6>
- d. San Diego County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 Report
  - i. Harold Meza was not present, no report. More information can be found at: <http://www.supervisordaveroberts.com/district3/>
- e. CA Assembly Member Brian Maienschein, 77th District Report
  - i. Lance Witmond was not present, no report. More information can be found at: <https://ad77.asmrc.org/>



- f. CA State Senator District 39, Senator Marty Block
  - i. Joyce Temporal was not present, no report. More information can be found at: <http://sd39.senate.ca.gov/>
- g. U.S. Congressman Scott Peters Report, 52nd District Report
  - i. Jason Bercovitch was not present, no report. More information can be found at: <https://scottpeters.house.gov/>

## 7. BUSINESS.

- a. Honorarium for Jas Arnold
  - i. Mary Alice Schmidt presented on Jas Arnold's contributions to the community and requested a letter of support from RPPB.
  - ii. *Motion: To approve the Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board author a letter to the San Diego Parks and Recreation Board in honorarium of Jas Arnold for his service to the community to rename the Trail for All People and erect a plaque with final language approval by his family. M/S/C –Jon Becker/Darshana Patel/After discussion, motion was approved 15-0-0. Jon Becker to write letter with Corey Buckner's involvement.*
- b. Break taken per Corey Buckner. Brigitte Rosendall and Stephen Egbert left room.
- c. Approve Capital Improvement Project to replace air conditioning in the Canyonside Park gym at using Community Funds (Park View Estates 392044/400221) co-sponsored by San Diego City Council Sixth District Chris Cate
  - i. Daniel Manley explained deadline to have CIP projects approved for completion with the 2017 budget and allocating money towards CIP places item higher on City's list for project initiation.
  - ii. *Motion: To endorse and support starting the Capital Improvement Project process and allocate up to \$10,000.00 from Community Funds (Park View Estates 392044/400221) to start the initiation of obtaining bids to install air conditioning in the Canyonside Park gym. M/S/C – Susan Sindelar/Darshana Patel/After discussion on whether motion needed to including funding amount and the risks if the project did not move forward due to costs, motion was approved 9-4-0, with Darren Parker, Brooker Whalen, Thom Clark, and Jeanine Politte voting in opposition. Susan Sindelar to write letter with Corey Buckner's involvement.*
- d. Approve RPPB expenses to be reimbursed before year end (June 30th)
  - i. *Motion: That the RPPB approve expenses up to \$200.00 for those secretarial supplies authorized by the governing documents. M/S/C – Jeanine Politte/Jon Becker/After discussion, motion was approved 13-0-0.*
- e. Stephen Egbert re-entered the room and re-joined the RPPB meeting.

8. REPORTS.

- a. Chair Report – Corey Buckner
  - i. Explained RPPB role in Public Forum.
- b. Vice-Chair Report – Jon Becker
  - i. Notices
    - A. Notice of Public Hearing for Sprint Canyonside Park, dated April 28, 2016
    - B. Notice of Public California Coastal Commission Hearing for Local Coastal Program re: LCP Amendment No. LCP-6-SAN-15-0035-4-Part A: Affordable Housing Density Bonus, dated February 10, 2016
  - ii. PQ Village – City returned first cycle review and wants affordable housing to remain onsite. On April 19, 2016, there was a meeting at the City and part of meeting it was revealed that the estimated \$6.5 million the Lennar project will put into the FBA fund will not go to the park behind Los Peñasquitos Elementary School. Will talk with City to get project development materials for residents in all languages
  - iii. Article in Union Tribune that Poway’s golf course will be repurposed
  - iv. New developer for DoubleTree Golf Course is 33 North Development
- c. Secretary Report – Susan Sindelar
  - i. Please sign and send cards back for recently resigned RPPB members.
  - ii. Minutes will receive formatting changes to make them easier to read before submitting to the City.
- d. Standing Committee Reports:
  - i. Land Use (Thom Clark)
    - A. Met with Laurus Corp. from the DoubleTree Golf Course project and they are evaluating the approach they will take when they present next to the Land Use Committee to respond more appropriately to community feedback
    - B. With Corey Buckner, Jon Becker, and Bill Diehl, met with Cisterra to clarify the items needed to present next at the Land Use Committee, including identifying edge conditions, exterior elevations, more thorough traffic and parking presentations, and all the materials Cisterra has prepared for and submitted to the City. Seeking support for using Community Plan language in addressing concerns with the Cisterra project.
    - C. Will plan Public Forum for PQ Village Project including cycle review concerns as well as a land use planning primer
  - ii. Wireless Communications Facilities (Darren Parker)
    - A. No report.
- e. Ad Hoc Committee Reports:
  - i. Media/Communications/Website (Brooke Whalen)
    - A. No report.
- f. Liaison and Organization Reports:

- i. Black Mountain Open Space Park (Bill Diehl)
  - A. Trail for All People should be renamed without issue once letter is received
  - B. Workshop for Canyon Hills Resource Park
  - C. There will be a new ADA accessible trail
  - D. Vent pipes should be left alone in order to avoid repair or replacement costs
- ii. Community Funds (Bill Diehl)
  - A. No report.
- iii. MCAS Miramar Community Leaders Forum (Stephen Egbert)
  - A. Went to presentation of PATCON response
  - B. Air Show will occur September 23-25, 2016.
- iv. PQ Fire Safe Council (Mike Shoecraft)
  - A. Attended Community Wildfire Preparedness Training at Barona Casino and received a \$500 grant
- v. PQ Town Council (TBD, report by Darshana Patel)
  - A. PQ Weekend April 30, 2016-May 1, 2016: Farmer's Market, Fun Run, and Fiesta was a huge success
    - 1. At the Farmer's Market, there were 9 vendors, including an almond vendor, and 1216 attendees
    - 2. Fiesta and Parade were successful, improvements include additional port-o-potties, tables with umbrellas, and a news-broadcaster, Marcella Lee, as the emcee for the parade
- vi. PQ Recreation Council (Bill Diehl)
  - A. Flag Day will be June 12, 2016 at Hilltop Park at 2pm, there will be a military vehicle on display
  - B. Canyonside Park Gym will be using swamp coolers until air conditioners installed with CIP process
  - C. CIP cost for Rolling Hills Park in the 2017 budget is not correct
  - D. Still attempting to appoint new representative to RPPB
  - E. Jen Palcovic received the Volunteer of the Year Award from PQ Town Council, Brian Maienschein's office, and Mark Kersey's office
- ii. Los Pen Canyon Preserve CAC (Brigitte Rosendall)
  - A. No report.
- vii. Park Village LMAD (Jon Becker)
  - A. Retrofitting for recycling water evaluation complete and system is already saving LMAD money
  - B. Licia Way corner plans are rebid
- viii. Peñasquitos East LMAD (Bill Diehl)
  - A. Slurry sealed within next two months

- B. New gas lines are still going in
- ix. Torrey Highlands LMAD (Brooke Whalen)
  - A. No report.
- x. BMR South MAD (Chris Butler)
  - A. Not present, no report.
- xi. Transportation Agencies (John Keating)
  - A. No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Susan Sindelar  
RPPB Secretary





## RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS PLANNING BOARD

*Rancho Penasquitos Planning Board, includes Torrey Highlands and  
Black Mountain Ranch*

Mr. Chris Zirkle, Deputy Director  
Mr. Steve Haupt, Area Manager  
The City of San Diego Parks and  
Recreation Dept.  
202 C Street, MS 5 D  
San Diego, CA 92101

Subject: Trail for all People honoring Jas Arnold

Dear Mr. Zirkle and Mr. Haupt,

On behalf of the Rancho Penasquitos Planning Board (RPPB), we would like to offer this letter to the City of San Diego's Park and Recreation Department and Board, to honor a citizen of our community who devoted years of effort to the Trail for All People, Jas Arnold.

Jas devoted countless hours to provide a means for an accessible route to natural settings for the physically impaired. Impaired late in life, Jas knew of free access to nature and was driven to afford the same freedom to others who may be physically impaired.

The RPPB, requests that a trail in the Black Mountain Open Space Park, be named in his honor. In addition to naming of the main trail, we request a plaque be placed at the trailhead dedicated to his commitment to provide accessible paths to nature. It is envisioned the plaque will read;

"The Jas Arnold Trail for all People

Through his vision and perseverance this trail was created for all people"

The dedication plaque will be confirmed with the family, with review and implementation by the Park and Recreation Department.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Corey Buckner  
RPPB Chair

  
Jon Becker  
RPPB Vice Chair

Cc: Lisa Arnold  
Meagan Olson  
Coselyn Goodrich