



## **Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group**

### **Draft Minutes for July 18, 2012**

6:30 pm at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

**6:31 pm** Meeting called to order by President Tim Splinter. A quorum (11 members) was established consisting of Tim Splinter, Derek Rotzinger, Deanna Spehn, Tom Keliinoi, Russ May, Joe Battaglia, Donna Jackson, Loren Vinson, Bonnie Alexander, Sean Stafford and Rich Thesing. Anthony Ferebee arrived at 7:30 pm (12 members present). Absent: Neill Thornton and Steve Hasbrouck.

The following Government Representatives updated the public on current activities: Deanna Spehn representing State Senator Christine Kehoe summarized the end of the legislative session and the Senator's key bills.

Marc Regier representing County Superintendent Pam Slater-Price updated on the budget and local programs.

Ron Lacey representing Mayor Jerry Sanders discussed the city's budget.

Juan Lias representing MCAS Miramar notified the community about air operations at the base and a pending change of command.

#### **Non-agenda Public Comment:**

Lee Campbell announced that pavers are still for sale for the bandstand, with the price set to go up on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mark Powell, a candidate for District A Board of Education, introduced himself to the public and provided information about his background and campaign.

Sandy Kuntz (Santee resident) spoke in opposition to the proposed Quail Brush Power Plant. Marne Foster, a candidate for District E Board of Education, introduced herself to the public and provided information about her background and campaign.

Michelle Krugs invited the community to Fiesta del Sol on August 11<sup>th</sup> in Cesar Chavez Park and in support of Marne Foster, candidate for District E Board of Education.

Scott Miller requested that the discussion on the proposed Quail Brush power plant and the potential sale of Camp Elliott #3 school site be moved up on the agenda; he also said that the proposed revision to the minutes should reflect that they were the March 2012 minutes, not the April 2012 minutes.

It was moved by Thesing, seconded by May and passed unanimously with Battaglia abstaining to approve the minutes for the June 20, 2012 TCC meeting.

President: Tim Splinter • Vice President: Neill Thornton • Treasurer: Derek Rotzinger  
Secretary: Deanna Spehn • Area Directors: Steve Hasbrouck (Area 1), Tom Keliinoi (Area 3), Russ May (Area 3), Joe Battaglia (Area 4), Donna Jackson (Area 4), Anthony Ferebee (Area 5), Loren Vinson (Area 6), Bonnie Alexander (Area 7), Sean Stafford (Area 7), Rich Thesing (Area 8)  
Vacancies filled tonight: Area 2 (At Large) Rik Hauptfeld and Area 7 (At Large) Misty Oto  
Still vacant: Commercial Director

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### **Adoption Agenda**

**Item 1:** The following Tierrasanta residents expressed interest in being appointed to fill the vacant positions on the Tierrasanta Community Council: Jess DeCesare, John Farmer, Rik Hauptfeld, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto and Misty Oto. Candidates must have attended at least one TCC meeting in the previous 12 months to be eligible for appointment. Hauptfeld and Oto met the attendance requirement. DeCesare, Farmer and Nielsen-Lostritto are now eligible for future appointment.

It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Vinson and approved unanimously to appoint Misty Oto to the vacant Area 7 Director position and Rik Hauptfeld to the vacant Area 2 Director position. Both positions expire in March 2013.

It was moved by Spehn, seconded by Keliinoi and approved unanimously to convert the Commercial Director position to an At Large seat. The Commercial Director position expires in March 2014.

**Item 2:** Neil Mohr, General Manager for Allied Waste that operates the Sycamore Landfill just east of Tierrasanta, north of State Route 52 and off Mast Blvd. in Santee, updated the TCC on the landfill's Master Plan that is going to the City of San Diego Planning Commission in August 2012 and to the City Council most likely in September. Mohr originally briefed the TCC four years ago. Allied Waste owns approximately 500 acres, of which 320 acres are permitted for use as a landfill. The Master Plan is being updated to add 25 acres to landfill uses and in the process double the life of the landfill. The existing power lines would also be relocated on site. If recycling continues at the same rate, the landfill should last 40 more years. Sycamore Landfill would most likely become the primary landfill serving the City of San Diego once the Miramar Landfill is closed.

It was moved by Spehn, seconded by Thesing and approved 11-0 to support the recirculated Environmental Impact Report and Master Plan at the Planning Commission meeting and at City Council.

**Item 3:** Tierrasanta Foundation, speaking on behalf of Foundation President Eric Germain, Lee Campbell described the Foundation's current bandstand project and its request for written support by the TCC for a grant from the American Society of Landscape Architects. Ron Lacey from the Mayor's office confirmed that Mayor Sanders is sending a support letter.

It was moved by Vinson, seconded by Stafford and approved unanimously (14-0) to send a letter in support of the grant application.

**Item 4:** President Splinter introduced the issue of the current and future role of the Community Maintenance Committee (CMC), which has not met officially for over a year yet some individuals have allegedly been sending out notices enforcing Codes, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&Rs) for Tierrasanta. CMC Chair Tracy Conroy attended the meeting and participated in the discussion. Following a robust discussion about the original role of the CMC when City staff provided support and structure to the committee's activities, the role and purpose of CC&R enforcement in the community and compliance with current City regulations, the TCC took the following action:

It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Battaglia and approved unanimously (14-0) to refer the matter to the CMC and have the committee make a recommendation to the TCC on the future composition and role of the committee, pending input from the community and from City staff. Splinter will

solicit input from the community, convene former members of the CMC and other interested parties and a recommendation will be made to the TCC.

**Item 5:** TCC members and the public had an opportunity to sign up for TCC committees and appointments to outside organizations. Appointments will be made at the September 2012 TCC meeting, as recommended by President Splinter.

**Item 6:** Quarterly reports submitted by TCC Standing Committees - please see attached report submitted by Deanna Spehn, Chair, Tierrasanta Open Space Committee

**Item 7:** Spehn reported on proposed sale of Camp Elliott #3, an 11.2 acre parcel currently owned by the San Diego Unified School District located north of the intersection of Colina Dorado and Calle de Vida. The site is adjacent to Mission Trails Regional Park and an undeveloped city park site. The District did not inform the TCC prior to its taking action to sell the property. The minimum bid is \$2.4 million. Bids will be open on September 25<sup>th</sup>, with the option of a verbal auction at that time.

It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Stafford and approved 13-1 with Ono opposed to oppose the sale and to contact the City about the impact on the adjacent vacant park site.

**Item 8:** Thesing reported on the proposed Shawnee project of 960 units in the Mission Gorge area that will be heard at the Planning Commission on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The TCC is already on record with the City of San Diego about the traffic impacts of the proposed project and the recommendation that traffic mitigation dollars be placed in a fund to construct Tierrasanta Blvd. east to Mission Gorge Road.

**Item 9:** Consideration of a draft two-year budget for 2012-2013 was continued until the September 2012 meeting. The Budget Committee is Chaired by Derek Rotzinger with members Anthony Ferebee, Deanna Spehn and Tim Splinter.

It was moved by Jackson, seconded by Vinson and approved unanimously (14-0) to authorize up to \$190 for the purchase of QuickBooks for use by the Treasurer.

**Item 10:** Ferebee announced that the August 18<sup>th</sup> Concert in the Park will feature Y3K, and plans for the September 15<sup>th</sup> concert include adding a concession stand.

**Item 11:** Spehn, as TCC coordinator for the website, working with website consultant Maurice Nash, reported that she had not received written instructions yet, but had uploaded documents and removed out-of-date and inaccurate information. The Website Subcommittee to which Spehn reports is comprised of Ferebee, Rotzinger, Splinter and Vinson. Battaglia raised the issue of selling ads again on the website, which will be referred to the Website Committee.

[Anthony Ferebee and Misty Oto left; quorum now 12 people]

**Item 12:** There was a robust discussion on the status of the two insurance policies for the TCC.

It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Vinson and approved 8-4 to renew a standard liability insurance policy at approximately \$836. Those in support were Splinter, Rotzinger, Spehn,

Hauptfeld, Jackson, Stafford, Thesing, Vinson. Those opposed were Anderson, Battaglia, Keliinoi, May.

**Item 13:** A subcommittee comprised of Sean Stafford, Rik Hauptfeld and TK Keliinoi will manage Constant Contacts. A link will be added to the new website.

**Item 14:** President Splinter announced that the TCC will work with other Tierrasanta groups to organize a Holiday Party on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Item 15:** It was moved by Vinson, seconded by Hauptfeld and passed unanimously (12-0) to send a letter in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 90 (SCR 90) that would designate the portion of State Highway Route 15 between Miramar Road and Mercy Road as the Tuskegee Airmen Highway; and that Caltrans determine the cost of signs showing this special designation to be installed through donations. Please see attached letter.

**Old Business:** Spehn reported that the Quail Brush peaker power plant application to initiate an amendment to the East Elliott Community Plan is before the Planning Commission of the City of San Diego on Thursday, July 19th.

**8:48 pm:** Adjournment

**Upcoming meetings held in the Tierrasanta Recreation Center  
11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd – 6:30 pm**

**September 19, 2012** - TCC finalizes its new sign regulations in preparation for November General Election

**October 17, 2012** – Elections Committee approved and TCC publicizes process for people to run for Area Director and Officer positions; Oktoberfest October 13th, Quarterly reports by standing committees

**November 14, 2012** – Report by TCC Election Committee; TCC to enforce its new sign regulations for November General Election

**December 7, 2012** – Holiday Party for Tierrasanta groups

**December 2012** – no meeting unless required then it would be December 12<sup>th</sup>; TCC sponsors Holiday Lighting & Home Decorating Contest; Community Calendar released for sale; Group holiday party for all Tierrasanta groups

Note: the Golf Tournament will be added as date(s) are set, with Stafford and Ferebee coordinating the event.

*Please note: candidates for office in 2013 must have attended at least one TCC meeting during the 12 months previous to January 31, 2013 to be eligible to run for an Officer or Area Director position in the 2013 election*

To: Tierrasanta Community Council – July 18, 2012  
From: Deanna Spehn, Chair, Tierrasanta Open Space Committee  
Re: Quarterly Report re: Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance District (TOSMD)

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The Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance District is one of the three oldest assessment districts in the City of San Diego. It was originally established in 1972 under a state law – the Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972 of the California Streets & Highways Code - that allows property-based Maintenance Assessment Districts (MADs) to provide enhanced services to a specific area, with annual assessments billed via property taxes. There are now 56 MADs within the City of San Diego. The Tierrasanta Open Space Committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at 10371 Matador Court approximately 9 times a year, and is advisory to the City's Open Space Division. The committee does not meet without our full-time City Open Space Inspector present.

The TOSMD includes over 800 acres of open space canyons, streets-right-of-ways and center islands. More than 35 years ago, the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee opted to include all city parks, joint use sites (playing fields on school sites), and landscaping at Fire Station 39 and the Tierrasanta Library within the District. We are reimbursed by the City by acre with the work done by our contractor, Treebeard Landscape. This has proven to be highly cost effective. Treebeard staff is in the community six days a week. The MAD funds enhanced maintenance at the Tierrasanta Library and Fire Station 39; playing fields at De Portola, Farb, Kumeyaay, Serra upper fields, Vista Grande and Tierrasanta Elementary; and our parks - Tierrasanta Community Park, Villa Monserate Neighborhood Park, Roadrunner Neighborhood Park, and Villa Norte Neighborhood Park. Field use is coordinated by the Tierrasanta Recreation Council, advisory to the Park & Recreation Department.

Activities funded by the TOSMD include the maintenance of dedicated open space areas containing natural trees and vegetation, walking trails, picnic areas, benches and drainage facilities, landscaped medians, hardscaped medians and various streetlights and signs. There are limitations on how TOSMD funds can be spent by the annual Engineer's Report. The most recent community-wide ballot for the TOSMD was done in 1998, and over 51% of the property owners in the 92124 Zipcode voted, which was a great turnout compared with the other MADs that also re-balloted at that time. The weighted vote was 89.16% in support of the TOSMD – the highest "support" vote in the City of San Diego.

The annual assessment for FY 2013 for Tierrasanta is \$69.60 for single family homes and condos/apartments pay 70% of that (\$48.72). The annual cost-of-living increase was 2.71%. Our annual assessment is one of the most cost effective in the city; some areas are paying hundreds of dollars per home for their local MAD. There are 6,683 parcels within the TOSMD that will pay an assessment of \$670,362 in FY2013. The commercial centers, school district and Navy all pay into the TOSMD.

Major expenditures each year include \$250,000 for tree maintenance, \$187,702 for utilities (water, storm drain fees and electricity), \$7000 for Mutt Mitts, and \$676,000 for Treebeard for maintaining all the parks, open space areas, center islands, streets-right-of-ways, cul-de-sac planted areas, street sweeping in front of the shopping center, litter pick-up in front of Serra,

etc., about 1000 acres. The TOSMD also maintains all the playgrounds and parking lots at parks and joint use areas, and the Serra tennis courts.

The TOSMD is reimbursed by the city for maintenance of city-owned property: 33.09 cents per square foot of landscaped median and 2.25 cents per square foot of hardscaped median; we receive \$70.70 per acre for maintenance of our canyons from the Environmental Growth Fund; and we are reimbursed for costs to maintain the library at a rate of \$5,220 per acre and \$6,212 per acre to maintain the parks.

Parcels pay according to their Equivalent Benefit Unit, which is established based on a complicated formula determined by the Engineer's Report based upon three Zones in Tierrasanta. Zone One is Tierrasanta; Zone 2 is Murphy Canyon military housing where all we maintain are the Santo Road center islands; Zone 3 is the La Mirage apartments off Friars Road that is in the Tierrasanta planning area but does not pay into the TOSMD and receives no services.

The TOSMD also coordinates the activities of the Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons, and other volunteers in the community who have been working on restoring hiking trails throughout the community. The Tierrasanta Open Space Committee will be designing and installing signs showing the trails, and also will be coordinating the design and installation of new banners to be installed at the major intersections.

July 24, 2012

Nate Magnusson  
San Diego Chapter  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
1050 Rosecrans Street, Suite B  
San Diego, CA 92106

Dear Mr. Magnusson,

I write in strong support of the 2013 San Diego ASLA Community Grant Application submitted by the Tierrasanta Foundation. The Tierrasanta Community Council (TCC) is the officially recognized planning group for the Tierrasanta community. At its July 18, 2012 meeting, the Council voted unanimously to support the application for ASLA funds submitted by the Tierrasanta Foundation.

The TCC has affirmed through a series of votes that the addition to the Tierrasanta Community Park of a permanent bandstand/stage will allow a variety of community activities to take place. The Tierrasanta Community Park has long been the home of multiple events each year, dating back to the early 1980s, but it has always been necessary to bring in a portable stage. A permanent stage with electrical power, shelter from the sun and that meets ADA standards will be a great addition to the community.

The project also includes modifications to the permanent fencing on the adjacent playing field so that a 60-foot section can be opened up so that families sitting on the grass will be able to better view performers on the stage.

On behalf of the TCC and the Tierrasanta community, I urge the San Diego Chapter of the ASLA to support the grant request submitted by the Tierrasanta Foundation.

Sincerely,

TIM SPLINTER  
President, Tierrasanta Community Council

cc: Eric Germain, President, Tierrasanta Foundation

July 24, 2012

The Honorable Joel Anderson  
Senator, District 36  
California State Senate  
500 Fesler Street, #201  
El Cajon, CA 92020

Dear Senator Anderson,

On Wednesday, July 18, 2012, the Tierrasanta Community Council (TCC) and Planning Group voted unanimously to support Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 90 that recognizes the aviation and military achievements made by the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II.

Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. assists communities in introducing young people to the world of aviation and science through local and national programs. Additionally, members provide educational assistance to deserving students whose accomplishments lend support to the goals of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

SCR 90 creates the "Tuskegee Airmen Highway" on a section of highway between Miramar Road and Mercy Road in San Diego. In addition to recognizing the original Airmen and the groups working to preserve their legacy in flight, SCR 90 connects the Tuskegee Airmen's triumph with California's aeronautical heritage by placing the Tuskegee Airmen Highway next to the heart of one of California premier airbases, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) at Miramar.

The TCC supports SCR 90.

Sincerely,

TIM SPLINTER  
President, Tierrasanta Community Council