



Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2014

Attendees: Jon Becker, Bill Diehl, Bill Dumka, Stephen Egbert, Steve Gore, John Keating, Ruth Loucks, Cynthia Macshane, Keith Rhodes, Mike Shoecraft, Ramesses Surban

Absent: Thom Clark, Darren Parker, Jeanine Politte, Rod Simmons, Melinda Vasquez

Community Members & Guests (Voluntary Sign-in): Mary Alice Schmidt, Jacques & Marlene Patou, Jerry Greenberg, Frank Landis, Matt Bartelt, Cindy Burrascaro, Michael Beck, Janis Marcello, Juanita S. Hawkins, Ann Tidwell, Sandra Bryant, Angie Smith, Jas & Lisa Arnold, Joost H. Bende, Sergei Galkin, Reg Weishuhn, Ava Scally, Lisa Petrillo

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: Becker requested agenda modifications as follows:
 - a. BMR Block K SCR -
Motion: To move the BMR Block K SCR item up in the Agenda to 8:10 from 9:15 due to the applicant Mr. Dumka's family needs. M/S/C - Becker/Surban/Approved, 9 in favor, 0 against, 1 recusal (Dumka).
 - b. Via Fiesta Rd. Stop Signs & Striping –
Becker would like to add an action item to the agenda due to City Council office's request for clarification of RPPB's previous recommendation for an all way stop and striped crosswalk to be completed while Willow Grove Elementary school was in recess, using the alternative process for unwarranted traffic engineering studies and support of a letter to be authored by District 5 Councilmember Mark Kersey.
Motion: To add an action item for Via Fiesta to clarify the traffic calming measures along that roadway. M/S/C - Becker/Surban/Approved, 9 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstentions (Diehl & Shoecraft).
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 4, 2014
Motion: To approve the June 4, 2014 Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board Meeting minutes as corrected. M/S/C - Gore/Shoecraft/Approved, 10 in favor – 0 against – 1 abstention (Diehl).
4. Public Safety Agencies: none present
5. Public Forum:
 - a. Jas Arnold, Trail For All People - provided an update on the 1,100 ft wheel chair accessible trail project, funding/contributions/grants and that construction should start the end of 2014, to be completed in 2015.
 - b. Diehl, upcoming Peñasquitos Park & Rec sponsored events July 3rd Fireworks at Westview High School, Movie Night at Rolling Hills Park on August 2nd (The Lego Movie, a fundraiser for Sienna's Playgarden). Other family events at Hilltop Community Park include: Polynesian Night in late August, Oktoberfest in October, and the first weekend in December will be Winter Wonderland.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. San Diego City Development Services Dept. Report – Michael Prinz, not present
- b. San Diego City Council Member Mark Kersey, District 5 Report – Garrett Hager
 - Members of the community who would like to schedule a meeting with Councilmember Kersey can contact Heidi Palmer at hpalmer@saniego.gov.
 - Just completed the tot-lot resurfacing at Hilltop & Torrey Del Mar Parks, shared photos.
 - First Responders Thank You BBQ this past weekend, thanked those who came out.
 - Councilmember Kersey will be participating in the 4th of July Scripps Ranch & Rancho Bernardo parades.
 - New Chief of Staff is Patrick Bouteller; previously worked with the State Assembly and the Port District.
 - Meet the Chief of Police event was tonight.
- c. San Diego City Council Member Lorrie Zapf, District 6 Report – Conrad Wear
 - Councilmember Zapf won the District 2 City Council seat in the primary election. There will be a run-off to select the new Dist. 6 councilmember in the November General Election. New council members will be inaugurated on December 10th, 2014.
 - Illegal dumping on City owned property along SR-56 at Black Mtn. Rd. at the Verizon leased wireless facility - City cleaned it up and Park and Rec Dept. will enforce the lease agreement; one of the carriers took care of some of the costs to clean up the debris.
 - Sidewalk next to Canyonview Elementary on Black Mtn. Rd. was overgrown with grass, LMAD cleaned it up.
 - Diehl inquired about a grant given to RP Little League; Wear will send Diehl the details for PQ Rec Council but said it was \$7,500 for a pitching mound and other items.
 - Egbert arranged for 2 mini-cleanups in Rancho Peñasquitos with the Code Compliance and Environmental Services Dept.(s). The specific neighborhoods' residents will receive notice of date and instructions.
- d. San Diego County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 Report – Tighe Jaffe, not present
- e. 77th Assembly District, Member Brian Maienschein's Office Report – Michael Lieberman, not present
 - Becker reported, Lieberman has scheduled a meeting on the Del Mar Mesa Preserve to review potential trail connections with CA Fish & Wildlife and U.S. Fish & Wildlife.
- f. 52nd District, U.S. Congressman Scott Peters' Office Report – Hugo Carmona, not present

7. BUSINESS.

- a. **BMR Block K, Project #364034 SCR** – Bill Dumka, Black Mtn. Ranch (Action Item)
 - Dumka recused himself.
 - Dumka reviewed, that Block K SCR is a continuation of the development specific to the BMR town center. RPPB has previously approved two 'blocks' in the town center and this 'block' contains townhouses on the 3 acre site. SCR review is a requirement of the BMR North Village PDP/VTM.
 - Surban reported on the LUC discussion and issues of concern:

- Pedestrian access on north side of block (above street level) – stairs and ramps are being added, reflected in the plans.
- Slopes will be maintained by HOA.
- Street trees will be maintained by the BMR Association.
- Park across the street is maintained by the HOA and open to the public.
- City Cycle issues:
 - Pedestrian access on the north side of the block, being addressed above.
 - Dumka noted, the affordable housing requirements of the North Village are being met with existing/completed residential units and those that are presently under construction.
- Surban reported that the LUC voted to recommend approval of the project, 5 in favor – 0 against.

Motion: To approve BMR Block K, Project #364034 SCR as presented. M/S/C - Surban/Loucks/Approved, 10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions, 1 recusal (Dumka).

≈ Dumka was excused for the remainder of the meeting.

b. Urban Forestry Presentation – Rachel Melious (Information Item)

- Rachael Melious presented a powerpoint slide show on the multiple benefits our urban forest provides ranging from reducing the urban heat island effect, capturing storm water runoff, carbon sequestration and improving air quality, increasing residential home values, and having an effect on crime reduction. She invited the audience to attend workshops in September (attachment #1) on the City of San Diego's Draft Urban Forestry Management Plan.
- Gore inquired if the plan's principles were in conflict with solar energy installations and production? Melious replied, that solar is good to reduce greenhouse gases, but there is a conflict with existing trees if they are cut down. You don't have to cut trees down, but it will impact the amount of energy generated.
- Becker reported, there is a policy initiative out of Colorado that is looking at sunlight/solar energy rights as it relates to trees.
- Melious noted that there is a controller that would assist with getting more energy in shaded areas but it is expensive.
- Diehl inquired about parks/open space involvement in the management plan. Melious said they are hoping to get everyone/group to the meetings, 3rd Wed. of month from 10:00am-12:00pm at City Operations building. Becker added, the Urban Forestry Committee chair, Ann Fage, lives in Rancho Peñasquitos.
- Rhodes commented on trees with wider canopies and eucalyptus trees.
- A resident mentioned resistance from communities to removing trees. Another question was about condo association boards' resistance to remove lawns.
- Becker noted that comments could be provided via the questionnaire; the presentation was well received.

c. Doubletree Resort Update – Damon Gascon, Lewis Operating Corp. & Maureen Cohen, Laurus Corp. (Information Item)

- Maureen Cohen with Laurus Corporation presented on the improvements to the Hotel facility.
 - She noted that hotel improvements and renovations are planned to start in September 2014 and take approximately 4.5 months to complete. Improvements will be made to the lobby, Terraces Restaurant, meeting spaces, banquet rooms,

- pool areas, public restrooms and landscaping. Mulligan's will become a Gastro Pub. The renovations will increase the conference space up to 18,000 sf. Losses in the golf course operation have delayed hotel facility renovations.
- The golf course opened in the 1960's. The golf course would require \$5 million in improvements and estimates to renovate were estimated at \$250k per year plus short-term losses over a number of years. The 112 acre course is undersized vs. the typical 160 acres of a regulation course rendering it not as desirable as other courses or to course operators. Plans are to close the golf course in 6-12 months, and consider compatible land use that improves the value of the land to the hotel and community. Laurus is not in the business of land development so they've partnered with the Lewis Operating Corp.
 - Damon Gascon with Lewis Operating Corp. presented the updates on the golf course. Lewis Operating Corp. focuses on planned communities, apartment developments and retail.
 - Gascon requested to work with the existing RPPB Ad-Hoc committee, a working group to help in shaping the re-development. He asked that the committee meet during the summer and he would present an update to RPPB in September. They have some ideas on use, but want to work with the community to help Laurus/Lewis make a decision on use.
 - Becker noted that RPPB currently has an Ad-hoc committee for the Doubletree project chaired by Politte. A sheet was passed around the room for community members who wished to be contacted about the committee meetings to sign up with their contact information.
 - Surban reported on the Doubletree's presentation at LUC. No specific plan is being proposed at this time, but housing is possible. Comments at LUC included:
 - Renovations will begin in Sept. lasting 4.5 months.
 - Housing is possible use.
 - Trust issues with any proposal due to the previous owners not listening to the community.
 - What would happen to the golf course once closed? A wind down plan will be developed.
 - What is the original agreement that governs the use of the buildings and the land? Gascon noted the original, existing use agreement mentions use of buildings/meeting rooms, specifically identifies use by the RPPB and Town Council and organizations, but not land use.
 - Becker read the portion of the Community Plan for the Glen's neighborhood which recommends the golf course remain as an open space element.

"The major recommendations in the Glens neighborhood are to preserve the golf course as a unifying open space element and buffer from the freeway, and to maintain the existing quality of development in the area. When the neighborhood commercial area redevelops, the scale and character of the development should be compatible with the neighborhood in terms of architectural style and color (Spanish mission or Old West ranch style)."
 - Keating inquired if the commercial referred to the Albertson's center; it was deemed that it probably did.
 - Diehl noted that the Peñasquitos Village Park isn't developed yet (located on hillside next to Los Peñasquitos Elementary School). All new development will pay into the

- FBA. The cost to build the new park is estimated at \$10-12 million per the PFFP/FBA.
- Egbert said he would like to see a committee who understands the history and benefit to community.
 - Community members requesting to speak:
 - 1) Joost Bende – inquired if the owner’s had already initiated a Community Plan Amendment; Keating replied, RPPB has not recommended initiation on this project.
 - 2) Lisa Petrillo, Satanas Street – disappointed that Laurus did not engage the community in property decisions.
 - a. Gascon commented, the hotel needs to be upgraded. The closure of the golf course is really an economic decision, ie. loss of golfers, cost to play, can’t sustain itself, costs to maintain & water the course. This course is quite old and requires major capital improvements just to operate more efficiently. Gascon noted that approximately 600 golf course have closed across the country in the last 10 years. It is estimated that an additional 150 courses will close annually over the next 2-5 years. In the County, the Escondido Country Club is front page news and Laurus/Lewis do not want to duplicate that situation. Bonsall, Bonita and at least 2 other courses are looking at closure. The plan is to reposition the golf course land use to be determined in working with the community.
 - 3) Reg Weishuhn, Del Diablo Street – lived on the course for 34 years, really disappointed that the golf course is closing; prefers open space.
 - 4) Melanie Rodriguez, Del Diablo Street – as a property owner overlooking 7th Hole what will be the plan as the course closes? Cohen replied, they are looking at developing a plan, the hotel is a neighbor to the course and will be impacted by the view shed also. Gascon said they will wind down the activities and not leave weeds in the back yard. A plan will be put in place.
 - 5) Mike Slaven, Yukon Street, 20 years in neighborhood – In the past, we’ve heard these propositions and the owners did not move forward. Does the existing land agreement need to be amended to take away the golf course or the open space? He also mentioned lack of course maintenance over the years, and now they want to repurpose.
 - a. Becker noted that this board represents the Community Plan to the Planning Commission. Any proposed project or repurpose will be reviewed to see if it meets the criteria/findings for initiating a community plan amendment.
 - 6) Mary Kay Romeo, neighbor – concerned that the Fitness Center & Tennis Courts weren’t addressed in the renovations. Cohen said they are improving both pools, the spa and are aware the courts are important to the residents.
 - Becker closed the Agenda item without a motion as the Ad-hoc committee is already recognized and the sign-up sheet will identify interested community members present at this meeting.
- d. **Camino Del Sur Road Construction Support, Rhodes Crossing/Merge 56** – Gary Levitt & Randy Coopersmith, Merge 56 (Action Item)
- Rhodes recused himself.

- Coopersmith presented the major issues associated with having the Camino del Sur (CDS) roadway built and open. City staff has asked them to combine the review of the Merge 56 project and the grade alignment studies for the roadways (Camino del Sur and Carmel Mtn. Rd.). City staff wants reconfirmation that RPPB is in favor of moving the roadways forward and expedited.
 - Coopersmith noted that the roads are in the Community Plan and already approved.
 - The primary reasons to having the Road built and open were associated with providing secondary exit for Park Village residents, a shorted travel to the S.R. 56, the Middle and High School; the re-cycled water transmission line would be improved connecting the south to the north within Camino Del Sur.
 - He also noted that CDS alignment, width and road design was not changing and the existing environmental document would be retained as originally approved and be supplemented based on current regulations. That is, per the SDP #41-0248, PTS No. 1902, Sch. No. 2001121109 and the Community Plan.
 - CDS has two funding sources to improve the street; there is a City Capital Improvement Project (CIP) portion and the private developer portion.
 - The City's CIP portion extends from the existing southern terminus of CDS to the Rhodes boundary per SDP-41-0248.
 - The developer of the Merge 56 project would improve the road along its frontage within the Rhodes subdivision, extending from the future "Y" intersection of Carmel Mt. Rd. and Camino Del Sur to the southern boundary in accordance with VTM 7938.
 - They will back for review of the supplemental EIR and the final plans.
- Surban reviewed concerns discussed at the LUC:
 - How will the vernal pools be addressed? The supplemental EIR will address those issues, they will be impacted and mitigated.
 - Whether the alignment and design of streets and sidewalks would remain unchanged from original approval; no plan to change.
 - Current design calls for 2 lanes north and 2 lanes south with noncontiguous sidewalks and bike lanes. Might they consider a phasing of the road width if the ADT does not warrant the full build out? It's ultimately a City decision, but Merge56 would consider.
 - Estimated build out of project is early 2017.
 - Would road build out precede construction of residential/commercial components; would be concurrent build.
 - Safety concerns for Park Village Elementary school student pedestrian traffic. Dormouse would be signalized and traffic speeds limited due to proximity to school.
 - Could construction traffic be directed toward the highway instead of through the neighborhoods? Existing plans that would limit that traffic.
 - A previously intermittent stream, now a perennial stream will be affected by the project.
 - Natural Resource Management Plan trails cross the roadways; the roads will be cutting off those trails.
 - Concerns over the road, that it will cover land that was given to the City as a Mitigation land bank.
 - Concerns of potential to increase fire risk due to traffic.

- LUC Motion: To support Council Office's efforts to usher City Staff in expediting the permit process for these roads. Approved, 5 in favor – 0 against.
- In response to a question from Gore, Coopersmith noted that an optimistic schedule would be to get CDS plans processed for an approval at City Council in 2015 and completion in early 2017.
- Rhodes said that he doesn't know of any trails in the NRMP entering into the Rhodes Crossing property which is private.
- Community members requesting to speak:
 - 1) Michael Beck (El Cajon resident & a Director of the San Diego Endangered Habitats League) - concerned that adequate environmental review will be provided and a supplemental environmental document will be prepared and whether existing agreements are still standing. Coopersmith and Rhodes noted that the agreement is in place and Rhodes thanked Beck for being there to bring that item to the board's attention.
 - 2) Mathew Bartelt (RP resident, member of the Los Peñasquitos CAC, SD Mountain Bike Association & the SD Trails Coalition) – He noted the trails are there and concerned that the terminus of Tunnel #1 is recognized by the City and if the road is put in with complete fill, it would terminate at a wall. What access will be provided into Deer Canyon to access that trail? Rhodes said there are no trails on the private property, except the illegal ones. Bartelt asked if there would be any accommodation? Becker said that our State Assembly office is working to get an East-West connection. Levitt noted, if Tunnel #1 is approved by the City, they will need to include it in the plan.
 - 3) Mary Alice Schmidt (RP resident) - concerned over the density increases of Rhodes Crossing. The community doesn't want it. ** It was noted that this comment should have heard under the Open Forum as Rhodes Crossing project was not on the agenda.
 - 4) Cindy Burrascaro (Mira Mesa resident) - concerned with expediting a project over the biological impacts, ie. wetlands delineations, downstream flooding potential, MSCP conflict, missing wildlife tunnel. Becker noted that they would need to address the supplemental EIR issues and meet current environmental requirements.
 - 5) Jeanette Waltz noted that it was just an expedited turnaround time goes to the top of the pile with City Staff & all environmental review will be furnished.
 - 6) Sid Shanker (residence unknown) ceded his time to Frank Landis.
 - 7) Frank Landis (Torrey Highlands resident) - some of the proposed trails in the NRMP are at the same grade as the proposed road, others are under the road. These need to be sorted out. Becker said, there are currently Class II bike trails on the road. Landis said that he doesn't want the City to push through (expedite) and not do a thorough review.
 - 8) Lisa Arnold asked, is there a median, what type of median (concrete or planted), and potential speed limits? Becker noted that there are non-contiguous sidewalks (space between the road and the sidewalk that would be planted or have light standards, etc.), parking lanes and bike lanes, a planted median and speed limit will be based on City standards, possibly 45 mph.
 - 9) Gustavo Rivera asked whether CDS would extend southerly across the Rancho Penasquitos Canyon Preserve into Mira Mesa? A resounding answer of 'no' was voiced by multiple RPPB members.

Motion: To support the City Council efforts to expedite the approval of the proposed Camino Del Sur and Carmel Mtn. Road to connect to the existing Camino Del Sur and Carmel Mtn. Road per the Rancho Peñasquitos Community Plan approved SDP design. The plan processing will follow the City’s required environmental review processes for a supplemental EIR. M/S/C – Keating/Diehl/Approved, 9 in favor; 0 against, 0 abstentions, 1 recusal (Rhodes) - Dumka excused.

e. **Via Fiesta Traffic Controls, Support for Councilmember Mark Kersey’s Letter–**

- Keating reviewed the background and RPPB’s previous request for traffic controls on Via Fiesta at Via Landini using the alternative process. City Council can accept responsibility to install unwarranted traffic controls and direct City staff to install.
- Hager added that the alternative process by-passes Traffic Engineering. The Council Office is asking for confirmation that the RPPB supports a letter to be authored by the District 5 Councilperson Mark Kersey directing City Staff to use the alternative process for unwarranted traffic controls, specifically to install an all way stop and a striped crosswalk at Via Fiesta and Via Landini.
- Shoecraft noted that RPPB approved these controls using the alternative process back on February 5, 2014.
- Discussion on time sensitivity and previous vote. Becker noted that this is a confirmation of our previous motion.

Motion: Ask the District 5 Councilperson Mark Kersey to use the alternative process and request that the City install an all way stop and striping a crosswalk at Via Fiesta and Via Landini. M/S/C – Keating/Surban/Approved, 9 in favor, 1 against (Diehl), 0 abstentions.

- Shoecraft read the previous motion from February 2014 as follows:
“Motion to recommend the alternative process, that the city install an all way stop (Via Fiesta and Via Landini), and stripe school cross-walks at all three legs of the intersection (stop signs); with that the city can install the pedestrian signs and a speed limit sign. M/S/C: John Keating/Jeanine Politte/Approved; I/O/A/R: 10/3 (Ruth Loucks, Dennis Spurr, Bill Diehl)/0/0”

f. **Vacancies & Appointments –**

- Becker accepted Jack McGuire’s application for the BMR #2 seat and will forward to the Chair for appointment at the September 3, 2014 meeting.

8. **REPORTS.**

a. Chair Report – Thom Clark, not present

b. Vice-Chair Report – Jon Becker

- Congressman Scott Peters is holding an Emergency Preparedness and Recovery Workshop at 6:00pm on June 30th at the Scripps Ranch Library(handout).
- American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) is soliciting recipients for a \$5,000 reimbursable grant that is being awarded.
- City Council has approved a \$500 budget for each planning board to be used for reimbursable operating expenses in the City budget; expenses are to be submitted for consideration.
- CP 600-24 and bylaws shell changes will include a clause that requires a 2/3 vote to remove a board member.

c. Secretary Report – Jeanine Politte, distributed via email as follows:

- Training Reminder – "WHAT TO KNOW WHEN REVIEWING PROJECTS/ PUBLIC PROJECTS" Monday, June 30, 2014 from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. at Metropolitan Operations Center (MOC II) at 9192 Topaz Way in Kearny Mesa
** information was emailed to the board on 6/11/14
 - Khouli Residences Update – Clearing of lots & grading began the week of 6/16/14. Politte was notified on Sunday that they were excavating one of the lots on Sunday & she emailed Sandra Teasley to verify if they have a permit to work on Sundays & Holidays.
 - Residential Care Facilities – No applications show pending for Del Diablo Way as of 6/20/14.
 - Oleson's request for assistance 6/4/14 - Torrey Glens HOA Maintenance Easement - Garrett Hager's email update, dated 6/23/14 – "After discussions with Lee and City staff, this is not an issue that the City would get involved in. Because this is a civil issue between a homeowner and the HOA, the City doesn't have any leverage in this issue."
- d. Standing Committee Reports:
- Land Use (Ramesses Surban)
 - Glad that the LUC started at 6:00pm to allow enough time for the items and community input.
 - Egbert asked if it would continue as a regular time slot? Becker noted that as items come before the LUC, the earlier start time will be used.
 - Telecomm (Darren Parker)- not present
- e. Ad Hoc Committee Reports:
- Doubletree Resort (Jeanine Politte) – not present, emailed report:
 - Politte will contact Damon Gascon mid July to set up a Ad-Hoc Committee meeting over the summer if requested.
 - Santa Fe Summit II & III (Darren Parker) – not present
 - Santa Fe Summit IV (Thom Clark) – not present
 - Merge 56 Development (Jon Becker) – no additional info
 - Rhodes Crossing (Jon Becker)
 - Rhodes noted that they are planning to meet with the homeowners association (Via Pancea neighborhood) in the near future.
 - Mary Alice Schmidt asked that her neighborhood (Carmel Mtn. Rd & Sundance) be included in the discussion as they will also use the commercial properties. Some confusion as to ownership of the commercial component now owned by Merge 56.
 - Becker invited her to attend all meetings pertaining to the multiple Community Plan amendments and Keating noted that we (RPPB) are looking out for all residents.
 - Black Mtn. Rd. Reclassification (John Keating)
 - Keating noted there is not enough ROW to make Black Mtn. Rd. 6 lanes per the maps/engineering. He has a plan to restripe and get the left turns better.
- f. Liaison and Organization Reports:
- Black Mountain Open Space Park (Bill Diehl) – no meeting
 - Community Funds (Bill Diehl)
 - Made the approved May adjustments to CIP program per our approvals. \$650,000

- ((\$300k Community Funds & \$350k FBA funds) for Canyonside tot-lot upgrade, drainage issue and parking lot, \$100,000 for the shade structures at the Skate Park, and \$30,000 for the additional administrative costs for the Skate Park.
- Discussion on use of Community Funds for all parks, not park specifics. Jeanette Waltz will pull her documents because she believes there are restrictions on the use of Park Village Estates fund.
 - Reopening of the Skate Board Park ribbon cutting will be July 8th at 11:00am.
 - Mary Alice Schmidt asked why the median on Carmel Mtn. Rd. between Sundance and Sedorus is asphalted and not landscaped. Is there a reason as to why?
 - Diehl noted that there are medians in the community that are not landscaped, but he will check his records.
 - The City may restrict certain medians due to underground services. Stated Becker and asked her to email the Chair for follow-up.
- MCAS Miramar Community Leaders Forum (Stephen Egbert)
- Air Show is scheduled for October 3-5; MCAS Miramar is looking at moving the air show to summer months to avoid future cancelations due to sequestration.
- PQ Fire Safe Council (Mike Shoecraft)
- July 19th Fire Watch meeting, previous meeting had only 4 attendees.
- PQ Town Council (Cynthia Macshane)
- SDFP Capt. Meyers spoke on the RB Fire (1,500 ac) and gave kudos to the developers as no homes were lost; many were built to shelter in place. Complaints (brush management) can be reported to 619-533-4300.
 - Town Council has asked RPPB to compose a note that could be included on their calendar announcing our meetings.
- PQ Recreation Council (Steve Gore)
- Approved expenses: \$8,000 for Black Mtn. Ranch Park to re-fertilize. Councilmember Kersey's office gave Torrey Del Mar and Hilltop parks about \$34,000 for renovations to the playgrounds.
 - Torrey Del Mar Park was temporarily closed while they eradicated the gophers.
 - New Park & Recreation Director is Herman Parker.
 - July 3rd Fireworks at Westview H.S.
 - Becker mentioned that the policy on new park equivalencies was brought forth at CPC; Diehl said that it was presented at the Park & Rec Board last week.
 - Diehl added that a new Park & Recreation Director is instituting a Walk & Swim program; walk a mile a day for 30 days or swim 20 miles in 30 days starts July 15th. Info is on the City website.
- Los Pen Canyon Psv CAC (John Keating) – no report
- Park Village LMAD (Jon Becker)
- Meeting next week on the recycled water and looking at some new projects.
- Peñasquitos East LMAD (Bill Diehl)
- Rancho Peñasquitos Blvd. monument sign was damaged by a tree; City is looking into repairs.
 - Concerns about the area NE of the Post Office; it is not under the LMAD. It belongs to the CVS & Post Office. City is trying to contact them to get them to clean it up.
 - KB Homes is asking the LMAD to take over the ROW slopes; Casey Smith is looking into. Becker noted that if the HOA is responsible, they could decide to not

maintain or keep vegetated; however, it is preferred that PQ East LMAD maintain the slopes.

- Jeanette Waltz mentioned that the residents are tearing out their fences along the west side of Black Mtn. Rd. between Twin Trails and SR 56. There is a whole planter strip clear that could be planted.
 - Diehl said it's only 2 feet wide and there is no irrigation.
 - Becker said there is negotiation ongoing for Black Mtn. Rd. Reclassification Community Plan Amendment with recycled water program and BMR to plant some street trees and put in irrigation.
 - It was noted that due to inconsistency in styles and quality of fencing and landscaping on our major thoroughfares and entrances into the community, an outsider might think we have rundown neighborhoods.
- Becker reported that the monument on Black Mtn. Rd. within the PV LMAD is scheduled to be illuminated by the PV LMAD as soon as SDG&E sets the electric meter.
- Torrey Highlands LMAD (Darren Parker)
 - Gore reported, received notice from the City that if they moved one of the monuments further up the median they could begin putting it out to bid right away. The LMAD sent in their approval.
 - Jeanette Waltz inquired if the monuments will be lighted; Gore replied no.
- Becker noted that Diehl supplied solar lighting for the PQ monuments.
- Transportation Agencies (John Keating) – no report/activity

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Becker and Cynthia Macshane with additional details added by Jeanine Politte per the audio recording.

Approved 9/3/2014, 6 in favor – 0 against – 5 abstentions (Vasquez, Parker, Dumka, Clark, Politte).

City of San Diego Urban Forest Management Plan

The Urban Forest Management Plan will answer the following questions:

- What do you have? (inventory)
- What do you want? (goals and objectives)
- How do you get what you want? (implementation plan)
- Are you getting what you want? (monitoring)

Goals for urban forestry:

- *Develop, nurture, and protect a sustainable urban/community forest, City of San Diego 2008 General Plan*
 - See also Conservation Element, J. Urban Forestry for additional policies

Benefits of trees:

- Trees shade buildings and lower energy bills
- Trees shade streets and parks
- Trees clean the air by absorbing pollutants
- Trees reduce greenhouse gases and urban heat
- Trees stabilize soil and reduce stormwater runoff
- Trees provide food and shelter for wildlife
- Trees increase property values
- Trees create more pleasant neighborhoods and business districts

Next steps:

- \$75,000 planning grant received from California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire)
- City staff, Community Forest Advisory Board, and consulting urban foresters working to develop the draft plan
- Survey about community forestry, at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CXS5KXC>
- **Public Stakeholder meetings, Monday evenings from 6pm to 8pm**
 - ❖ September 22, 2014 and January 26, 2015-University Town Center (UTC) Forum Hall (above Wells Fargo Bank) 4315 La Jolla Village Drive
 - ❖ September 29, 2014 and February 2, 2015-Balboa Park, War Memorial Bldg.
- September Meetings: Review Objectives and Potential Actions
- January/February Meetings: Review Draft Plan
- Draft Urban Forest Management Plan, early 2015
- City Council action expected, Spring/Summer 2015
- Implementation of the Plan will require additional resources and funding

