



Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group

Draft Minutes for March 20, 2013 Regular Meeting and 2013 Annual Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group

6:30 pm • Tierrasanta Recreation Center • 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

The meeting was convened at 6:39 pm by President Tim Splinter. A quorum was established consisting of 11 members: President Tim Splinter; Treasurer Derek Rotzinger, Secretary Deanna Spehn, Area 2 Director Rik Hauptfeld, Area 3 Directors Tom Keliinoi and Russ May, Area 4 Director Donna Jackson, Area 6 Director Loren Vinson, Area 7 Director Bonnie Alexander, Area 8 Director Rich Thesing and Commercial Director/At Large Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto. Area 5 Director Anthony Ferebee arrived at 7:35 pm, at which point 12 members were present. Absent: Joe Battaglia.

Government Representatives:

Fire Dept: Station 39 Battalion Captain Julie Bardsley reported that the Tierrasanta fire crews were using a reserve engine because although their new fire engine has been delivered, due to experienced staffing constraints it will not be finalized for use for approximately six months. There are approximately 200 vacant firefighter positions at this point. There are 32 people due to graduate shortly, and another 36 in the academy with another academy getting underway. The problem is that firefighters can get higher salaries/better benefits at other cities/agencies in the region.

Police Department: Officer Holly Tafoya and Acting Lt. Steve Barratt reported that vehicle burglaries continue in the community. Residential burglaries in the last month included one in which the front door was left unlocked and a local HOA clubhouse was robbed twice when a window was allegedly left open. The Police Department is offering Neighborhood Watch training on graffiti abatement at the Serra Mesa Library on April 16th at 6:30 pm. A special Town Hall Meeting will take place April 26th from 6 to 8 pm at Newbreak Church with speakers from the Police Department, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and students at Serra High, sponsored by Elevated Students at Serra High School/Serra Real Connections.

Councilmember Scott Sherman: Clint Soffer encouraged those in attendance to sign up for Councilmember Sherman's e-newsletter.

MCAS Miramar: Juan Lias reported that ongoing training and operations were taking place on the base.

President: Tim Splinter • Vice President: Vacant • Treasurer: Derek Rotzinger
Secretary: Deanna Spehn • Area Directors: Vacant (Area 1), Rik Hauptfeld (Area 2), 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), Vacant (Area 7), Vacant (Area 7), Rich Thesing (Area 8), Commercial Director/At Large Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto
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Non-agenda Public Comment:

1) Charlie Jones spoke about the need for an off-leash dog park in Tierrasanta, suggesting that the TCC consider the Camp Elliott #3 school site for this use.

Item A – No report from Kaiser Permanente representatives on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed hospital and medical facilities at Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Ruffin Road.

Item B – Approval of the Minutes for February 20, 2013 was moved by May, seconded by Thesing and approved unanimously 11-0 with the addition of the vote total for the Community Maintenance item.

NOTE: The matter of a proposed traffic signal at the intersection of Santo Road and Remora has been referred to the TCC's Community Development Committee for review and a proposed recommendation that will be heard at a future TCC meeting. According to the City of San Diego, the intersection meets the requirements for a signal and funds are available to install a signal. The City has asked the TCC to consider the proposal and forward its recommendation to City staff.

Annual Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council

President Splinter opened the Annual Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and introduced 7th District City Councilmember Scott Sherman. President Splinter reported that the Annual Report for 2012 would be posted on the TCC website within one month. He verbally reported that during 2012 the TCC had a successful series of Concerts In The Park, supported the development of the Bandstand that now offers a new venue for community use in Tierrasanta Community Park, that the TCC has a new website up and functioning, and that the TCC purchased an accounting program for the Treasurer so that monthly reports can be provided with the agenda, etc.

Councilmember Sherman stated that he is a San Diego native and long-time resident of Allied Gardens. He recently attended a meeting about the Camp Elliott #3 school site that included the Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff (Allen Jones). He and County Supervisor David Roberts and Board of Education Member Kevin Beiser continue to research and discuss potential ways in which the school site could become part of Mission Trails Regional Park, and the School District receive appropriate compensation for the property. Currently staff is trying to determine the value of the property. The School District wants to get the funds for the property by the summer of 2013. Councilmember Sherman said that the City is "not real flush with money" and that has been a challenge. Members of the public and the TCC reiterated the importance of preserving the site within MTRP; that the site has at least two vernal pools and several threatened and endangered species. Approximately 20 members of the public were present in support of preserving the school site as open space.

Councilmember Sherman reported that potholes continue to be a major concern at the City, and that a City Council Committee recently approved conducting a study of sidewalks and streets that need repair, using volunteers to gather the data. Councilmember Sherman reported that he had sent to the Mayor's Office a list of streets in the 7th District that are a priority for repairs, including streets in Tierrasanta. There was concern expressed by members of the TCC on who provided the list of impacted Tierrasanta streets and whether it was too late to add other streets.

Dr. Hani Shatila, Chair of the Tierrasanta Community Council Election Committee, reported the results of the 2013 Tierrasanta Community Council election of candidates for the following positions:

Vice President – Rich Thesing (24 votes), Treasurer – Russ May (25 votes), Area 6 – Loren Vinson (4 votes) and Area 7 (John Farmer (9 votes) and Rik Hauptfeld (6 votes). Write-in votes are not allowed in electing TCC members.

President Splinter thanked Dr. Shatila for overseeing the election.

With the election of Rich Thesing as Vice President, a vacancy was declared for the Area 8 Director position, to be filled at the April 2013 TCC meeting. If no eligible resident of Area 8 steps forward to run in April, the position will be declared as an At-Large position at the April 2013 meeting and filled by an eligible candidate who has attended a TCC meeting in the previous 12 months. It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Hauptfeld and approved unanimously (11-0) to declare the vacancy for Area 8, to be filled at the April 2013 TCC meeting and if no qualified Area 8 resident is seated, the position would be converted to an at-large position and filled via the TCC's appointment process.

President Splinter then reviewed the appointment process to fill the vacancies for the following Area Directors: Area 1, Area 2, Area 3, Area 4, Area 5 and Area 8. No eligible candidates stepped forward at the March 2013 TCC meeting requesting to be appointed to the vacant seats. Candidates must have attended a TCC meeting in the 12 months prior to the March 2013 meeting and reside or own property within each specific Area, and be present in person at the March 2013 meeting. Since no eligible appointees were present, the positions were declared to be At-Large Directors and open to appointment by an eligible candidate who has attended a TCC meeting in the 12 months prior to the April 2013 TCC meeting who reside in or own property in Tierrasanta. Potential candidates must be present at the April TCC meeting in order to be appointed to the vacant position(s). The appointment process as described above was moved by Thesing, seconded by Vinson and approved unanimously (11-0).

A subcommittee was established consisting of Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto and Bonnie Alexander, which will plan for the May event welcoming the new TCC Officers and Area Directors and thanking the retiring TCC Officers and Area Directors, including the selection of a date and venue and setting a budget and menu for the event.

President Splinter adjourned the Annual Meeting and reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group for March 20, 2013.

(Anthony Ferebee arrived at 7:35 pm – quorum now 12 members)

Adoption Agenda

Action Item 3 (with Attachments) Russ May reported on a phased investment option that may generate a higher return for the approximately \$51,000 in the TCC savings account including a recommendation to retaining 10% of the funds as cash and split the remaining 90% into 3 separate investment accounts that can be accessed upon 24 hours notice with no penalties incurred. It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Jackson and approved unanimously with Ferebee abstaining (11-0-1) to approve the phased investment approach recommended by newly elected Treasurer May.

Action Item 4 Following up on an earlier discussion during Councilmember Sherman's presentation, regarding compiling an updated list of streets in Tierrasanta in need of resurfacing, Clint Soffer from the Councilman's office offered to bring a map to the April TCC meeting showing which streets are

already scheduled for resurfacing/slurry sealing. Soffer reported that in conversations with city staff, streets west of Santo Road are proposed to be resurfaced by 2017.

Action Item 5 As Chair of the Website Maintenance Committee, Russ May recommended that two areas of the Home Page be designated for advertising: a vertical area to the left of the page and a horizontal area near the mid-point of the page. One area would be used for TCC purposes such as selling Tierrasanta Logowear and one area for our community partners or TCC supporters. Initially, Community Partners/Supporters would be offered one year of exposure for \$100; for that they would get rotating exposure in an area on the Home Page linking to either a pop-up or another larger area on the site when the Home Page area is clicked. The TCC will reserve the right to reject advertisers. Advertisers are responsible for providing their own copy. The TCC can refer them to a web designer who can create copy for them at their cost. Logowear sales will be via PayPal and will include shipping. May recommended using Jaramillo Design to design/construct the TCC Logowear sales advertising and mechanism. Jaramillo Design has been helping the TCC with website maintenance at a very reasonable cost. Following discussion, it was moved by Vinson, seconded by Thesing and approved unanimously (12-0) to offer advertising at \$100 for six month with tightened up advertising policy modeled after that in use by the Tierra Times that restricts content to that appropriate for a family-oriented community.

Action Item 6 Donna Jackson presented her recommendation for the design of the 4 TCC pavers for the Tierrasanta Bandstand. It was moved by Keliinoi, seconded by Thesing and approved unanimously to approve the design concept as presented. Final artwork will be prepared to be given to the Tierrasanta Foundation.

Old Business

1. Spehn reported that the Preliminary Staff Report for the Quail Brush peaker power plant is scheduled to be issued on March 29, 2013 by the California Energy Commission (CEC) with public comments due by April 29, 2013 to the CEC, although depending upon action by the California Public Utilities Commission, it is possible that there may be additional delays.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, April 17, 2013
Wednesday, May 15, 2013
Wednesday, June 19, 2013
Wednesday, July 17, 2013
August – No Meeting
Wednesday, September 18, 2013
Wednesday, October 16, 2013
Wednesday, November 20, 2013
December – No Meeting

**All meetings take place in the Tierrasanta Recreation Center
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