



**Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group**

**Minutes for Wednesday, September 17th, 2014  
Meeting**

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

6:35 President Justin DeCesare called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance •

Roll Call/Introductions –

	At beginning of meeting
President: Justin DeCesare •	Present
Vice President: Rich Thesing •	Present
Treasurer: Russ May	Present
Secretary: Deanna Spehn •	Absent
<b><u>Directors:</u></b>	
Area 1 – William Earl Turner;	Present
Area 2 – Jennifer Schultz;	Present
Area 3 - Christy Patnoe;	Absent
Area 3 – Scott Hasson	Present
Area 4 – Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto;	Present
Area 4 – Mike Quinn;	Absent
Area 5 – Anthony Ferebee;	Arrived 6:58
Area 6 - Loren Vinson;	Present
Area 7 - Bonnie Alexander,	Present
Area 7- John Farmer	Present
Area 7 -Rik Hauptfeld;	Present
Area 8 – Mike George;	Arrived 6:45
Commercial Director – Tom “TK” Keliinoi	Present

Quorum was determined with 12 board member present.

**Government Representatives:**

**Fire Dept: Station 39** <http://www.sandiego.gov/fire/>

**Dan Eddy** introduced himself and invited people to stop by Station 39 in Tierrasanta.

**Police Department:** Adam McElroy, Community Service Officer introduced new Service Area Lieutenant Andrea Brown replacing Lt. Steven Behrendt. Tierrasanta is part of Eastern Division. Lt. Brown has been with SDPD for 28 years and previously served as a Public Information Officer.

Officer Adam McElroy went through local crime statistics. 33 total crimes reported last month- a 50% drop from the previous month. Car Prowls were reduced from 15 to 3, attributed to the

arrest of 2 females committing crimes in the Navy housing area. Officer Wells is credited with those arrests and previous arrests in the Porto Court area.

A new Public Service Officer has been hired to enforce the City's new Overnight Recreation Vehicle law. The officer is shared with North Eastern Division.  
<http://www.sandiego.gov/parking/permits/torvp/index.shtml>

Director Hauptfeld complimented Officer McElroy for the information distributed on Nextdoor.com which serves as a community information forum. McElroy said Nextdoor.com was a good way to contact him.

A question was asked regarding people removing recyclables from cans. Officer McElroy said concerned residents can either call SDPD non emergency number at 619-531-2000 or if a reoccurring event, call the Environmental Services Department as they have an investigative team for this issue. (858-694-7000 Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
<http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/ep/illegal/scavenge.shtml>)

**State Senator Marty Block:** 619-645-3133 Katelyn Hailey [Katelyn.Hailey@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Katelyn.Hailey@sen.ca.gov) . Hailey passed out latest newsletter. August 31st is the end of the legislative cycle with a number of bills that have made it through both houses. SB 850 Public Post Secondary Education is awaiting the Governor's signature which allows Community Colleges to offer a 4 year degree program.

**Councilmember Scott Sherman:** Sheldon Zemen [szemen@sandiego.gov](mailto:szemen@sandiego.gov) Funding for traffic calming signs has been secured and should be installed by end of December on Antigua near Vista Grande Elementary School.

Councilmember Sherman is hosting a new home buyers workshop on September 25th, 6-7:30 at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center. Please contact Mr. Zemen for any questions.

**MCAS Miramar:** 858-577-6603 Juan Lias [juan.lias@usmc.mil](mailto:juan.lias@usmc.mil). Air show will be October 3 - 5 plus a night show on Oct. 4. Come see the glimpse of the future with the Joint Strike Fighter team from Arizona.

**Item A: Non-agenda Public Comment:**

John Hartley gave a short synopsis of the Clean Elections Initiative.  
[www.sdcleanelections.org/news.php](http://www.sdcleanelections.org/news.php)

The following people signed up for public comment but yielded their time to Gene Balbo: Bob Geissner, Bonnie Balbo, and Susan Mercurio.

Tassie Irwin handed out a copy of an email (attachment 1) that came from City Code Enforcement stating that case #221848 has been opened regarding the use of Vista Grande Church upper parking lot. The Elevate school is using the site to load 2 buses of students which are transported to the Joan Croc Center.

The following people signed up for public comment but yielded their time to Gene Balboa: Tim Brosnar, Robin Fitzpatrick, Duane Samuelson, Bob Irwin, Kathy McMaster, Bill Michalek and Gail Michalek.

Adam Amamtea, parent of student attending Elevate School, spoke about his concerns with nearby resident's behavior and opportunity for having a project based learning system.

Gene Balbo spoke about noise, traffic and zoning issues regarding the Elevate School using the Vista Grande Church parking lot as a pick-up and drop off site. He also passed out and read a letter from Vista Grande Church, dated June 15, 2004.(attachment 2.)

Chris Robbins, City of San Diego, Water Services, talked about how San Diego is current in a Level 1 drought alert with voluntary mitigation measures, e.g. watering only 3 days a week. There are restrictions which includes only irrigating at night, no car washing with a running hose, no hosing of areas such as driveways. In August, San Diegans reduced water 4%, however, next month, mandatory water conditions may be instituted. Go to [wastenowater.org](http://wastenowater.org) for additional information.

Bob Lang raised three issues: 1) the deteriorating condition of the jogging trail in Shepherd Canyon below De Portola Middle School. Mr. Lang provided a photo. 2) the overwhelming of Dishwasher Pond/Red Pond in Shepherd Canyon by the reeds that appear to be affecting the health of the pond. Mr. Lang provided two photos. 3) the need for a method to inform the community about issues/situations that require immediate response. He attended an Open Space Committee meeting for issue 1 and 2 as well. **I don't know what happened to the photos, so I can't attach them.**

**Item B: Agenda Review / Requests for Continuance / Additions to the Agenda**

It was moved by Director Hasson, seconded by Director Kelliioni to approve the agenda with the addition of John Hartley, Clean Elections Initiative. Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**Item C: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the July 16, 2014 TCC meeting.**

President DeCesare had a correction to the minutes. It was moved by Director Schultz, seconded by Director Hasson and approved 13-0-1 with Director Turner abstaining due to absence to approve the draft minutes for the July 16, 2014 meeting with the correction as follows:

Under Public Comment: Bob Lang raised three issues: 1) the deteriorating condition of the jogging trail in Shepherd Canyon below De Portola Middle School; 2) the overwhelming of Dishwasher Pond/Red Pond in Shepherd Canyon by the reeds that appear to be affecting the health of the pond; and 3) the need for a method to inform the community about issues/situations that require immediate response. Items #1 and #2 were referred to both the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee and City Councilmember Scott Sherman's office; item #3 will be referred to the TCC's proposed new committee on communications and outreach.

Supporting Material: <http://www.tierrasantacc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Draft-7-16-14->

[minutes.doc](#)

**Action Item D:** Chair y Ferebee reported the next concert is this Sunday, September 21st from 5-9 p.m. Music by Addicted 2 the Vibe. Anthony has arranged for face painter, jumpers for the kids,. Food to purchase will include Ice shack and food trucks.

The last concert for this year is Sunday, October 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. First band is San Diego Music Youth Band (Up-tempo Pop/Hip-Hop) and then Wild Blue Younder (Country/Classic Rock.)

**New Business Item E Added Agenda item: Clean Election Initiative.** John Hartly showed a partial video (stopped due to time) on **Clean Elections, Changing the Face of Democracy**. This is publicly funded election campaigns. The goal is to get this initiative on the ballot in 1916. He is hoping to get the support of the TCC for this initiative. He passed out a list of groups endorsing the initiative. (Attachment 3)

**Item F** - The meeting of the Community Council was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**Item 1** - The meeting of the planning group was convened at 7:50 pm, with a quorum established of 14 voting members.

**Action Item 2: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the June 18 Planning Group and July 16 Planning Group meetings.**

It was moved by Director Hauptfield, seconded by Director Thesing and approved 11-0-3, with Directors Turner and May abstaining due to absences and Mike George abstaining because he was not a TCC member, to approve the draft minutes for the June 18 Planning Group Meeting as submitted. It was approved 13-0-1, with Turner abstaining due to absence, to approve the draft minutes for the July 16 Planning Group Meeting as submitted.

**Supporting Material:** <http://www.tierrasantacc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Draft-7-16-14- minutes.doc>

<http://www.tierrasantacc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Draft-TCC-June-18-2014-Minutes.pdf>

**Information Item 3:** Arnie Veldkamp from Superior Ready Mix gave a handout and presentation regarding damage caused to a home on August 21, 2014. Mr. Veldkamp brought a map and a box diagramming the drilling procedure. This is the first accident since this company bought the mine in 1991 and no one was injured. Once the incident occurred, drilling was suspended pending an investigation by Federal Mine Safety and CalOSHA. It was determined that although most of the rock is hard blue rock, a pocket of clay blew out. The blasting sequence has been changed to blast starting in the middle to allow air space to take the bulk of the explosion. The blasting pattern has been reduced from 10 feet X 12 feet to 9 X 9 feet so the force is not as much at any one point. Representatives from California Drilling and Blasting have contacted the property owners to make arrangements for repairs.

Jerry \_\_\_\_\_ introduced himself and serves as the liaison to the rock quarry.

Questions from the audience included: (Question = Question; A=Answer)

Q: How long will the quarry be there? A: Permit from the City is through 2033, although it is likely the rock will be exhausted prior to that date.

Q: How far west will the quarry go?

A: There is no quarrying west.

Q: What is the rock used for?

A: Rock is crushed, sized by screens and mostly used for making concrete and asphalt.

Director Vinson asked if instead of going west, were they were going deeper.

A: Yes.

May asked if they had thought of using wire screens similar to chain link fences when blasting.

A: Veldkamp said he had not aware of using this method.

Jennifer Schultz asked if there was redevelopment plans.

A: They are working on a plan with Army Corp of Engineers (ACE).

Alexander asked if they had come across any live ordinance.

A: No.

Hasson said he hoped they came up with an acceptable redevelopment plan with ACE.

A: They are were on it.

**Supporting Material:** <http://www.tierrasantacc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Quarry-Blast-082114.pdf>

**Action Item 4:** The TCC consists of several sub-committees that assist in making recommendations to the council as a whole for various matters.

It was moved by Director Farmer and seconded by Hauptfield to accept the committees for June 2014 through May 2015 with the following additions:

Mike George, who is CERT certified, will be added to the **CERT team (?)**

Rich Thiseng is added as the alternate to the Mission Trails Advisory Committee

Bonnie Alexander is added to the Election Committee and Logowear Committee.

The motion was approved by 14-0-0 vote.

Supporting Material: <http://www.tierrasantacc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/6-12-14-Current-Committees-of-the-Tierrasanta-Community-Council.docx>

**Information Item 5** – President DeCesare gave updates from ongoing business:

By-Laws Committee. Committee is awaiting the City of San Diego to approve Council 600-24 policy Standard Operating Procedures and Responsibilities of Recognized Community Planning Groups. Once the City has completed the update, then the By-Laws Committee will reconvene.

Schultz asked to have the Open Space Committee under the Planning Group and placed on the agenda.

Elevate School Conditional Use Permit (CUP): The City Planner is awaiting information from Newbreak Church. Once this information is received, the City can make a determination regarding the CUP. Then the plan will be referred to the TCC.

**New Business Item 6** - No items were added to the agenda.

**Item 7 Adjournment** – At 8:37 p.m. Hauptfield moved, Thesing seconded and it was approved 13-1-0 to adjourn the meeting. Schultz opposed because council needed to have time to discuss concerns.

**Upcoming 2014 TCC meetings at 6:30 pm in the Tierrasanta Recreation Center:**

October 15, 014

November 19, 2014

December – No Meeting