

Tierrasanta Community Council

Draft Minutes for the Agendas for Wednesday, January 21, 2015

The meeting was convened by Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group President Justin DeCesare at 6:30 pm with Vice Chair Rich Thesing, and Area Directors Jennifer Schultz, Scott Hasson, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Loren Vinson, John Farmer, Bonnie Alexander and Rik Hauptfeld constituting a quorum being present; Treasurer Russ May and Secretary Deanna Spehn arrived at 6:35 pm; Anthony Ferebee arrived at 6:40 pm; Mike George arrived at 7:08 pm and Tom “TK” Keliinoi arrived at 8:02 pm during the Climate Action Plan presentation. Absent: Christy Patnoe and William Earl Turner; Vacant – Area 8 Director.

Fire Station 39: Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon has a new fire engine; the firefighters thanked the community for donating funds for a Tierrasanta banner for the back of the engine. The new fire station across the street from Qualcomm stadium should be operational by July 1st, which will reduce the pressure on Fire Station 39 to respond to a majority of the freeway accidents and serving as the backup unit for adjoining communities.

Police Department: There has been a lot of car burglary activity in Murphy Canyon over the previous few months, so SDPD and the housing administration organized Neighborhood Watch groups and the number has dropped significantly. Crime has been pretty quiet recently in Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon. There were 64 crimes in November; in the last 30 days or so there have only been 26.

Congressmember Scott Peters: Jason Bercovitch reported that Congress is back in session, with Congressman Peters working on veterans issues, making sure that federal wildfire services are prepared for the wildfires in southern California, and working closely with the local high tech/biotech community on potential grant funding for research.

State Senator Marty Block: Katelyn Hailey reported that Senator Block is co-sponsoring a Cash for College event February 7th at Serra High. Implementation of the Senator’s bill allowing certain community colleges to offer Bachelor of Arts degrees in specific subjects is proceeding. The two San Diego area schools offering programs are Mesa College in Kearny Mesa and Mira Costa Community College in Encinitas.

Assemblymember Brian Maienschein: Rob Knudsen reported that Assemblymember Maienschein is finalizing his bill package for the two-year legislative session that starts this month and runs through August 2016. The Assemblymember was appointed to be Chair of the Assembly Local Government Committee by Speaker Toni Atkins. One of his bills for this year will dedicate a section of I-15 north of Mercy Road as the Tony Gwynn Memorial Highway.

Councilmember Scott Sherman: Sheldon Zemen reported that Councilman Sherman and the City Council are working on their budget recommendations for FY 2016 that begins July 1st. Hearings will be held throughout the city, including in District 7 prior to the City Council adopting its final budget in June.

MCAS Miramar: Colonel Farmer, Commanding Officer of MCAS Miramar, provided a general overview of activities at the base. Field carrier landing practice continues with pilots having to maintain their qualification to land on aircraft carriers by completing a specific number of the practice landings at Miramar, with a required number taking place at night and also during the daytime. A fleet of F-35s have also been on the base over the previous few weeks. Recently there were 202,000 Marines stationed at various locations both in the U.S. and abroad; currently there are approximately 187,000 Marines, with the future number of Marines set to be reduced to 174,000. However, no reductions are planned for MCAS Miramar.

Members of the public present at the meeting who opted to sign in: John Adair, David Akers, Nicole Capretz (Climate Action Campaign), Brian Elliott (Climate Action Campaign), Bob Lang, Dan Lazzaro, Mary Beth Lazzaro, Craig Rose, Daniel Schwall, Jim Schwall, Hani Shatila and Julia A. Tucker.

Item A: Non-agenda Public Comment: Bob Lang expressed his ongoing concern about the deteriorating condition of the decomposed granite trail at the bottom of Shepherd Canyon that was damaged by city truck(s) working on the pipeline in the area, that has not yet been repaired/restored; and the reeds that are in Dishwasher Pond that are overgrown, etc. Although the Open Space Committee and city staff have had extensive discussions on these issues, the environmental restrictions on what can be done in the area has slowed the process.

Item B: Agenda Review / Requests for Continuance / Additions to the Agenda: there were no modifications to the agenda, no requests for continuance and no additions to the agenda.

Item C: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the November 19, 2014 TCC meeting: Area Director Schultz pointed out an error and an omission in the draft minutes for November 19th, therefore no action was taken on the minutes and a revised version will be on the February 18, 2015 agenda.

1. The minutes will be revised to indicate that Schultz was appointed to fill the Area 2 Director position
2. On a motion by Thesing, seconded by Schultz and approved unanimously with Hasson abstaining, the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee will be added to the draft list of TCC committees currently available on the TCC website.

Action Item D: Open Space Committee chair will make a report regarding the FY2016 Open Space budget. The Tierrasanta Open Space Committee met January 20, 2015 and voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the January 5, 2015 Final Draft proposed budget for the Tierrasanta Maintenance Assessment District, and Committee Chair Deanna Spehn reported on the action by the committee at the meeting. A lengthy discussion then ensued on what the role is of the planning group and/or community council in reviewing and making a recommendation on the budget since traditionally that role had been delegated to the Open Space Committee. There was general consensus that when and where the proposed budget should be considered each year prior to the San Diego City Council taking action on the budget is a matter to be addressed in the pending update to the Bylaws for both the planning group and the corporate body of the TCC. It was moved by Hasson, seconded by Schultz and approved on a 9 to 4 vote with DeCesare, Farmer, Ferebee, George, Hasson, Hauptfeld, Schultz, Thesing and Vinson voting aye and Alexander, May, Nielsen-Lostritto and Spehn voting nay to delay any action on the proposed budget until the February 18th TCC meeting to give members the opportunity to read the 174 page contract for the Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance District that is in its second of five year term.

Action Item E: Tierrasanta Community Park. TCC Recreation Council liaison Thesing and Sheldon Zemen from City Councilmember Scott Sherman's office provided information about the extensive renovations including improved field lighting and ADA compliance work that will be made to the park which will mandate a long term field closure from approximately July 2015 until early spring 2016, probably a six month closure. The renovations will cost approximately \$700,000.

Action Item G: Tierrasanta resident Bob Lang has expressed interest in the community installing and operating a mass communication sign in Tierrasanta to alert the community about non-emergency matters, expressing concern that the three current ways the community receives information is from the monthly Tierra Times distributed to 10,250+ homes and businesses in Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon; the TCC website that people must opt in to viewing; and the TCC's email list that does not include every home and/or business. Mr. Lang is proposing the installation of an electronic sign somewhere along Santo Road.

Following a discussion it was moved by Schultz, seconded by Hauptfeld and approved on a 11 to 2 vote with Hasson and Spehn opposed and Keliinoi not present yet to form an ad hoc committee with the Executive Committee appointing the Chair, to meet and return with a recommendation(s).

Items H and I: New Business: there being no new business added to the agenda, the Chair adjourned the meeting of the Community Council.

Tierrasanta Planning Group

Item 1: Immediately following the Tierrasanta Community Council meeting, the Chair convened the meeting of the Planning Group.

Action Item 2: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the November 19, 2014 Planning Group

Item 3: Non-agenda Public Comment: none

Action Item 4: Climate Action Plan. Nicole Capretz from the the Climate Action Campaign presented a PowerPoint outlining the draft Climate Action Plan Draft including the potential Community Choice Aggregation regarding how local residents might select their energy provider(s) and proposed actions at the city level to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. According to the draft plan, “The City has identified five bold strategies to reduce GHG emissions to achieve the 2020 and 2035 targets: 1) energy and water efficient buildings; 2) clean and renewable energy; 3) bicycling, walking, transit and land use; 4) zero waste; 5) climate resiliency.” The complete draft plan and related reports as the draft moves through the approval process are available on the City of San Diego website www.sandiego.gov. The draft plan has not been adopted by the San Diego City Council, and is scheduled to be heard in committee and at the full City Council later this year. It was moved by Hauptfeld, seconded by Thesing and approved on a 10 to 4 vote with Anderson, Hasson, Keliinoi and Vinson opposed for the TCC to write a letter in support of the draft Climate Action Plan to the Mayor and City Council.

Action Item 5: The owner of the Tierrasanta Town Center has applied to amend Planned Commercial Development Permit 85-0670 (Process 3) to construct a 20’ high pylon sign located at 10633 Tierrasanta Blvd. Following a brief discussion the matter was referred to the Community Development Committee and a recommendation will be considered by the TCC at a future meeting.

New Business Item 6: With no new business identified, the Chair adjourned this portion of the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Planning Group and Community Council

Item A: The Chair convened the joint meeting of the Tierrasanta Planning Group and Community Council

Action Item B: Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Joint November 19, 2014 Planning Group/Community Council meeting: *see previous action regarding modifications to the draft minutes to be made*

Action Item C: President DeCesare will oversee the appointment process to fill the vacancies for the following Area Directors: Area 8. No eligible candidates volunteered to serve in the At-Large position, so the matter will be trailed to the February 18, 2015 meeting.

Action Item D: TCC Secretary Deanna Spehn reviewed the election process for the annual TCC election, to be held in March 2015, reminding TCC members and the public that a map showing the Areas is printed in the January 22, 2015 issue of the Tierra Times and that 150 word statements of candidacy must be received by the TCC by Wednesday, February 25th. The ballots will be printed in the March 12th Tierra Times.

Item E Adjournment: Having completed the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at approximately 8:45 pm.

Tierrasanta Community Council
Revised Draft Minutes for Wednesday, November 19, 2014
As agreed to by the TCC at its January 21, 2015 meeting
Changes are indicated by italics

The meeting was convened at 6:33 pm by Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group President Justin DeCesare in the Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. A quorum of 11 members was present consisting of President Justin DeCesare, and officers Rich Thesing, Russ May and Deanna Spehn; and Area Directors William Earl Turner, Jennifer Schultz, Mike George, Loren Vinson, Bonnie Alexander, John Farmer and Rik Hauptfeld. Absent were Christy Patnoe, Scott Hasson, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Anthony Ferebee and Tom “TK” Keliinoi. The Commercial Director position is vacant.

Government Representatives:

Police Department: Community Service Officer Adam McElroy reported that in the last month there were 15 arrests and 30 citations issued in the community, 12 burglaries and 2 car prowls. Lt Andrea Brown introduced herself; she has been in Eastern Division for 3 months. The officers reminded the public to be extra alert and to lock your vehicles while shopping during the holiday season.

Fire Department: *CPR training is underway for the public, using just compressions with no mouth-to-mouth. The public is encouraged to learn how to do CPR. [This presentation was made at the meeting between Information Items D and E]*

State Senator Marty Block: Katelyn Hailey reported that Senator Block’s legislation that allows some Community Colleges to apply to offer specific 4-year degrees will be implemented beginning January 1, 2015, and that out of 72 community college districts, 36 have applied to be in the program.

County Supervisor Dave Roberts: Evan Bollinger reported on the County’s Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force that was created in 2008. A report card has been issued on the work done by the Task Force showing that while the overall number of prescription related deaths had increased, prescription drug use by teens had decreased. The County has been reaching out to Fire Safe Councils over best practices re: wildfire prevention, etc. The County is looking at cost impacts due to the passage of Proposition 47 on the November 2014 ballot. Supervisor Dave Roberts has been named Honorary Chairman of the 2015 Police & Fire Olympics to be held in May and June 2015.

Councilmember Scott Sherman: Sheldon Zemen announced that the e-newsletter is available online. The City Council will adopt its new committees in December, and will seat its new Councilmember Chris Cate.

MCAS Miramar: Juan Lias reported that Col. John Farmer would be present at the January 2015 meeting; he will be relinquishing command of the MCAS Miramar in August 2015.

Senator Joel Anderson: Sarah Zeldin invited the community to attend the Senator’s holiday open house on December 10th from 6 to 8 pm at his office.

Item A - Non-Agenda Public Comment: Bob Lang raised the same 3 issues he has focused on for the last several meetings – 1) requesting that the TCC consider a communications strategy to alert residents to issues requiring immediate attention; 2) status of Red Pond/Dishwasher Pond and the reeds that have overgrown the

pond; 3) restoration of the damaged trail in Shepherd Canyon. President DeCesare said he would place the communications matter on the January 2015 TCC agenda.

Item B – Agenda Review / Requests for Continuance: Action Item F – A Report by Concerts in the Park Chair Anthony Ferebee on this year’s series of concerts was removed from the agenda due to the absence of Ferebee.

Item C - Approval of the Draft Minutes for the October 15, 2014 TCC meeting: It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Mike George and approved unanimously 10-0 with Rik Hauptfeld abstaining because he had been absent from that meeting, to approve the draft minutes through Item G as submitted.

Information Item D - Serra High School Principal: Dr. Mays is on a 100-day listening tour as Serra High School’s new Principal. Today is his 26th day. He has been meeting with stakeholders; he spoke with 80 people last week. When he has completed his listening tour, he will compile “The Great Expectations of Serra High School 2015-2018.” He reported that there has been a large increase in the number of Advanced Placement exams being passed by students. Six-week Parent Empowerment Classes are offered. Parents and members of the public are invited to walk and talk with Dr. Mays Monday through Wednesday from 2:30 to 3:30 – meet him on the track in the stadium.

Information Item E – Former TCC member Francis Tepedino shared his opinions on the California budget, bond measures, the high speed rail program and an overview of the state’s unfunded future fiscal obligations.

Information Item F – See agenda review above

Information Item G – (Note: this item was inadvertently left off in the draft minutes that were considered at the January 21, 2015 meeting of the TCC.) Report on open space committee business by chair Deanna Spehn. Spehn outlined the role of the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee that is advisory to the City of San Diego’s Open Space Division of the Park and Recreation Department. The Tierrasanta Maintenance Assessment District is funded through annual assessments on the property tax currently \$71.88 per single family home and two-thirds of that amount for condos and apartments. The proposed assessment for FY 2016 will increase by 2% - the Consumer Price Index – to \$73.32 per single family home. Businesses in Tierrasanta are assessed using a formula based on square footage that is equivalent to a specific number of housing units.

(Note: the following was included on the draft minutes for November 19, 2014 but was put under non-agenda public comment instead of at this point in the meeting) Jennifer Schultz presented her allegations that non-permitted trails were constructed in the open space areas by the Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons, some inappropriate actions were made by city staff, and allegations that the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee violated the Brown Act, the California Environmental Quality Act and other laws. Roberta Froome from Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons stated that the Friends started canyon cleanups in 2003 and had maps and other documents that were used in working with City staff, including the former Tierrasanta Open Space Inspector and the City Trails Staff, to determine which trails in specific canyon areas to restore. Tierrasanta Open Space Committee Chair Deanna Spehn stated that the Committee is not subject to the Brown Act because it is not a committee under the community planning group, which was confirmed by City Open Space Staff Paul Sirois and Chris Zirkle. City staff also confirmed that the City had not been notified by any state or federal agency about violations of any environmental laws within the Tierrasanta community.

Schultz requested that the following motion be adopted: “Form a special ‘ad hoc’ committee as allowed by the TCC Bylaws to further investigate the actions of our Open Space Committee, The City of San Diego Open Space Division, and the Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons. Following investigation this adhoc (sic) committee shall report and make recommendations to the TCC regarding the Open Space Committee, the

Master Trails Plan, and other subjects as warranted.” The motion died from a lack of a second. There was further discussion and Schultz moved the motion a second time; it also died from a lack of a second.

Tierrasanta Planning Group

Revised Draft Minutes for November 19, 2014

Items in italics have been added to this revised version of the Draft Minutes for 11-19-14

The meeting was convened by President DeCesare at 7:44 pm. A quorum of 11 members was present consisting of President Justin DeCesare, and officers Rich Thesing, Russ May and Deanna Spehn; and Area Directors William Earl Turner, Jennifer Schultz, Mike George, Loren Vinson, Bonnie Alexander, John Farmer and Rik Hauptfeld. Absent were Christy Patnoe, Scott Hasson, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Anthony Ferebee and Tom “TK” Keliinoi. The ~~Commercial Director~~ Area 8 position is vacant.

Action Item 2: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the October 15, 2014 Planning Group – It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Farmer and approved unanimously with Hauptfeld abstaining due to his absence at that meeting, to approve Items 1 through 5.

Non-Agenda Public Comment: Tassie Irwin expressed concerns about the buses assembling at a staging area to transport students to and from Elevate Elementary affecting the quality of life in Villa Majorca, and that a complaint had been filed with the City’s Code Enforcement staff.

Information Item 4: Chris Robbins from the San Diego Public Utilities Department made a presentation on water conservation in San Diego. The city is now in a Level 2 Drought Alert with new compliance oriented rules.

New Business Item 5: none

Item 6: Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting of the Planning Group.

Tierrasanta Planning Group and Community Council

Revised Draft Minutes for November 19, 2014

Action Item A: At 8:01 pm, President DeCesare convened a joint meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group.

Action Item B: President DeCesare explained the appointment process to fill the current vacancy on the TCC. No potential candidates were present at the meeting. The matter will be continued until the January 2015 TCC meeting.

Action Item C: Treasurer Russ May provided an overview of the TCC’s financial status, including a substantive written report that is posted on the website at www.tierrasantacc.org

Action Item D: President DeCesare reviewed the election process for the annual TCC election to be held in March 2015. Elections Committee Chairperson Hani Shatila announced that a ballot box would be available at the Tierrasanta Market, in addition to the other sites. Complete instructions for filing to run for a seat on the Tierrasanta Community Council will be printed in the *Tierra Times*.

Action Item E: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.