



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

### **Draft Minutes for January 16, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center by President Tim Splinter. A quorum was established consisting of President Tim Splinter, Treasurer Derek Rotzinger, Secretary Deanna Spehn, Area 2 Director Rik Hauptfeld, Area 3 Directors Joe Battaglia and Russ May, Area 4 Director Donna Jackson, Area 5 Director Anthony Ferebee (arrived 6:45 pm), Area 6 Director Loren Vinson, Area 7 Director Misty Oto and Area 8 Director Rich Thesing. Absent were Commercial Director/At Large Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Area 1 Director Steve Hasbrouck, Area 3 Director Tom “TK” Keliinoi (arrived 7:40 pm), Area 7 Directors Bonnie Alexander and Sean Stafford. Splinter announced that Vice President Neill Thornton had resigned effective December 1, 2012, when he moved out of the Tierrasanta community after several years of dedicated service to the planning group. The position is standing for election in March 2013 and will not be filled prior to then.

#### **Government Representatives**

Firefighters from Tierrasanta Fire Station 39 spoke about the importance of installing carbon monoxide detectors that are now required by state law.

State Senator Marty Block: 619-645-3133 Ralph Dimarucut announced that applications for Senate Fellowships are due by the end of February, and that the Senator is working on putting together his legislative package for the 2013-14 session.

Assemblyman Brian Maienschein: Michael Liberman announced that the newly elected Assemblymember is putting together his staff and working on his legislative package for the 2013-14 session. The Assemblyman has been appointed to several committees including Business, Professions & Consumer Protection; Health; Housing & Community Development; Human Services; and Judiciary

County Supervisor Dave Roberts: Supervisor Roberts attended the meeting, announcing that Wes Moore is his representative to the Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon community, and will also be responsible for administering the District 3 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program.

Councilmember Scott Sherman: Clint Soffer will represent Councilman Sherman in the Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon community, and recently toured the community with Andy Field, Assistant Deputy Director Park & Recreation Maintenance Assessment Districts. Councilmember Sherman participated in his kayak in a major cleanup of the San Diego River sponsored by the San Diego River Park Foundation, during which 2700 pounds of trash and 150 pounds of recyclables were removed from the river and its banks. Sherman also submitted a letter to the

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California Energy Commission opposing the Quail Brush peaker power plant proposed for the East Elliott community.

Deputy City Attorney: Karolyn Westfall 619-236-6220 [kwestfall@sandiego.gov](mailto:kwestfall@sandiego.gov) Ms. Westfall briefed TCC members and the community to contact her regarding problems in the community involving zoning violations, etc.

Board of Education: Kevin Beiser 619-838-5274 [kbeiser@sandi.net](mailto:kbeiser@sandi.net) See Item 2 below regarding the status of the Camp Elliott #3 surplus school site.

MCAS Miramar: Juan Lias 858-577-6603 [juan.lias@usmc.mil](mailto:juan.lias@usmc.mil) Present for the entire meeting; available for questions – no new information to report regarding activities at MCAS Miramar.

**Non-agenda Public Comment:**

David Gibson, representing the Eldorado Greens HOA, expressed concerns about excessive speeds and drag racing involving both cars and motorcycles at various times at the east end of Tierrasanta Blvd. including in front of the Eldorado Greens complex where a pedestrian was injured while walking his dog on the sidewalk by a vehicle. The matter was referred to Councilman Sherman's office and the Police Department by the planning group. Deputy City Attorney Karolyn Westfall offered to personally notify the Police Department; she also encouraged members of the public to contact the Police Department's non-emergency number at 619-231-2000 to report ongoing problems like this, and 9-1-1 when drag racing is actively taking place.

Rob & Rebecca representing the Endeavour Academy, a new Charter School that will be opening in the Fall of 2013 west of Tierrasanta, focusing on world languages, science, performing arts and community service, etc.

Tom Tomovich, President of TierraCanyon Softball, announced that the League's banner with sign-up information for the League was stolen from the corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Santo Road, on Serra High School property, on December 1st. A report was filed with the Police Department. Local nonprofits have permission to post signs on that corner for limited periods to make announcements to the community. It was confirmed that several banners have recently been taken from the same corner. No official Tierrasanta Community Council committee removed the banner and does not know who has been removing them from the site.

Kathy Northfield and Heather Santana, who had previously appeared before the Tierrasanta Community Council regarding vehicles traveling at an excessive speed on Antigua Blvd. between Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Santo Road, said that problems continue and inquired as to whether lines were going to be added to Antigua Blvd. to discourage the speeding. The TCC will work with City Councilmember Sherman's office on the matter.

**Item A: It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Vinson and approved 10-0-1 with Rotzinger abstaining because he was not present at the meeting, to approve the minutes for the November 14, 2012 TCC meeting as submitted.**

**Item 2 (taken out of order)** – Kevin Beiser/Phil Stover, San Diego Unified School District – Presentation on the proposed sale of Camp Elliott #3 School Site in Tierrasanta. Board of Education

Member Kevin Beiser and County Supervisor Dave Roberts announced that together with City Councilmember Scott Sherman, they are investigating ways in which the Camp Elliott #3 surplus school site can be added to Mission Trails Regional Park in a win/win deal. The site is home to many endangered species and includes vernal pool(s). It is a common grazing site for mule deer in the area. The biology report done for the proposed sale by the School District indicated that 25 native species are on the site. Deputy School Superintendent Phil Stover and the District's Director of Real Estate Tina Vieceli were present.

Beiser reported that they had met with the Serra Cluster, that includes representatives of all 8 schools in Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon, and a consensus on the future of the school site had not been achieved. Beiser and Roberts predicted that it could take 6 months to a year for the issue to be resolved, and that they are reaching out to other agencies/jurisdictions, including the Kumeyaay, to see what can be done to reduce the price, find the funds to purchase the property, and/or to consider a trade for other property, etc. The sale of the property was supposed to be on the Board of Education agenda for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, but Board Member Beiser asked that it be removed and it will not be discussed. Members of the Tierrasanta Community Council expressed their strong support for retaining the property in its natural state and adding it to Mission Trails Regional Park, consistent with the planning group's vote several years ago in a recommendation to the City Council.

**Item 1** – Kaiser Permanente Land Use Manager Skyler Denniston and Project Manager Joe Stasney report on Traffic Study for proposed Kaiser hospital and medical center at Ruffin Road and Clairemont Mesa Blvd. No vote on this matter will occur until the members of the planning commission have an opportunity to review the Draft EIR and hear from the Applicant, supporters and opponents to the proposed development. Until then, it will be listed on agendas as an informational item.

Skyler Denniston, Land Use Manager for Kaiser Permanente, attended the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council to provide an update on the status of the proposed hospital at the corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Ruffin Road. Plans for the proposed hospital are in their second screen check at the City of San Diego, and it is expected that by the end of February, an announcement will be made on the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

An announcement is expected by the end of February on when the Draft EIR will be out for a 45-day public review period. It will likely go before the City's Planning Commission in June 2013. The medical complex would be built in two phases; Phase 2 would not take place until membership in the Kaiser healthcare program requires the additional capacity.

The main entrance would be on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. approximately half way between Murphy Canyon Road and Ruffin Road, with signals installed and the ability for cars to enter/exit the site from the east and west. It will take 36 months to construct, and the scheduled opening is planned for the first quarter of 2017. Data for the traffic study was collected in June 2011. Kaiser would add one lane in each direction on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. between Ruffin Road and Murphy Canyon Road and add a lane south from Clairemont Mesa Blvd. onto I-15.

Approximately 1500 employees will work at the site, and a Traffic Demand Management program will be in place. No improvements north on I-15 at Clairemont Mesa Blvd. are proposed. The bridge over I-15 is not proposed to be expanded.

According to Joe Stasney, construction deliveries are usually done during off hours. According to Kaiser, 7820 vehicle trips per day will be generated by the new facility, with 12,600 vehicle trips per day at complete build-out. The current trips per day generated by the site is about 4000 trips per day. When the area was completely occupied by various San Diego County employees, 7000 trips per day were generated. When General Dynamics was in full operation at its two major Kearny Mesa sites – one where the Toby Wells YMCA is currently located off Overland at Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and the major facility just south of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. at SR-163, the traffic impact was even greater in the area.

The County sold the site to Kaiser Permanente, and will remain there until the new home for the Registrar of Voters is completed in Kearny Mesa. The present Kaiser Hospital on Zion in Allied Gardens will remain in operation until 2030. Kaiser also is proposing to construct another hospital in El Cajon at Greenfield and Main that would open in the 2020s, and already has a site in San Marcos that already has all its land entitlements to construct a hospital.

The complete Traffic Study will be available as part of the DEIR and will include the current and proposed traffic counts. Traffic studies looked at the addresses where current Kaiser members live and those numbers are factored into the traffic study.

Kaiser representatives will return to the planning group meetings as new information is available. A link will be provided on the planning group's website at [www.tierrasantacc.org](http://www.tierrasantacc.org) as soon as the Draft EIR is released, including the notice of when the Draft EIR is due to be released.

**Item 3 – Robin Shifflet, Project Manager for the San Diego River Park Master Plan led a discussion on the Master Plan, bringing the TCC members up to date on the work that has been done on this project over more than a decade. On a motion by Loren Vinson, seconded by Rich Thesing and approved in a unanimous vote (11-0 with 5 absent), the Tierrasanta Community Council voted to support the adoption of the San Diego River Park Master Plan and the associated Amendments to the Mission Trails Design District Ordinance, Design Manual and Tierrasanta Community Plan as submitted by Robin Shifflet, Project Manager, on behalf of the City of San Diego.**

The Master Plan is scheduled to be heard at the City's Park and Recreation Committee in February, the Planning Commission in March and to City Council in April. The City has been working on the Master Plan since 2001, and the Tierrasanta Community Council has been providing input into the process since then. The City hired a consultant to write the plan in 2003, and the Draft Plan went to the City Council in 2005. The Environmental Document has been written including an implementation strategy. In 2009 communities along the river provided recommendations, including Tierrasanta. The Master Plan reflects a balance between development and preserving the natural environment. The river is 17 miles long within the City of San Diego, and 52 miles long from its headlands near Julian. The Master Plan encourages human access at various sites along the river.

In order to be eligible for state and federal grants, an approved Master Plan and certified CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) document must be in place.

**Item 4** – As Chair of the Budget Committee, TCC Treasurer Derek Rotzinger presented a draft budget for 2013. **It was moved by Oto, seconded by Thesing and approved 10-0 with Anthony absent from this portion of the meeting to adopt the proposed budget. (see attached budget)**

**Item 5** Report by President Splinter and Director May on the status of the Community Maintenance Committee re: enforcement of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) for Tierrasanta, enforcement methods, committee membership and compliance with City regulations. **This matter was trailed to the next meeting.**

**Item 6 Report from the Website Maintenance Committee.** Discussion about the TCC website, current and proposed policies regarding content and management, oversight, sale of ads, process for selecting a host for the website, etc. Russ May reported that the website is now fully functional with space set aside for the sale of advertising. Joe Battaglia is Chair of the Website Advertising Subcommittee, and now that the website is functional again, the proposed policy for selling ads on the website will be on the February agenda.

Tim Splinter reported that as he receives emails and “snail” mail for the planning group, he posts them on the website at [www.tierrasantacc.org](http://www.tierrasantacc.org) for planning group members and members of the public to access. The only information that is not accessible to the public are specific invitations to meetings, etc., that are not open to the public that have been addressed to one or more members of the planning group. **There was general consensus by the members that this approach is consistent with their wishes.**

**Item 7** Approving the design for the four TCC pavers on the bandstand at Tierrasanta Community Park. Donna Jackson proposed a community-wide contest of “self portraits” with hands linked between each of the 60 images each 2” by 3-1/2”. **Spehn moved to approve the concept of the competition conditional upon a written policy with details of what the Tierrasanta Foundation will allow at the price already paid and what the graphics can look like at that price, who specifically will approve each of the designs, how the images will be selected, what age restrictions will there be, etc. The motion was seconded by May and approved 12-0.**

**On a motion by May, seconded by Vinson and passed unanimously 12-0, the end time for the meeting was extended by 15 minutes.**

**Old Business - Tonight’s actions are to accept the reports and take action as appropriate**

1. Spehn reported on the status of the Quail Brush peaker power plant. The Preliminary Staff Report is now scheduled to be issued on January 31, 2013 by the California Energy Commission (CEC). Comments are due by March 4, 2013 to the CEC. Oto and Thesing will handle finding a site for a public hearing on the matter. Spehn reported that since the agenda was released, the date for the release of the Preliminary Staff Report is now February 22, 2013 and comments are now due March 25<sup>th</sup>. With the dates in flux, no arrangements have been made for the public hearing in Tierrasanta and a new update will be provided at the February TCC meeting.
2. Deanna Spehn reported that the election schedule has been published in the January 2013 issue of the Tierra Times and will be in the February 2013 issue. Potential candidates must file by 5:30 pm February 27<sup>th</sup> with ballots printed in the March 14<sup>th</sup> issue of the Tierra Times. The ballot boxes will be picked up at The UPS Store and the Tierrasanta Library at 6 pm on March 20<sup>th</sup> and at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center at 7 pm, to be counted during the Annual Meeting that night. A member of the public inquired as to why the ballot boxes were not being placed at Vons and Albertsons. Spehn responded that last year, the boxes were not

counted from those sites because they could not be found. The UPS Store, Tierrasanta Library and Tierrasanta Recreation Center have higher levels of supervision over the ballot boxes. The matter of how many ballot boxes and their locations will be placed on the February agenda for the planning group to discuss and make a decision on where the ballot boxes will be placed.

3. Tim Splinter reported that the organizations that participated in the Holiday Party were pleased with the turnout and are planning at least two more events during the year, including one this Spring. Those in attendance at the December event paid \$15 each for hors d'oeuvres.
4. Tim Splinter reported that he is in regular communication with Supervisor Dave Roberts' staff, Wes Moore, on the TCC's current request for funds and for the 2013-14 grant.
5. Tim Splinter reported that the approximately \$51,000 in the savings account generated only \$17 in interest last year, and he has asked Russ May to look into options that may generate a higher return.

**Public Inquiry:** A member of the public inquired as to when the monthly budget reports, annual budget, etc., will be placed on the website. He was assured that they will now be posted regularly on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.