

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE *TIERRASANTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING GROUP* 1 January 2005 – 31 December 2005

Section I - Introduction

Name. The Community Planning Group (CPG) for the community planning area of Tierrasanta is the ***Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group*** (TCC).

Roster. Delivered along with this report are:

- A fully releasable TCC roster for the 2005-06 term as of 31 December 2005
- A fully releasable updated TCC roster for the 2006-07 term as of 19 April 2006
- A government-only updated TCC roster for the 2006-07 term as of 19 April 2006

Committees. A list of the TCC's committees is attached to this report.

Section II - Administrative Issues

Meetings Held. The TCC held meetings as follows:

- **Regular Meetings:** The TCC held nine regular meetings of the CPG on January 19th, February 16th, March 16th, April 20th, June 15th, July 20th, September 21st, October 19th and November 16th.
 - Meeting statistics:
 - Average start time: 7:03 PM
 - Average adjourn time: 10:19 PM
 - Average meeting duration: 3 hours, 16 minutes
 - Non-Agenda Public Comment: 20 reports total (2.2 per meeting)
 - Appearances by outside officials or their reps (total visits in 9 meetings):
 - San Diego Police Department: 8 visits
 - San Diego Fire Department: 4 visits
 - Congressman Duncan Hunter: 4 visits
 - State Senator Christine Kehoe: 4 visits
 - State Senator Dennis Hollingsworth: 2 visits
 - Assemblyman Lori Saldana: 1 visit
 - Assemblyman Jay LaSuer: 1 visit
 - Supervisor Pam Slater-Price: 4 visits
 - Mayor Murphy: 4 visits (out of 5 meetings, through June)
 - Councilman Jim Madaffer: 8 including a visit by the Councilman himself
 - San Diego Planning Department, Lesley Henegar: 0 visits
 - San Diego Development Services Department, Jeannette Temple: 2 visits
 - Tierrasanta Librarian Judith Castiano: 8 visits

- **Special Meetings:**
 - The TCC held a special meeting on August 17th that featured a 2-hour presentation by SDPD Chief Lansdowne. Some TCC business was conducted during this meeting.
 - The March 16th meeting of the TCC also served as the Annual Meeting of the TCC as a 501(c)(4) corporation.
- **Social Meeting:** The TCC held an evening social for awards and recognition of departing and arriving members on May 18th. No CPG business was transacted.

Membership Changes.

- **Election Results:** Elections were held in March 2005 with the following results:
 - Newly elected members first seated in April 2005 included:
 - Donovan Geiger, Vice President for Plans (previously Area 3)
 - Brien O'Meara, Area 1
 - Lori Roeder, Area 2
 - Eric Bender, Area 3
 - Susan Deininger, Area 4
 - Tracy Conroy, Area 5 (vacancy fill)
 - Scott Hasson, Area 6
 - Tim Taylor, Area 7
 - Donovan Trisko, Area 8 (vacancy fill)

Note: Call it brain drain or call it new blood, but ***the previous incumbents in these nine seats collectively had a total of 48 years of prior, continuous experience on the TCC.***

- Re-elected members included Fred Zuckerman, Chief Financial Officer.
- **Vacancy Appointments:** The following vacancies were filled during the year:
 - 16 March: Tony Tibbetts, previously Area 7, was appointed to the position of Vice President for Issues; vacancy resulted from the previous resignation of Jonathan Montgomery (who relocated out of the community).
 - 16 March: as noted above, Tracy Conroy was appointed to the position of Area 5; vacancy resulted from the lack of a candidate for that seat during the regular election.
 - 16 March: as noted above, Donovan Trisko was appointed to the position of Area 8 (at large); vacancy resulted from the lack of a candidate for that seat during the regular election.
 - 20 April: Dan Lazzaro was appointed to the position of Area 3; vacancy resulted from the promotion of Donovan Geiger (who was elected as Vice President in March).
- **Special Appointment:** On 16 March the TCC voted to create a non-voting seat to represent Murphy Canyon Military Housing, Tierrasanta's immediate neighbor to the south. Petty Officer Greg MacDonald, USN, then was appointed to the seat. He attended meetings through June but then he was transferred out of the housing complex. The seat was declared vacant on 19 October following three consecutive absences.

Numbers and Categories of Membership.

- **Homeowners and/or Residents:** Seventeen seats on the TCC are for homeowners and/or residents. All seventeen TCC members in these seats are either a homeowner, a resident, or both a homeowner and a resident.
- **Commercial:** One seat on the TCC is intended to be filled by a business owner or manager with storefront address in Tierrasanta. For the last two years this seat has been declared “At Large” and it incorrectly has been filled by a Homeowner and Resident. However, with the March 2006 elections it is anticipated this seat will once again be filled by a Commercial business owner.
- **Military Housing Member:** As noted above, a non-voting seat was created for Military Housing. The non-voting seat remains unfilled since it was vacated.

Revisions to Bylaws, Procedures and/or Policies.

- **TCC Election Procedures:**
 - On 19 January the TCC adopted new a detailed procedures for the conduct of elections. The City Planning Department was consulted in the preparation of these procedures (though no input was provided).
 - In the March 2005 agenda the TCC published a standing order entitled “Procedure to Fill a Vacant Seat on the TCC via Appointment.”
- **TCC Bylaws:** No work was performed on the TCC Bylaws in calendar year 2005. The TCC decided to wait until after the rewritten Council Policy 600-24 was put into effect by the City Council, which happened on 17 October 2005.

Section III - Plan Preparation and Implementation

Work on Plan Updates or Amendments. The TCC played an active role in the CPC’s review of the General Plan, and this activity has better prepared the TCC for updating its own plan in the near future, but the TCC did no work on the Tierrasanta Community Plan.

Work on Ordinance Preparation or Amendments and Rezones. The TCC’s larger project reviews involved Plan Amendment changes and/or rezones.

- **Tierrasanta Townhomes (project 61500):** This project is designed to take an underused church site and develop it into a townhouse community.
 - The TCC met with the applicant, Intracorp, to review the drawings (Feb05).
 - The TCC’s Community Development Committee (CDC) reviewed the details of this project with the applicant (May05).
 - The TCC met with the applicant and voted to recommend approval of Intracorp’s plan as presented with several conditions (Jun05).
 - The TCC approved further considerations for the benefit of Intracorp (Jul05).
 - The TCC approved Intracorp’s proposed concept for a “Linear Park” to be developed alongside the propose townhouse community (Aug05).

- **Tucker Self Storage (project 67993):** This project is designed to take vacant land that was previously was designated to be an I-15 offramp (between the only existing industrial development in Tierrasanta and land owned by the US Marines) and develop a 4-storey commercial self storage facility.
 - The TCC met with the applicant to review the preliminary plans and offer items of concern for applicant consideration (Jul05).
 - The TCC's CDC met with the applicant to review the project in detail (Sept05).
- **Large Vehicle Ordinance:** The TCC passed a motion in support of the draft ordinance then in discussion at City Council (Apr05).
- **Vector Control Tax Assessment:** The TCC voted to oppose the county's proposed tax increase (Jun05).

Work on the Public Facilities Financing Plan (PFFP). The TCC did not do any work on the community's PFFP.

Section IV - Special Projects

Special Projects.

- **Military Housing Reviews:** The TCC actively engaged all participants in reviews of the proposed plan to build Military Family Housing in East Miramar just north of SR-52 at Santo Road.
 - The TCC hosted the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, the US Marine Corps, San Diego City Schools and others in a review (Feb05).
 - The Navy presented the TCC with an update of the project (Apr05).
 - The TCC hosted a follow-up visit of the Navy, the USMC, the School District and Congressman Hunter's office. Later, the TCC's Military Housing Committee met to review the known details of this project (Jun05).
 - The TCC's Military Housing Committee met to updated progress (Aug05).
- **County Water Authority (CWA) Reviews:** The TCC was actively involved in working with the CWA to prepare for their project to lay a new pipeline and build a flow regulatory structure in Mission Trails:
 - The TCC hosted the CWA in a detailed program review (Mar05).
 - The TCC hosted a return visit of the CWA to hear project updates (Aug05).
 - The TCC hosted another visit to learn more about truck traffic and Mission Trail park access during the construction project (Sept05).
 - The TCC hosted a news update (Nov05).
- **Mission Trails Unexploded Ordnance Review:** The TCC met with the Army Corps of Engineers to review plans for a periodic survey of the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) in an around Tierrasanta (Mar05).

- **City Wastewater Reviews:** The TCC hosted city officials in an examination of wastewater pipe access in Tierrasanta and Kearny Mesa, and endorsed one of three options presented for review (Jul05).
- **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):** The TCC granted \$1,000 to the Tierrasanta CERT in order to support their activities in disaster preparedness (Sept05).
- **Joint Use of MCAS Miramar:** The TCC hosted the US Marines in a presentation to explain the infeasibility of joint use of MCAS Miramar by a civilian airport. The TCC subsequently passed a resolution opposing any form of joint use of the MCAS (Nov05).
- **Traffic Engineering Reviews:** The TCC took the following specific actions:
 - The TCC voted to recommend approval of Traffic Engineering's intention to convert the intersection of Tierrasanta Blvd and Colina Dorada to an all-way stop (Jan05).
 - The TCC hosted Traffic Engineering and many residents of Tierrasanta's Villa Portofino community in a review of a proposed plan to install speed lumps in Portofino's internal roads (Feb05).
 - The TCC approved a committee recommendation to forward to Traffic Engineering a prioritized list of road repair issues to be addressed (Apr05).
- **Safe Routes to School:** The TCC prepared and submitted a list five prioritized requests for SR2S grant funding; none were approved (January 2005).

City or Regional Task Forces. The TCC was active in the following:

- **Grantville Redevelopment:** TCC members Eric Germain and Lee Campbell were regular participants in the Grantville Redevelopment Advisory Committee (GRAC). Specific actions taken:
 - Forwarded comments on the Grantville Draft EIR document (Feb05).
 - Passed a resolution to change the Grantville area map by eliminating the area immediately southeast of the terminus of Tierrasanta Blvd (Feb05). Proposed (unsuccessfully) to the GRAC to have this area formally removed from the Grantville plan area description.
- **CP 600-24 Review:** TCC member Eric Germain was a regular participant in the CPC's Council Policy 600-24 review subcommittee. The Bylaws committee considered changing procedures for electing officers but took no action (Aug05).
- **Neighborhood Code Compliance:** Many TCC members work on the TCC's Community Maintenance Committee (CMC) and perform CC&R enforcement activities under the supervision of NCCD. One TCC member, Fred Zuckerman, has been empowered to NCCD to perform CC&R enforcement actions anywhere in the City of San Diego; he is the only such civilian so empowered by NCCD.
- **Water Reuse Study:** Two TCC members, Fred Zuckerman and Lee Campbell, have been participants on the City Water Department's Water Reuse panel.

General Plan Meetings. TCC members Eric Germain, Lee Campbell and Tim Taylor were regular participants in the CPC's General Plan review subcommittee and in the CPC's review of the General Plan (not all of the subcommittee meeting dates were recorded). TCC members participated in just about every such meeting that took place and in every CPC meeting where elements of the General Plan were reviewed. Additionally, the TCC itself held committee meetings to review elements of the General Plan, and the full TCC conducted specific and detailed reviews as follows:

- Mr Dan Joyce visited TCC to present a reviewed plans for the General Plan update process (Jun05).
- Ms Anna McPherson visited a committee of the TCC to review the General Plan and to address concerns of member (Aug05).
- The TCC approved comments to the Strategic Framework and Land Use Element (Sept05).
- The TCC approved comments to the Mobility Element (Oct05).
- The TCC considered but did not approve comments to the Economic Prosperity Element (Nov05); approval was deferred to 2006.

Candidate or Issue Forums. The TCC attempted to host a partisan forum to review the Governor's four ballot 2005 propositions, but this event was cancelled when neither side was able to provide an advocate.

Section V - Project Review

- **Project: Cell Phone Tower at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center.** The TCC performed a detailed review with the applicant and recommend approval with several conditions (Feb05). The TCC voted to re-certify this recommendation with conditions (Sept 05).
- **Project: DePortola Comfort Station.** The TCC recommended approval of the proposed infrastructure project at one of Tierrasanta's middle schools (Apr05).
- **Project: Memorial Garden at Tierrasanta Lutheran Church.** The TCC met in committee to review the plan to build above-ground burial pillars (May05), and the full TCC voted to recommended approval of the project. (Jun05).
- **Project: Cell Phone Tower at La Mirage Apartments.** The TCC performed a detailed review with the applicant and recommend approval (Nov05).

Section VI - Objectives for 2006-07

1. **TCC Membership:** In March 2006 the TCC successfully filled the Commercial Director seat with a bona fide business owner for the first time in TCC-member memory. In April 2006 the TCC successfully filled both vacancies from the March elections.
2. **TCC Bylaws:** The TCC has started a rewrite of its CPG bylaws and anticipates having a draft for TCC approval possibly as early as June 2006. Tierrasanta's City Planner, Marlon Pangilinan, participated in the first meeting and is involved in the rewrite process.
3. **Tierrasanta Community Plan and Facilities Finance Plan:** The TCC intends to begin a Community Plan Update when the Bylaws revision is completed. The TCC intends to propose several infrastructure improvements that will require considerable funding and years of effort to complete.
4. **Project Reviews:** The TCC intends to continue monitoring the more significant city-discretion development projects that are currently in process.
5. **Military Family Housing:** The TCC intends to continue monitoring the US Government project to build a housing complex on MCAS Miramar.
6. **County Water Authority (CWA) Pipeline:** The TCC intends to closely monitor the CWA's project to lay a new pipeline and build a flow regulatory structure in Mission Trails Regional Park, with the goal is to ensure the heavy truck traffic does not degrade Tierrasanta's streets nor cause risk to school children while going to and coming from school.
7. **Tierrasanta CERT:** The TCC intends to support T-CERT as needed to better equip the community for the next disaster.
8. **Future of MCAS Miramar:** The TCC intends to take an active, vocal and probably financial role to protect Miramar as a base for Marine Corps aviation and to prevent it from becoming a civilian airport.
9. **Grantville Redevelopment:** The TCC intends to closely follow progress in Grantville.
10. **Neighborhood Code Compliance and CC&R Enforcement:** The TCC intends to continue enforcing CC&Rs by keeping the public right of way free from illegally posted signs. During the coming campaign season this will involve removing every campaign sign posted on other than private property.
11. **General Plan:** The TCC intends to continue to exert influence to ensure the updated General Plan implements a City of Villages strategy that does not unduly alter the character of Tierrasanta and that does not

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TCC Committees – April 2006

Committees of the Tierrasanta Community Council	TCC as a Non-Profit Corporation per State Law Section 501(c)(4)		TCC as a Community Planning Group (CPG) per Council Policy 600-24		Committee Chairman (normal = TCC) (italics = non TCC)
	Governed by Corp Bylaws	Serves a Corporate Function	Governed by City Bylaws	CPG liaison with Gov't Bodies	

STANDING COMMITTEES:					
City Planning functions:					
Open Space	YES	YES (1)	YES	Park & Rec	<i>Deanna Spehn</i>
Recreation Council	YES	YES (1)	YES	Park & Rec	<i>Linda Juhasz</i>
Community Development (CDC)	YES	YES (1)	YES	DSD	<i>Bill Reschke</i>
Public Services & Safety (PS&S)	no	YES (1)	YES	SD Police	<i>David Ferguson</i>
Community Emergency Response Team	no	YES (1)	YES	SD Fire Dept	<i>Pat McNamara</i>
Rock Quarry	no	YES (1)	YES	CD7, Quarry	<i>Jere Cordell</i>
Corporate and CPG functions:					
Bylaws & SOPs	YES	YES (1)	YES	Planning Dept	Eric Germain
Elections	YES	YES (1)	YES	Planning Dept	Tony Tibbetts
Executive	YES	YES (1)	YES	Planning Dept	Eric Germain
Budget	YES	YES (1)	YES	Various (2)	Fred Zuckerman
Community Maintenance (CC&R)	YES	YES (1) (3)	YES	NCCD (4)	(confidential)
TRY (Recycling)	YES	Revenue	no	ESD	Donovan Geiger

AD HOC COMMITTEES:					
City Planning functions:					
Military Housing	no	YES (1)	YES	US Military	<i>Deanna Spehn</i>
Ordinance	no	YES (1)	YES	US Military	<i>Deanna Spehn</i>
Water Authority	no	YES (1)	YES	CWA	Donovan Geiger
Transportation	no	YES (1)	YES	Traffic Eng.	<i>Janet Brown</i>
Noise	no	YES (1)	YES	MYF, MCAS	Tracy Conroy
Corporate and CPG functions:					
Community Rel. & Public Info	no	YES (5)	no	Various (5)	Eric Germain
Webmaster	no	YES (5)	no	Various (5)	Donovan Geiger
Recognition	no	YES	no	no	David Oates
Corporate functions:					
Audit	YES	YES	no	no	<i>Kathy Cronin</i>
Insurance	YES	Revenue	no	no	Lou Binford
Arts & Crafts	YES	Revenue	no	no	Susan Deininger
Golf Tournament	YES	Revenue	no	no	Tracy Conroy
Logo Wear	YES	Revenue	no	no	Lee Campbell

Notes: (1) - Corporate functions: help improve the community, raise funds for local causes
 (2) - CFO reviews MAD, DA and FBA budgets & accounts
 (3) - CC&R violations are State offenses (enforced in state courts)
 (4) - Zoning violations are City offenses (enforced by city agencies)
 (5) - Agendas and Minutes are published on the website