



Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group Draft Minutes for Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Tierrasanta Recreation Center • 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

The meeting was convened at 6:36 by President Tim Splinter. A quorum of 12 members was established consisting of President Tim Splinter, Vice President Rich Thesing, Treasurer Russ May, Secretary Deanna Spehn, and Area Directors Bonnie Anderson, John Farmer, Rik Hauptfeld, Donna Jackson, Tom Keliinoi, Christy Patnoe, Steve Rider and Loren Vinson; Anthony Ferebee arrived at 7:25 pm. Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto was absent. Vacant: Area 1, Area 8 and Commercial Director.

Fire Dept: Tierrasanta Fire Station 39: Scott Fuller reported that May is Water Safety Month, and the Fire Department and the city's Lifeguard service are encouraging parents to make sure that their children are water safe. CalFire and the San Diego Fire Department are predicting that this year will be especially dangerous. Homeowners are encouraged to establish defensible space around their homes: visit the Fire Department's page on the city's website at www.sandiego.gov

Congressman Scott Peters – 52nd District: 858-455-5550 Anthony Nguyen introduced himself to the TCC and others present, and reported that he will be Congressman Peters' representative to the Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon community on federal issues. He can be reached at Anthony.Nguyen@mail.house.gov A series of events are being held in the District. Visit the website for more information.

State Senator Marty Block – 39th District: 619-645-3133 Ralph Dimarucut ralph.dimarucut@sen.ca.gov The Legislature is working on bill deadlines and holding a series of hearings on the budget. Senator Block's SB 705 would appropriate \$50 million to California Community Colleges for programs for disabled students.

County Supervisor Dave Roberts – 3rd District: 619-531-5533 Wes Moore Wesley.Moore@sdcounty.ca.gov TCC Vice President Rich Thesing is serving on the Community Enhancement Grant panel that will meet June 13th to consider grant requests. Supervisor Roberts is meeting throughout the 3rd District. An Exceptional Families Adoption Campaign is underway. Brush in the county is exhibiting conditions typically seen in July/August. Military units have been training with CalFire and local fire districts in preparation for this year's fire season. Visit the county's website and sign up for the emergency services phone app.

Councilmember Scott Sherman – 7th District: 619-236-6677 Clint Soffer CSoffer@sandiego.gov Councilmember Sherman will be at the TierraFest BBQ Dinner on May 18th. The budget process is underway with hearings on all departments and agencies. The Councilmember's budget priorities include reopening the Kumeyaay Campground at Mission

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Area 4/At Large - Donna Jackson, Area 5 – Anthony Ferebee, Area 6 - Loren Vinson
Area 7 - Bonnie Alexander, Area 7 – John Farmer, Area 7 – Rik Hauptfeld
Area 8/At Large – Matt Groza, Commercial Director/At Large - Vacant
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Trails Regional Park, expanding Managed Competition, and the Police Department's proposed five-year plan for improving public safety.

Deputy City Attorney: 619-236-6220 Karolyn Westfall kwestfall@sandiego.gov reported that work continues on misdemeanor problems reported within the community. In the minutes for the February 2013 TCC meeting, Westfall stated that there was no record of a reported accident between a pedestrian on the sidewalk who was hit by a car traveling at the eastern end of Tierrasanta Blvd. The Police Report has been found. There are ongoing reports of speeding at the eastern end of Tierrasanta Blvd. and Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

MCAS Miramar: 858-577-6603 Juan Lias juan.lias@usmc.mil A series of controlled burns will take place through May and June in preparation for this year's fire season. If you don't know whether the smoke you are seeing at MCAS Miramar is from a controlled burn or a brush fire you may call 858-577-6603 during regular work hours and afterhours call 858-864-3406.

Non-agenda Public Comment:

Dave Steinman updated the TCC on efforts to site a community center/office by Tierrasanta Village of San Diego. The organization is writing a letter to Park & Recreation Director Stacey LoMedico to find out the process for acquiring long-term use of the Hex Building in Tierrasanta Community Park; a survey is underway with 200 collected so far.

Lisa Wachs announced that Elevate Elementary Charter School will open in the Newbreak Church shopping center at 10791 Tierrasanta Blvd. in September 2014, offering kindergarten through 5th grade instruction for military and civilian students.

John Moyer reported on racing/speeding at the east end of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. He will get in touch with SDPD Officer Holly Tafoya to update her on the late night speeding.

Chris Cohen-Richards updated the TCC on efforts to site a dog park in Tierrasanta, proposing to combine the Camp Elliott #3 surplus school site at the corner of Colina Dorado and Calle de Vida with the undeveloped park site north of the school site. The idea is to site 100 parking spaces plus 12 spaces for parking for the disabled. Cohen-Richards presented drawings that proposed combining the surplus school site and the undeveloped park site into one parcel, then re-dividing it to avoid the vernal pools and a wildlife corridor, and set aside acreage for the dog park, benches, etc. Cohen-Richards requested that that the matter be referred to the TCC's Community Development Committee. Spehn said the Park and Recreation Department guidelines for the siting of dog parks would be printed in the May 16th Tierra Times, and that the TCC is not part of the decision tree for siting a dog park; it is the Tierrasanta Recreation Council and various city Park & Recreation Committees and the City Council that would make the decision. President Splinter stated the CDC considers projects referred to it by the City. Cohen-Richards then requested that the siting of the dog park be placed on the June 2013 TCC agenda, and that 2000 signatures have been collected on a petition. Splinter said that to do so would require that the proposal have a city project number and be referred to the TCC so that all parties will know in advance what is being proposed and have the opportunity to participate in the committee process; otherwise only one side is being heard from. Splinter said dog park proponents are welcome to continue to update the TCC during Non-agenda Public Comment.

Tierrasanta resident Marianne Hammer spoke in support of siting a dog park in Tierrasanta.

Item A – Spehn reported that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Kaiser Permanente hospital and medical facilities proposed for the corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Ruffin Road is expected to be released in early June 2013.

Item B – The minutes for the Tierrasanta Community Council meeting of April 17, 2013 were approved with the addition to Item 6, a report by Russ May, Chair of the Website Maintenance Committee, describing the proposed Community Partners page including the beginning of sales of display advertising on the website. It was moved by Farmer, seconded by Anderson and approved 11-0-1 to approve the minutes as amended, with Vinson abstaining due to his absence in April.

Action Item 1: Appointment to vacant Area Director and Commercial Director positions: Tierrasanta resident Matthew Groza volunteered to serve on the TCC. He and his family have lived in Tierrasanta since 2009, and he would like to become more involved in the community. It was moved by Spehn, seconded by Thesing and approved 12-0 to appoint Matthew Groza to the vacant Area 8 Director-At Large position, expiring in March 2014. The remaining two positions will be continued until the June 2013 TCC meeting; both are one year terms expiring in March 2014. Candidates must have attended a TCC meeting in the 12 months prior June 2013.

Action Item 2 – The TCC’s Community Development Committee (CDC) voted 6 to 0 to recommend to the TCC that it not approve a traffic signal at Remora and Santo Road at this time. The City had asked the TCC to consider the proposal and forward its recommendation to City staff. The CDC discussed the pros and cons. **Pros:** could calm or divert traffic using Clairemont-Mesa to Santo cut through to SR-52 east during evening commute, could aid access to shopping center, merchants at center would support it, could be of help handling Kaiser traffic in future. **Cons:** Intersection met only one of the ten warrants that define need/qualification for signal, proposed by a single resident over five years ago and never followed up, not supported by Tierrasanta Elementary staff, there are 1250 vehicles a day on Santo with 164 using Remora and the peak of use is between 7 and 9 am, reported accidents are well below threshold of 5 per year, too close to Clairemont Mesa/Santo Road signal, could divert cut through evening traffic onto Antigua past Vista Grande School, could divert traffic from Clairemont Mesa westbound to cut through La Cuenta to Remora to avoid signals; could increase traffic past Tierrasanta Elementary. There was a consensus of the CDC members to NOT endorse at this time with option to revisit after Kaiser and other traffic impacts become known. After considering the CDC recommendation, it was moved by Vinson, seconded by Thesing and approved 12-0 to affirm the recommendation made by the Community Development Committee to not site the traffic signal at this time.

Action Item 3: Request by the City of San Diego for input on whether the speed limit on Santo Rd. from Orleck St. to Tierrasanta Blvd. should be increased from 35 to 40 mph. The Navy and Murphy Canyon housing administrators recommend maintaining the lower speed level based on concerns for public safety due to proximity of elementary schools and pedestrian traffic. The Community Development Committee’s discussion focused on the City Engineer’s advisory that the current 35 mph is not enforceable. CDC supported retaining the 35 mph speed level and working with Navy/Murphy Canyon on enforcement alternatives. It was moved by Hasson/2nd Hopper that the CDC advise the TCC to oppose the proposed speed limit increase on Santo between Orleck and Tierrasanta Blvd (carried 6 for 0 against). Following discussion of the CDC’s recommendation, it was moved by Keliinoi, seconded by Hauptfeld and approved on a 13-0 vote (with Groza voting) to affirm the CDC recommendation and retain the lower speed limit.

Ferebee arrived at the meeting at 7:25 pm

Action Item 4: City of San Diego request for TCC input regarding installation and location of Electronic Speed (V-Calm) sign facing eastbound traffic on Tierrasanta Blvd near Ducos Place.

The sign would be similar to the one located on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. west of Antigua. The TCC requested/endorsed the installation of the electronic sign previously, when the Copperleaf homes at the end of Tierrasanta Blvd. were proposed for development. Discussion centered on the location of the sign. A majority of CDC members felt the Ducos location was not optimum, that it was too far to the west to slow down the traffic. It was moved by Hasson/2nd Campbell that the CDC advise TCC to endorse installation of the sign on Tierrasanta Blvd. approximately 200 feet east of Rueda (carried 6 for 0 against). Following a discussion on the CDC's recommendation, it was moved by Thesing, seconded by Patnoe and approved 14-0 to install the sign approximately 200 feet east of Rueda on Tierrasanta Blvd.

Action Item 5 - Status of the removal of a portion of the bike lane on Antigua Blvd. near Villa Norte Park/Kumeyaay Elementary and the impact on public safety. This matter was brought to the attention of the planning group at its April meeting. The segment of the bike lane had been removed without notice to City Councilmember Scott Sherman or to the Tierrasanta Community Council. At the April 25th meeting of the TCC's Community Development Committee, there was general discussion led by Clinton Soffer of Councilman Sherman's office. The bike lanes were removed at the request of the Principal to facilitate additional parking on Antigua Blvd. for morning short term parking while parents walked kindergarten students to classrooms. The partial bike lane removal has resulted in a traffic blind spot and long term/overnight parking as unintended consequences.

Splinter reported that he attempted to speak with the Kumeyaay Principal and she referred him to the Police Officer handling traffic safety issues at the school. Soffer reported that he met with representatives from Kumeyaay Elementary and the Montenosita apartments about safety issues and the increased parking in the area. According to the Manager at the apartments, the rule limiting vehicles to two per unit that can park on site is now being enforced through permits. Splinter has received several emails from residents concerned about parking and safety issues. The school administration has been trying to make the parking for drop off and pick up of kindergarten students safer, which led to the removal of a portion of the red zone. Several residents have recommended that signs be installed limiting parking to 15 minutes, 7/24. Soffer will meet again with City Traffic Engineers and report back at the June TCC meeting.

Action Item 6: Status of traffic calming efforts on Antigua Blvd. between Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Santo Road in Villa Monserate, adjacent to Vista Grande Elementary School.

Residents on this section of Antigua report little progress in the effort to slow traffic, especially near the school. The recent action to narrow the lane via painted striping is not producing significant results according to residents. CDC Chair Bill Reschke requested that the City do a complete analysis of the traffic on Antigua now that the striping project is completed. The study will be done within about 60 days. The next step in progressive traffic calming measures would entail installation of an Electronic Speed (V-Calm) device similar to the one on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. just west of Antigua Blvd. Local residents have a proposed location for the sign identified, with property owner consent already in hand. The CDC will continue to monitor this issue and make a formal recommendation to the TCC at the appropriate time. It was moved by Thesing,

seconded by Jackson and approved on a 14-0 vote to accept the report from the Community Development Committee and await the results of the city's traffic study.

Action Item 7: President Splinter reported that the Community Planners Committee, made up of the President of each planning group in the City of San Diego, has set July 2013 as the deadline for planning groups to submit their "wish list" for capital projects to be considered for the next fiscal year. The TCC's Community Development Committee began a discussion on potential traffic related capital improvement projects within the community, as funds become available, at its April 25th meeting; its next meeting was changed from May 21st to May 16th. The CDC considered several traffic related ideas raised by the community and CDC members. Projects with minimal impact were dropped. The initial draft list of traffic related projects includes the Kumeyaay drop off area improvements/improving traffic flow and safety issues; Antigua Blvd. traffic calming between Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Santo Road; ADA improvements (access, sidewalks, driveways, roads) to and within public parks in Tierrasanta (Villa Monserate Park, Roadrunner Park, Villa Norte Park and Tierrasanta Community Park). An October 2012 memo by Spehn provides an overview/history of infrastructure projects that have been discussed over the years. The CDC will provide its recommendations to the full TCC in time for a decision to be made at the July 17th TCC meeting.

Action Item 8: Report by Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto on plans for the May TCC Recognition event welcoming the new TCC Officers and Area Directors and thanking the retiring TCC Officers and Area Directors. Spehn reported on behalf of Nielsen-Lostritto that the event will be held June 6th from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Villa Monterey Clubhouse. Invitations were distributed at the meeting and email and written invitations will be extended to elected officials representing the community, past members of the TCC who live in the community, volunteers serving on TCC committees, etc. Jan Eby Benoit, the full time Inspector for the Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance Assessment District for the last 14 years, is retiring in June, and she will be honored at the June 6th Recognition event along with retiring TCC Officers/Area Directors for their service to the community.

Action Item 9 Report by Treasurer Russ May (see attachment). May updated the TCC on the status of current accounts and reported he has begun implementing the mutual fund investment program approved at the April TCC meeting; \$365 has already been earned. Following a review of options for a potential move of the TCC's checking account(s), it was moved by Anderson, seconded by Ferebee and approved 14-0 to move TCC's checking account(s) to the California Coast Credit Union.

Action Item 10 Russ May from the Website Maintenance Committee reported that the website now includes a section for the TCC's Community Partners, and that there are no links from the TCC home page to any outside websites. Patnoe requested that the number of hits to the website be reported at the next TCC meeting and shared with those considering becoming a Community Partner and advertising on the website. Advertising space is now available on the website through the Community Partners program.

Action Item 11 Anthony Ferebee reported on plans for the 2013 Concerts in the Park. The proposed dates are June 30, August 25, September 13 and October 20, subject to securing the funds. The committee is seeking sponsors. Dick Rees from the Tierrasanta Foundation reported that the 2014 Tierrasanta Calendar will be the last one by the Foundation; the project will be handed back to the TCC for 2015. Average income is \$1000 per year and funds would go into the Concerts in the Park fund. Following discussion, there was consensus among the members on the proposed dates. Splinter

gave an update on insurance for the special events sponsored/co-sponsored by the Tierrasanta Community Council. The Tierrasanta Junior Women's Club and the TCC have co-sponsored the Crafts Fair as part of TierraFest for many years. This year the shopping center notified the TJWC that it required \$2 million in liability coverage instead of \$1 million, only one week before the event. Splinter opted to not pay the additional \$1000 with only a week's notice, and the TJWC will now do the event on its own and secure its own insurance.

Action Item 12 Consider creating a page for Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group on the nextdoor.com website. It was moved by Hauptfeld, seconded by Rider and approved on a 14-0 vote for the TCC to create a page on nextdoor.com

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Upcoming meetings:

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

**6:30 pm in the Tierrasanta Recreation Center
 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd**

Also present at the meeting: Chris Cohen-Richards, Susan Deininger, Marianne Hammil, Scott Hasson, Chad Jackson, John Moyer, Candy Oertle, Teresa Quinn, Dave Steinman, and Lisa Wachs,