



## Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group

### Draft Minutes for Wednesday, April 17, 2013

The meeting was convened at 6:47 pm in the Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., and a quorum established consisting of President Tim Splinter, Vice President Rich Thesing, Treasurer Russ May, Secretary Deanna Spehn, Area 4 Director Donna Jackson, Area 7 Directors Bonnie Alexander, John Farmer and Rik Hauptfeld, and Commercial Director/At-Large Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto: 9 members present, 6 vacancies and 2 absent (Tom Keliinoi and Loren Vinson; Keliinoi arrived at 8:10 pm)

#### **Government Representatives: limited to 2 minutes each**

Tierrasanta Fire Station 39: Battalion Captain Julie Bardsley discussed fire safe landscapes, reminding people to visit [www.sandiego.gov/fire/services/brush/index.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/fire/services/brush/index.shtml) for the city's regulations on defensible space. She distributed a flyer with fire safe advice. A red flag warning is in place starting the evening of April 17<sup>th</sup>, indicating a high fire danger in the region that will extend for the next few days. Fire Station 39 has volunteered to host trainees over the next year. Our local fire station is short staffed and is able to house the recent Fire Academy graduates who will be on probation for their first year. Fire Station 39 also recently had their 25-year old fire engine replaced with a reserve rig. Their "old" engine was, in fact, the oldest fire engine in the city.

Police Department: Holly Tafoya [HHouchin@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:HHouchin@pd.sandiego.gov) Officer Tafoya reported that since January 1<sup>st</sup> there have been 18 burglaries in the community, including 8 in Villa Portofino. This is a significant increase. The suspects have been entering backyards through unlocked gates, then entering homes through unlocked sliding glass doors, although sometimes the doors were broken by the suspects. Officer Tafoya reminded everyone that they should lock their doors and windows and call the Police should they see something unusual in the neighborhood. The non-emergency number for the San Diego Police Department is 619-531-2000.

Assemblyman Brian Maienschein: 858-689-6290 Rob Knudsen [robert.knudsen@asm.ca.gov](mailto:robert.knudsen@asm.ca.gov) Rob Knudsen invited those present to sign up to receive the electronic newsletter. Assemblyman Maienschein is working on several pieces of legislation, including AB 465 that would require background checks on adults volunteering to work with youth sports organizations.

Councilmember Scott Sherman: Clint Soffer [CSoffer@sandiego.gov](mailto:CSoffer@sandiego.gov) 619-236-6677 reported that an asphalt overlay will be applied to several streets in Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon prior to September 20, 2014, including Tierrasanta Blvd. west of Santo Road, Santo Road south of Tierrasanta Blvd., Aero Drive east of I-15, Azucena Drive, Pavo Real Drive, Cesped Drive, Faisan Way and Madera Rosa Way. A handout was also available listing which numbers to call for specific problems or call the Council office at 619-236-6677:

Broken traffic lights	619-527-7500	Broken street lights	619-527-7500
Damaged bus stop	619-238-0100	Graffiti	619-525-8522
Abandoned vehicle	619-531-2000	Dead animal pickup	858-694-7000
Damaged utility poles	AT&T: 866-346-1168 and SDG&E: 800-411-7343		
Abandoned Shopping Cart	858-694-7000	Pothole repair	619-527-7500

Disability services                    619-236-5979  
Illegal dumping & missed trash pick-up    858-694-7000

The public is welcome to call the office at 619-236-6677 to see if a specific street is on the list to be repaired some time in the future, and that city staff relies on suggestions from the public on which streets should be resurfaced. Report potholes at 619-527-7500.

Councilmember Sherman honored Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon's Burrito Boyz group who feed the homeless every Sunday through Hunger2Help during the April 9<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

MCAS Miramar: 858-577-6603 Juan Lias [juan.lias@usmc.mil](mailto:juan.lias@usmc.mil) While the Blue Angels will not be performing any more in 2013 due to ongoing sequestration cuts in federal funds, the Miramar Air Show will take place October 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> featuring the Marine units that are housed on base.

**Non-agenda Public Comment:**

Matt Groza reported a problem on Antigua Blvd. north of Villa Norte Park near Kumeyaay Elementary where a section of the bike lane has been removed, and now vehicles are parking in an area that was previously a no-parking area. This has created a blind corner at Camino Playa del Oro and Antigua. Public safety in the area has been affected. According to Clint Soffer representing Councilmember Sherman and TCC President Splinter, neither the City Council office nor the planning group had been informed about the change. Kumeyaay Elementary has been working with City traffic and engineering staff over safety concerns at the site, which allegedly led to the bike lane being modified. The Council office will get more information from city staff on what happened and what remedies can be made to make the area safer. The TCC will contact the Principal. A report will be made at the May 2013 TCC meeting on the status.

Denny Pence, speaking on behalf of the Tierrasanta Lutheran Church, reported that its sign had been removed from the corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. at Santo Road that is school district property. It has been a long standing policy, with permission from the school's administration, that temporary signs announcing public community events could be posted at the corner. Recently, several signs have been removed without permission by the School District or by the non-profit organizations that had posted the signs. Police Reports have been filed on the thefts.

Chris Cohen-Richard requested that rather than preserving the Camp Elliott #3 surplus school site as open space and adding it to Mission Trails Regional Park, that the city instead convert it to an off-leash dog park. Spehn advised Cohen-Richard that existing city policy includes a series of requirements for a site to be considered as a dog park, including finding the funds to fence in the area, having water available on site, a funding source for long-term maintenance, adequate parking, etc. Cohen-Richard responded that there is a local need because of the number of dog owners in the area, that he has a petition signed by hundreds of residents, and the distance that people have to drive to use other off-leash dog parks is onerous.

**Item A** – Spehn reported that the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Kaiser Hospital at Ruffin Road and Clairemont Mesa Blvd. just outside the Tierrasanta community, has been delayed and will not be released for public review until early June. If that schedule stands, the matter will be heard at the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council. The community will have 45 days to respond to concerns identified through the draft environmental impact report.

**Item B** – It was moved by Thesing, seconded by May and approved 9-0 to approve the draft minutes for the March 20, 2013 TCC meeting as submitted.

NOTE: The matter of a proposed traffic signal at the intersection of Santo Road and Remora was referred to the TCC's Community Development Committee for review and a proposed recommendation will be heard at the May 15th TCC meeting.

**Action Item 1:** It was moved by Spehn, seconded by Thesing and approved 9-0 to declare the Area 8 Director position as an At-Large position to be filled by an eligible candidate who has attended a TCC meeting in the previous 12 months.

**Action Item 2:** Following a discussion led by President Splinter on the TCC's appointment process, volunteers were asked to step forward and describe their interest in serving on the planning group. Current Commercial Director/At-Large Director Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto submitted her resignation, expressing her interest in representing Area 4, in which she lives. The TCC accepted her resignation, declaring the Commercial Director/At Large position to be vacant. It was moved by Spehn, seconded by Thesing and approved 8-0-1 to appoint Steve Rider to fill the Area 2 At-Large Director position, Christy Patnoe to fill the Area 3 At-Large Director position, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto to fill the Area 4 Director position, and Anthony Ferebee to fill the Area 5 Director position. Areas 1 and 8 are vacant, as is the Commercial Director/At Large Director position, and an attempt will be made to fill them at the May meeting. Potential candidates must be present at the May TCC meeting in order to be appointed to the vacant position(s) and candidates must have attended at least one TCC meeting within the prior year.

**Action Item 3:** Nielsen-Lostritto led the discussion on plans for the May event, culminating in a decision to hold the event on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Villa Monterey Clubhouse.

**Action Item 4** Treasurer Russ May reported that as of March 31<sup>st</sup> the balance of all TCC accounts totaled \$59,089, which includes some funds that are restricted for specific purposes. Data entry is complete on the recently purchased Quicken software for all transactions since July 1, 2011. Splinter reported that the previous Treasurer, Derek Rotzinger, had filed the taxes, paid the Secretary of State permit, etc., prior to leaving office. Annual audits of the accounts were conducted by Donovan Trisko and Cathy Cronin. May is investigating potentially moving to a Credit Union in order to reduce service fees, etc.

**Action Item 5:** Street resurfacing and other street-related matters: see the report by Clint Soffer on page 2.

**Action Item 6:** As Chair of the Website Maintenance Committee, May reported that he had an estimate of 3-1/2 hours to set up new functions on the website at a cost of \$250 that would allow the sale of LogoWear, collection of sales tax and shipping. It was moved by Alexander, seconded by Patnoe and approved unanimously 13-0 to approve the expenditure, with web designer Jaramillo doing the work.

Keliinoi arrived at 8:10 pm.

**Old Business – Quail Brush Peaker Plant:** Spehn reported that the applicant has requested that the project before the California Energy Commission be suspended for a year, until April 15, 2014.  
**May 18<sup>th</sup> – TierraFest:** Ferebee reported that volunteers are needed to staff the Tierrasanta LogoWear booth on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> during the Patriots Day Parade.  
**Concerts in the Park:** Ferebee will be reporting at the May meeting on the 2013 concerts

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

**Upcoming TCC meetings:**

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  
11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd at 6:30 pm**

