



Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group (TCC)
Draft minutes for Wednesday, June 19, 2013 Meeting
Tierrasanta Recreation Center
11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

The meeting was convened at 6:33 pm by President Tim Splinter. A quorum of 10 members was established consisting of President Tim Splinter, Vice President Rich Thesing, Treasurer Russ May, and Area Directors John Farmer, Rik Hauptfeld, Donna Jackson, Dawn Nielsen Lostritto, Christy Patnoe, Steve Rider and Loren Vinson; Bonnie Alexander arrived at 6:35 and Tom Keliinoi arrived at 6:36. Anthony Ferebee arrived later in the meeting. Secretary Deanna Spehn was absent. Area 1 and Commercial Director positions are vacant.

Councilmember Scott Sherman: 619-236-6677 Clint Soffer CSoffer@sandiego.gov
Councilmember Sherman addressed two situations. First, his staff aide Clinton Soffer has been accepted a job with the State of California starting after July 4th. Next, the Councilmember expressed his support for a proposed off-leash dog park on the surplus school site, Camp Elliot #3, currently owned by the San Diego City Schools. While he is supportive of a dog park in Tierrasanta, he reminded everyone that the proposal is at step 1 of a multistep process, with many hurdles to work out. He has participated in a few meetings with the school district and the Mayor's office, and there has been discussion about a property at Torrey Pines/UTC that may be workable as a swap for the Tierrasanta parcel. The City's Real Estate Assets Department, the Mayor's office and SD City Schools staff are in discussions.

A question was asked regarding what actions the Tierrasanta Community Council (TCC) should be taking regarding medical marijuana dispensaries. Councilmember Sherman responded that currently no ordinances currently permit medical marijuana dispensaries within the City of San Diego. If the Mayor sends a proposal to the City Council, the Council would then ask for input from the local planning groups. The estimated response time would 90-120 days for the planning groups to send their input back to the City Council.

A resident noted the poor conditions of the streets near Vista Grande Elementary School. Mr. Soffer spoke briefly about the list of streets in the community requiring maintenance. He also noted that Area 2 Director Steve Rider was hosting a community coffee with Councilmember Sherman on July 10th at 6 pm at 11251 Corte Playa Madera that is open to anyone interested in attending.

Police Department: Holly Tafoya HHouchin@pd.sandiego.gov

Officer Tafoya reported that on June 6th, there was an attempted robbery at the Chase Bank on Tierrasanta Blvd. The would-be robber allegedly gave the teller a note demanding money, but she did not have any in her till. After she showed the man her empty till, he left. In another incident, the Circle K on Santo and Clairemont Mesa Blvd. was robbed on June 2nd allegedly by the "Spiderman Bandit." According to Officer Tafoya, residential burglaries increase when the

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Secretary: Deanna Spehn • Area Directors: Area 1/At Large – Justin DeCesare
Area 2 – Steve Rider • Area 3 - Tom Keliinoi & (At Large) Christy Patnoe
Area 4 – Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto & (At Large) Donna Jackson • Area 5 Anthony Ferebee
Area 6 Loren Vinson • Area 7 - Bonnie Alexander, John Farmer & Rik Hauptfeld
Area 8/At Large – Matt Groza • Commercial Director/At Large-Vacant
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temperature rises. Even if leaving for a short period of time, she reminded us to shut all windows and lock all doors to reduce the opportunities for burglars. She noted the brush fire that occurred on Sunday, June 16th in Mission Trails Regional Park (MTRP). She also discussed the importance of heightened awareness regarding elder abuse cases and cited a case in Serra Mesa where a 76 year-old woman was told she had won a lottery involving several foreign countries. She sent \$5,000 twice a day for a couple of weeks before her family became aware, resulting in a loss of \$89,000.

A resident asked about parking in a bike lane as 17 parishioners were cited on a Sunday evening for parking in a bike lane near the church. Concerns were whether bike lane infractions are enforced consistently. Office Tafoya said that usually ticketings are generated in response to a complaint and parking enforcement officers have no discretion as to whether to ticket or not once a complaint has been filed.

State Senator Marty Block : 619-645-3133 Ralph Dimarucut ralph.dimarucut@sen.ca.gov. Mr. Dimarucut passed out the Senator's current newsletter. Senator Block has two offices, one in the Capitol primarily working on legislation; and the other, the local office primarily dealing with constituent services. Please call if you have any questions or issues. The state budget was just approved. Highlights are that K-12 is fully funded to 2000-2008 budget levels. Some schools may receive more funding depending on income levels for students' families or the number of disabled students at a school. San Diego City Schools staff are assessing the percent of increase they will get and the information should be available shortly. The Community Colleges will receive an extra \$30 million for disabled students. Scripps Institute of Oceanography will receive \$5 million to help construct/repair its pier to accommodate a new research vessel to be stationed here.

Fire Dept: Tierrasanta Fire Station 39 <http://www.sandiego.gov/fire/> Scott Fuller reported that the June 16th wildfire was 110+ acres starting at State Route 52 and spreading into MTRP. Because it seemed to have two start points, it may be arson but the investigation is still underway. The fire mostly burned brush and damaged vegetation, although some fencing was lost in MTRP. Fire crews had the fire out in evening but spent the night mopping up hot spots. Firefighter Fuller reminded everyone that now is the time to prepare for wildfires. Clean the debris from gutters and roofs. If a fire occurs, back your vehicle in your driveway, shut all windows and doors, and disconnect the power on the garage door. He distributed wildfire pamphlets. When asked how to get up to date information during a fire because nothing was listed on the County's Emergency Website at <http://www.sdcountyemergency.com/> during the June 16th fire, a member of the audience suggested going to the CalFire website at http://cdfdata.fire.ca.gov/incidents/incidents_current

County Supervisor Dave Roberts: 619-531-5533 Wes Moore Wesley.Moore@sdcounty.ca.gov It is budget season, and the County is looking at a MediCal expansion, public safety realignment and the hiring of approximately 200 corrections officers due to the expansion of Las Colinas Detention Center. The County's approximately \$5 billion budget is balanced, and the County maintains a AAA bond rating.

MCAS Miramar: 858-577-6603 Juan Lias juan.lias@usmc.mil Laura Thornton, Community Plans and Liaison Officer, is retiring after 30 years in federal service. Those who know Laura

can email her before she retires. No controlled burns are currently scheduled. Mr. Lias will distribute information about controlled burns on MCAS Miramar as they are scheduled. Details on the Airshow will be available later this summer.

Non-agenda Public Comment

Scott Hasson requested moving the dog park presentation to earlier in the meeting. President Splinter stated that the item was noticed for 8 pm on the agenda, and that the public had an expectation that that is when the item would be heard. Therefore, the presentation would take place as noticed.

Sherry Cohen-Richards and Candace Oertle requested to speak regarding the proposed dog park.

Kathleen Lippitt, Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) San Diego 760-522-4592, 8755 Aero Drive, Suite 100, SD 92123 is available to provide research and science based information to help young people make informed decisions regarding alcohol and drug use.

Item A– Draft Minutes for May 15, 2013 meeting. It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Hauptfeld and approved 12 to 0 to approve the minutes as amended, with Nielsen-Lostritto abstaining due to her absence in May.

Action Item 1 Appointment to fill TCC Vacancies. President Splinter reviewed the appointment process to fill the vacancies for Area Director 1 and the Commercial Director. Both positions have been declared to be At-Large, which means that applicants need only be residents or property owners in Tierrasanta to apply to serve. Candidates must have attended a TCC meeting in the 12 months prior to the June 2013 meeting and be present in person at the June 2013 meeting in order to be appointed at the June 2013 meeting. Tierrasanta resident Justin DeCesare volunteered to serve on the TCC. Mr. DeCesare lives in the Belsera area of Tierrasanta with his wife who is a teacher in San Marcos and two children. He was in the Navy for five years as a Communications Specialist and now works as the Chief Executive Officer of a real estate brokerage firm.

It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Hauptfeld and approved 12 to 0 to appoint Justin DeCesare to the vacant Area 1 Director-At Large position, expiring in March 2014. The remaining Commercial Director position will be continued until the July 2013 TCC meeting; this term will expire in March 2014. Candidates must have attended a TCC meeting in the 12 months prior to July 2013.

Action Item 2 Clint Soffer updated the TCC on the traffic and parking issues at Villa Norte Park/Kumeyaay Elementary School. In April, this issue was brought to the attention of the TCC. Kumeyaay Elementary School asked the City of San Diego to extend the drop off and pick area, that included part of the bike lane, which resulted in overnight parking that created a blind spot. Soffer is working with the City's Traffic Division regarding creating a 15 minute parking zone along Antigua.

Action Item 3: Tierrasanta Community Council Recognition Event. Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto gave an update on the event to be held July 18th at Villa Monterey Clubhouse from 5:30 to 7 pm, with presentations at 6:15. This event recognizes retiring and new TCC members and other

community partners who support Tierrasanta. Invitation information has been distributed. RSVPs go to Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto at dn.tierrasanta@gmail.com

Action Item 4: Committee Appointments. President Splinter circulated a list of his recommendations for appointments on committees associated with the TCC and invited everyone to participate on a committee. If interested, contact President Splinter. The list will be noticed in the July 11th issue of the *Tierra Times*. This list will be approved by the TCC at the next meeting.

Action Item 5: Community Enhancement Award. Committee Chair Rich Thesing deferred to Wes Moore from Supervisor Roberts' office. Mr. Moore thanked Rich Thesing for his participation on the Committee and sitting through two days of public testimony. The County grant award allocations will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on June 25th. The TCC requested a \$10,000 grant and was allocated \$5,000. Last year TCC received \$3,500. Rich Thesing submitted the grant and spoke on behalf of Tierrasanta Concerts in the Park 2013.

Action Item 6: Report by Treasurer Russ May. Area Director May reported \$5,974 in the Chase account as of May 31, 2013. Since then he opened an account at California Coast Credit Union (CCCU) with \$1,000. Costs were a one-time \$5 fee for membership and \$12.41 for 350 generic wallet style duplicating checks from Costco. The CCCU account is for non-profit organizations with no monthly fee, thus eliminating the \$15/month cost for the Chase account which will be closed as soon as practicable. Bond and Equity Mutual Fund investments in the Vanguard account have begun and will continue on a dollar-cost-averaging basis. Currently \$20,000 has been moved in a 60/20/20 ratio into Vanguard Balanced Index Fund Admiral (VBIAX), Vanguard Equity Income Fund (VEIPX), and Vanguard Intermediate-Term Investment Grade Bond Fund (VFICX). Between the three funds, as of 6/18/2013, there was a net gain of \$207.67.

Action Item 7 Report from the Website Maintenance Committee. A question was raised as to the number of hits on the TCC website. Scott Hasson used Google Analytics to see the number of hits on the TCC website and was concerned because no hits were recorded. Area Director DeCesare reported that data from Google Analytics is available for the webpage owner and others would not see the data. Website Maintenance Committee Chair May said that Google Analytics was not activated on the website but circulated a print-out from Webalizer, the analytics function provided by Hostgator, the website host, showing statistical data for the TCC website since August 2012. As an example, the Webalizer data for May 2013 showed an average of 125 daily "visits" and 2,223 daily "hits," a monthly total of 3,899 "visits" and 68,915 "hits." Area Director Vinson said this information is important as we move forward to hosting advertising on the TCC website.

Action Item 8: "Wish List" for capital Projects. The Community Planners Committee, made up of the President of each planning group in the City of San Diego, set July 2013 as the deadline for planning groups to submit their "wish lists" 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 and continued its discussion on June 4th. The CDC considered several potential Capital Improvement Projects and, via consensus, recommended the following

priorities within each identified category to the Tierrasanta Community Council. The CDC did not develop one list of priorities, deciding instead to retain the categories of Community Facilities, Parks/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance, Public Safety, Quality of Life, and Recreation. CDC members who came to consensus were Bill Reschke (Chair), Lee Campbell, Scott Hasson, Wayne Holtan, Deanna Spehn, Tim Splinter and Kathy Warburton.

Community Facilities	Improve Parks/ADA Compliance	Public Safety	Recreation Facilities
Expanded library	Tierrasanta Com. Park	Traffic calming	Dog Park
Senior Center/Teen Center	Monserate Park	Field lights	Skateboard Park
Community garden	Roadrunner Park	2 nd Fire Station	Sand volleyball
	Tierrasanta Norte Park		

The Quality of Life category continues to be the community's #1 priority: removing the extension of Tierrasanta Blvd. east to Mission Gorge/Princess View; removing the extension of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. east through Mission Trails Regional Park to connect with Jackson Drive; and removing the extension of Santo Road south to Friars Road. The City of San Diego continues to keep all three roads within its Circulation Element, making them eligible for funding and construction at some time in the future.

Other notes:

- 1) The Tierrasanta Library is now one of the smallest in the city. Hopes are to expand it; no funds are currently identified to do so
- 2) All four of the public parks in Tierrasanta have problems re: ADA compliance. Until the ADA work is done, we are limited in making improvements to tot lots, play equipment, installing shade structures, etc.
- 3) Traffic calming refers to dealing with speeding issues on #1: Antigua Blvd. between Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Santo Road; #2 Orleck and Santo Road; #3 Snook; #4 Kumeyaay Elementary
- 4) The CDC Committee has requested updated cost estimates for the projects and an updated list of funds, by category that are available for use in the Tierrasanta community.

Area Director Patnoe moved to accept the report, seconded by May. The motion was approved 13 to 0 with DeCesare abstaining as he had just joined the TCC.

Information Item 9: Proposal for unleashed dog park and tot lot on Camp Elliott #3 by Chris Cohen-Richards. Charlie Jones assisted Chris Cohen-Richards in the PowerPoint presentation on a proposal for use of the Camp Elliott #3 surplus school site. According to the presenters, the community has the 3rd highest number of dog owners, is 10 miles away from the nearest dog park, and is park-poor, therefore a dog park/tot lot is a needed addition to the community. The PowerPoint showed maps and plans for the proposed dog park, a tot lot and off street parking.

Adjacent to the school site is an undeveloped neighborhood park site that is landlocked behind the school site. Currently, there is a city-owned parcel elsewhere in the city that may be suitable for a land swap with the school district. Appraisals are being done on both properties and a review is underway for a potential swap.

Cohen-Richards requested that the TCC approve the Canine Park at the Trails and move forward with the idea and design concept. Discussion followed that this was premature as other plans may come forward for that area and it would be inappropriate for the TCC to take a position before all proposals were reviewed. Plus, there is an established guideline by the City for considering a potential off-leash dog park that is overseen by the City's Park and Recreation Department.

Tierrasanta resident Candace Oertle stated that she opposed placing a dog park in the area due to increased traffic and noise adversely affecting the rural nature that the residents in the area currently enjoy.

During the presentation, Area Director Rik Hauptfeld moved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes, seconded by Vinson and unanimously approved 14 to 0.

Concert in the Park. Area Director Anthony Ferebee announced that there would be a short meeting of the Concert in the Park Committee immediately following the TCC meeting. The first concert features jazz band Finding the Constant at the new bandstand by the Recreation Center, on Sunday June 30th from 6 to 9 pm. The other concerts scheduled for 2013 are as follows: Sunday, August 25th - Bayou Brothers; Friday, Sept 13th - High Tide (Reggae, Rock, SKA); and Friday, October 27th - Left 4 Dead (80's Rock n Roll.) All concerts are free.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Members of the public present at the meeting who signed in:

K. Lippitt – SAY San Diego
Johna Than Hall
Charlie Jones
Scott Hasson
Dick Rees

Upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, July 17, 2013
August –No Meeting
Wednesday, September 18, 2013
Wednesday, October 16, 2013