## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

## TIERRASANTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING GROUP

# With focus on the TCC's role as a Community Planning Group 1 January 2006 – 31 December 2006

#### 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.** Rosters are attached to this report.

**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 eleven regular meetings of the CPG on January 18th, February 15th, March 15th, April 19th, June 21st, July 19th, August 16th, September 20th, October 18th, November 15th and December 20th.
  - ➤ Meeting statistics:
    - Average start time: 7:03 PM
    - Average adjourn time: 9:57 PM (22 minutes earlier than in 2005)
    - Average meeting duration: 2 hours, 54 minutes
    - Non-Agenda Public Comment: 18 reports total (1.6 per meeting)
  - Appearances by outside officials or their reps (total visits in 11 meetings):
    - US Marine Corps: 3 visits
    - San Diego Police Department: 7 visits
    - San Diego Fire Department: 3 visits
    - Congressman Duncan Hunter: 1 visit
    - State Senator Christine Kehoe: 4 visits
    - State Senator Dennis Hollingsworth: 5 visits
    - Assemblyman Lori Saldana: 5 visits
    - Assemblyman Jay LaSuer / Joel Anderson: 0 visits
    - Assemblyman Shirley Horton: 1 visit
    - Supervisor Pam Slater-Price: 5 visits
    - Mayor Jerry Sanders: 1 visit
    - Councilman Jim Madaffer: 7 plus a visit by the Councilman himself
    - San Diego Planning Department: 7 visits
    - Tierrasanta Librarian Jennifer Suder: 3 visits

## • Special Meetings:

- The March meeting of the TCC served as the Annual Meeting of the TCC as a 501(c)(4) corporation.
- ➤ The August meeting featured a surprise visit by Councilman Jim Madaffer.
- ➤ The September meeting featured a scheduled visit by Gary Gallegos, Executive Director of SANDAG.
- ➤ October featured a last-minute appearance by City Attorney Mike Aguirre and a minicommunity forum on Propositions B and C.
- **Social Meeting:** The TCC held an evening social for awards and recognition of departing and arriving members in May during which no TCC business was transacted.

## Membership Changes.

- **Election Results:** Elections were held in March 2006 with the following results:
  - Newly elected members to be first seated in April 2006 included:
    - Chris Nowacki, Area 2 (vacancy fill)
    - Phillip White, Area 7 (declined the seat)
  - Re-elected members re-seated in April 2006 included:
    - Eric Germain, President
    - Tony Tibbetts, Vice President for Plans
    - Dan Lazzaro, Area 3
    - Lee Campbell, Area 4
    - David Oates, Area 6
- Vacancy Appointments: The following vacancies were filled during the year:
  - March: Cynthia Sharp appointed to Secretary (interim prior to her relocation).
  - March: Lou Binford was appointed to the vacant Commercial Director seat.
  - April: Kim Taylor was appointed to the vacated Secretary seat
  - April: Jim Taylor was appointed to the vacated Area 7 seat.
  - April: Dr Jerry Bierman was appointed "at large" to the vacant Area 8 seat.

### **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 first time in an unknown period the seat is once again be filled by a Commercial business owner (rather than "at large" by a resident or homeowner).

## Revisions to Bylaws, Procedures and/or Policies.

- TCC Bylaws: The TCC performed a thorough rewrite of the TCC bylaws as required by CP 600-24 with meetings held over many months:
  - ➤ In March the TCC formed a committee to review the Bylaws.
  - ➤ Several committee meetings were held in April and May to rework the TCC's CPG bylaws to ensure conformance with the updated CP 600-24 and conformance with the new bylaws shell.
  - ➤ The TCC voted in June to endorse the committee's rewrite of the CPG bylaws and authorized them to be forwarded to the Planning Department.
  - The TCC examined in October three updates to the bylaws stemming from new requirements to address non-agenda public comment and other minor issues. The TCC approved three changes to the bylaws, but these were not forwarded to the Planning Department because yet another change is being imposed: application of the Brown Act to CPGs.

## **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 *per se* 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.

- **Smoke Free Beaches and Parks:** The TCC voted in April to endorse a smoking ban on public beaches and parks.
- **Historical Landmark Protection:** The TCC received in April a briefing on steps that need to be taken to preserve the cultural artifacts in and around Mission Trails.
- **Propositions B and C:** The hosted a mini-community forum in October dedicated to a review of Props B and C, both of which deal with amendments to the San Diego City Charter. The TCC voted to endorse a "Yes" vote on both propositions.

Work on the Public Facilities Financing Plan (PFFP). The TCC began in October to engage city staff to establish a process for updating the FBA rates applicable to Tierrasanta. Serious work in this area began in 2007.

## Section IV - Special Projects

## **Special Projects.**

- Antigua Blvd Median: The TCC received a presentation in February from Traffic Engineering describing the plans to complete building and landscaping of the new median and the extent of Tierrasanta FBA funds that were spent to build this.
- MTS analysis of Bus Routes: The TCC received a presentation in February from Metropolitan Transit on their COA and plans to revise bus routes across the city including the route in Tierrasanta.
- **SDG&E Substation Safety:** The TCC met in February with SDG&E to review safety improvement that will ensure no future attempted abductions occur at the substation on Tierrasanta Blvd.
- **Metropolitan Wastewater Reviews:** The TCC hosted city officials in a review of the options for flow redirection (removing sewer lines from canyons and locating them under streets). The TCC voted a preference for Option 1 do nothing because none of the other options were reasonable for Tierrasanta's situation.
- CC&R Enforcement: In June the TCC authorized the Chair to write letters to candidates in the November election reminding them of the rules against posting campaign signs in the public right of way.
- **Observation Area at MYF:** The TCC received in September a briefing on and voted to endorse a proposed airport observation area at Montgomery Field.
- **Military Housing Reviews:** Although this remains a significant concern of the TCC, there were no activities in 2006 related to the planned Military Family Housing in East Miramar just north of SR-52 at Santo Road.
- **Civilian Use of MCAS Miramar:** The TCC engaged vigorously and on several levels to oppose Proposition A in the November election.
  - ➤ The TCC voted in June to form a campaign committee to coordinate the community's involvement in the No on Prop A campaign.
  - ➤ The TCC voted in July to contribute \$1500 for use by the TCC's airport campaign committee and another \$1500 for donation to Taxpayers for Responsible Planning.
  - > The TCC conducted an extensive voter registration drive through late summer and the fall.
  - ➤ The TCC voted in September to formally endorse a "No" vote on Prop A.
  - ➤ The TCC handed out "No on Prop A" yard signs and bumper stickers during the October meeting.

#### • Tierrasanta FireSafe Council:

- ➤ The TCC began in June the process of setting up a FireSafe Council that would be affiliated with similar state and federal programs.
- > The TCC held its formal briefing on the FireSafe Council, steps in the process to form such, and the benefits that come when a FireSafe Council is established.
- 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 February for an update on the project.
  - ➤ In May the TCC completed a review of the Draft EIR for the Mission Trails pipeline project and TCC forwarded the comments to CWA.
  - ➤ The TCC hosted a visit by CWA in June to describe the pipe rupture in southern MTRP and restoration plans for the erosion damage.
  - ➤ The TCC hosted another visit by CWA in October to provide an update on the pipe rupture and the ongoing restoration process.

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

- **Grantville Redevelopment:** There was no Grantville Redevelopment activity by the TCC in 2007 apart from the meeting held in December that discussed the Superior Redi Mix proposed development.
- 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.

**General Plan Meetings.** TCC members were regular participants in the CPC's General Plan review subcommittee and in the CPC's review of the General Plan. Additionally, the TCC itself held reviewed elements of the General Plan as follows:

- The TCC voted in January to approve change recommendations to the Economic Prosperity and Public Facilities elements and authorized their presentation to CPC.
- The TCC entertained in November the Chair's notion on establishing in the General Plan the concept of a Community Bill of Rights as protection against over-zealous city staff from steamrolling the collective desires of a community.

**Candidate or Issue Forums.** An issues forum on Props B and C was held by the TCC during its meeting in October.

## Section V - Project Review

## Tucker Self Storage (67993).

- The applicant came in January to describe changes made to the project's design as mandated by city staff reviews.
- The applicant appeared in August to present his full program and engage in Q&A. After much discussion the TCC ended up with a split vote of 8 to 8 resulting in no official recommendation. Reasons on both the yea and nay sides were provided to DSD with the vote result.

**Cell Phones at Seventh Day Adventist (82448):** The applicant appeared in February to review the project, and the TCC voted to recommend approval with the condition that errors in the drawings be corrected.

**Tierrasanta Townhomes (61500):** The applicants re-appeared in March to describe the project's current design as mandated by city staff reviews. The TCC voted to recommend approval with conditions.

**Cell Equipment at Tierrasanta Townhomes (89848):** The applicant appeared in March and the TCC voted to recommend approval.

**Rock Quarry Development:** The TCC hosted a preliminary review of Superior Redi Mix's plan to develop the western part of the rock quarry property on the northern side of Mission Gorge Road.

## Section VI - Objectives for 2007

- 1. **TCC Bylaws:** The TCC awaits the city's review of CP 600-24 and the forthcoming rewrite of same following implementation of the Brown Act, at which time the TCC will begin anew to review and rewrite the CPG bylaws.
- 2. **Tierrasanta Community Plan and Facilities Finance Plan:** The TCC has in 2007 initiated an interim update to the FFP, and the TCC awaits the city's final approval of the revised General Plan. At that point the TCC intends to pursue a wholesale rewrite of the 1982 Community Plan including traffic studies on road vacations.
- 3. **Military Family Housing at MCAS Miramar:** The TCC will continue to monitor the US Government's project to build a housing complex on MCAS Miramar. First shovels are planned for late 2007.
- 4. **County Water Authority (CWA) Pipeline:** The TCC will 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.
- 5. **Tierrasanta CERT and FireSafe Council:** The TCC will continue to support T-CERT and T-FSC to better equip the community for the next disaster.
- 6. **Grantville Redevelopment & Rock Quarry Development:** The TCC will monitor the legal progress on Grantville and Superior Redi Mix's plan for quarry site development.
- 7. **Neighborhood Code Compliance and CC&R Enforcement:** The TCC will continue to enforce CC&Rs with vigor.
- 8. **General Plan:** The TCC will continue to exert influence in CPC to ensure the new General Plan implements a City of Villages strategy that does not unduly alter the character of Tierrasanta and that retains community development authority with the communities.

# Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group Public Roster Data as of the end date of this report: 31 December 2006

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