

Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group

Draft Minutes for Wednesday, October 15, 2014 Meeting
6:30 pm • Tierrasanta Recreation Center • 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

The meeting was convened at 6:31 and a quorum was present consisting of President Justin DeCesare, Vice President Rich Thesing, Treasurer Russ May, Area Directors William Earl Turner, Jennifer Schultz, Christy Patnoe, Scott Hasson, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Mike George, Loren Vinson, Bonnie Alexander and John Farmer. Deanna Spehn arrived at 6:37; Anthony Ferebee arrived at 6:45, and Tom “TK” Keliinoi arrived at 7:10. Absent: Rik Hauptfeld. Vacant: Area 8

Updates by Government Representatives:

Fire Dept: Station 39: It is important to prepare for the wildfires that are prevalent each fall by removing flammable debris in yards, trimming tree branches that are overhanging homes, etc.

Police Department: Community Service Officer Adam McElroy reported that the local crime rate continues to be low with 7 arrests and 21 citations in the last month. Halloween safety flyers were distributed.

Congressman Scott Peters: Jason Bercovitch announced that October 30th is the deadline to apply for the military academies and gave an update on events in Washington DC

State Senator Marty Block: Katelyn Hailey invited the public to suggest potential legislation for the coming two-year session. Water issues and the ongoing drought are a priority at the state. The Senator’s staff is available year-round for constituent services.

Assemblyman Brian Maienschein: Rob Knudsen announced that the Assemblymember had 21 pieces of legislation approved and is working on bills to be introduced when the new session starts.

County Supervisor Dave Roberts: Evan Bollinger reminded people about the threat of West Nile Virus in the region and the importance of not having standing water in yards where mosquitos can breed. Supervisor Roberts serves on the San Diego County Water Authority that is addressing the drought conditions in the region. The County has reviewed the After Action Report on the May 2014 wildfires. A pamphlet has been developed on emergency preparedness.

Councilmember Scott Sherman: Sheldon Zemen reported that a local resident has requested a stop sign at Calle Mariselda. The Neighborhood Parking Protection Ordinance is in full effect throughout the city with signs installed at the entry to each community. The traffic calming signs for Antigua Blvd. near Vista Grande Elementary should be installed in late December/January.

Deputy City Attorney: Julio DeGuzman is the City Attorney’s office liaison with the Police Department, the Planning Department and the community on neighborhood code compliance issues. He explained that as a member of the Neighborhood Prosecution Division he works closely with the Police Department and the community to identify and resolve problems.

MCAS Miramar: Juan Lias extended the thanks of MCAS Miramar’s Commanding Officer and the entire base for the strong support for the air show. The crowds were large and enthusiastic for the shows this year. A Chipolte has opened on base – the first in the U.S.

Item A: Non-agenda Public Comment: Robert Lang submitted a written statement on 3 items – 1) the East Shepherd Canyon Maintenance Path requires attention due to its degraded condition; Dishwasher (Red) Pond needs to have the overgrown reeds removed; he requests that these items be placed on the November agenda; 2) Condition of Dishwasher (Red) Pond should be placed on the November agenda; 3) A non-emergency real time communication system should be added to the community – the Tierra Times does not meet that definition. Lang suggests a series of electronic

signs be placed throughout the community with updates on community activities and concerns. He requests that this be added to the November agenda. Items 1 and 2 were referred to the Open Space Committee by Chairman DeCesare. Paul Sirois, a senior official in the City's Open Space Division of the Park and Recreation Department (two steps above the Tierrasanta Open Space Inspector position), was present at the meeting and explained that the cat tails that are encroaching on Dishwasher (Red) Pond are native species and are part of the wetland area and a preliminary assessment has determined that they are protected at that site because they contribute to the "wetland marsh" habitat. He has requested a bid on what it would cost to remove/reduce the cat tails from the pond, but in general it might be \$100,000 just for the permits plus the actual cost for the work to restore the pond as a "pond" and not a wetland. To get the permits the project would have to be reviewed by the City's Development Services Department for CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) compliance, by the state's Fish & Wildlife Department, by the State's Regional Water Quality Control Board, and by the Army Corps of Engineers. A design plan would then have to be developed, and mitigation at another site funded with a 2:1 ratio – so if 1 acre of pond were impacted, 2 acres would have to be restored/enhanced at another site. Initial reaction has been that the area may have more value as a marsh than as an open water pond, in terms of habitat. The total cost of the project could be as high as \$200,000 and require 2 years to complete. There are approximately 10,000 housing/business units within Tierrasanta that are assessed to fund the Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance District annually via the property tax bill due each fall. The matter will be discussed at the November Open Space Committee meeting.

Regarding the condition of the trail in Shepherd Canyon, according to Sirois the City's Water Utilities Department is responsible for its maintenance, as the trail sits on top of a major water line. The Department's position is that the trail is accessible and serviceable for small city water trucks to use, therefore it does not require improvement at this time. Open Space Assessment Funds could be used to do minimal hand trail work but no equipment can be brought in and no fill material added since the area is a low lying wetland and considered to be habitat.

Edward Schmiede requested assistance in working with the owners of the Tierrasanta Town Center to develop better access and protection for pedestrians using the shopping center.

New Serra High School Principal Dr. Vincent Mays introduced himself to the members of the TCC and the public, and was welcomed to the community. Dr. Mays will return for the November 19th TCC meeting. He is excited about working with the students, staff and community. When queried about the community events signs that were missing from the corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Santo Road on Serra property, where community groups had been posting temporary signs for upcoming community activities for several years under an agreement with the local Principal, Dr. Mays reported that the interim acting principal had ordered the signs taken down, but they were all at Serra and could be retrieved. Dr. Mays said he was embarking on an 100-day Listening Tour and will be visiting each of the schools in the Serra Cluster (the feeder schools at the elementary and middle school levels) as he builds a document on the "Great Expectations of Serra High School."

Item C: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the September 17th, 2014 TCC meeting. (see below) http://www.tierrasantacc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/2014_Sep-17-Minutes.pdf

Action Item D: Report by Concerts in the Park Chair Anthony Ferebee on this year's series of concerts. Ferebee reported on details about the upcoming October concert – the last for 2014.

Action Item E: Tierrasanta Recreation Council Representative: **It was moved by Farmer, seconded by George and approved unanimously to appoint Rich Thesing as the Tierrasanta Community Council’s representative to the Tierrasanta Recreation Council.** An alternate will be appointed once a TCC member meets the eligibility requirements to serve on the TRC based on attending 3 TRC meetings prior to appointment.

New Business Item F – 1) It was moved by Schultz, seconded by ??? and approved unanimously with Spehn out of the room to place her letter of concerns about the alleged non-permitted work on trails in specific areas of the Tierrasanta open space on the agenda tonight, and the city’s contract with Helix Environmental for a comprehensive trail plan. Schultz distributed a document outlining her concerns on this matter. Paul Sirois, a senior official in the City’s Open Space Division (two steps above the Tierrasanta Open Space Inspector position) was present at the meeting earlier but was not present for the discussion that ensued. Following discussion, Schultz requested that the matter be added to the November agenda.

2) It was moved by Hasson, seconded by Thesing and approved unanimously with Spehn out of the room to discuss providing a non-emergency real time wide coverage communication system in Tierrasanta on the agenda for discussion tonight. The issue of city’s sign ordinance limiting the square footage of signs, and the limits on where such informational signs could be installed were generally discussed. Serra High School has an electronic sign but its use is limited to school related matters. Siting electronic signs would require city permits and identifying locations. No decision was made on the matter at this meeting.

3) It was moved by Hasson, seconded by George and approved unanimously with Spehn out of the room to add a discussion of the pros and cons of the Clean Elections proposal for inclusion on the 2016 citywide ballot on the agenda tonight. John Hartley gave a presentation on the proposed ballot measure and cited strong support by several town councils in the city for the Clean Elections Initiative. Spehn pointed out that traditionally the TCC took positions on ballot measures after they qualified for a ballot. No decision was made at this meeting on this matter.

7:35 pm Item G - Adjournment of Community Council Meeting.

President DeCesare convened a meeting of the Planning Group:

Action Item 2: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the September 17th Planning Group meeting.

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There was a motion by Thesing, seconded by Alexander and approved unanimously except by Patnoe and Spehn who were absent from the September 2014 TCC meeting to approve the minutes for September 17th with the following changes: Mike Quinn was appointed to Area 8 and Mike George was appointed to Area 4; the minutes will be modified to reflect that the link to the photos referenced during Public Comment is on the website; and on the top of page 5, the missing name is Jere Cordell, who is the TCC’s representative to the Rock Quarry meetings; and on the list of committees, Mike George will be added to CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team) – the additional “team” will be removed from the minutes.

Non-agenda Public Comment: (see above)

Trailed to the November 2014 meeting: A representative from San Diego Public Utilities will give a presentation on water conservation in San Diego. This is an information item only.

Action Item 5: Tierrasanta Blvd Speed Increase: The city of San Diego has studied the eastbound segment of Tierrasanta Blvd between La Cuenta Dr and Rueda Dr, and its results states the speed limit should be increased from 40 mph to 45 mph. **It was moved by Thesing, seconded by George with a unanimous vote by all present to oppose increasing the speed limit to 45 mph between La Cuenta Dr. and Rueda Dr.**

Supporting Material: http://www.tierrasantacc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/sharpcopier@sandiego.gov_20140814_173209.pdf

There was a motion by Schultz, seconded by George and approved unanimously with all present to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to 8:40 pm.

Item A Convene Joint meeting of Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group

Action Item B: President DeCesare reported that Mike Quinn has resigned from the Tierrasanta Community Council. No one volunteered to serve, so filling the vacancy will be placed on the November 2014 agenda.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm on a motion by Spehn, seconded by Alexander and approved unanimously. The last 2014 meeting is November 19, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

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