



Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group
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Draft Minutes for March 18, 2015 meetings of the Tierrasanta Community Council

Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group (aka "Planning Group")

Joint meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and the Tierrasanta Planning Group Annual Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and the Tierrasanta Planning Group

The meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council was convened by President DeCesare at 6:31 pm with Director Alexander leading the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was established consisting of President Justin DeCesare, Vice President Rich Thesing, Treasurer Russ May (6:32 pm), Secretary Deanna Spehn (7:15 pm), and Area Directors Scott Hasson, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Mike George, Anthony Ferebee (6:53 pm), Loren Vinson, Bonnie Alexander, John Farmer and Rik Hauptfeld. Absent TCC Area Directors were William Earl Turner, Christy Patnoe, Jennifer Schultz and Tom "TK" Keliinoi.

Members of the public who signed in at the meeting: Lisa Frederick and Jerry Murdock from Jones Sign; John Adair; Dan and Mary Beth Lazzaro.

Government Representatives present at the meeting provided the following information:

San Diego Police Department: Lt Brown reported that compared to last month, property crimes were down from 19 to 9; arrests were down from 12 to 10; car crashes were down from 7 to 2; traffic citations were up from 21 to 23; violent crimes were up due to domestic violence incidents. On February 24th at 3 am Officer Brian Moore spotted a male pushing a cart of audio visual equipment on Esmeraldas. The person ran, but the perpetrator was apprehended and arrested for 2nd degree burglary. The AV equipment was from Serra High School valued around \$45,000.

Dan McAllister, County of San Diego Treasurer-Tax Collector (TTC) provided a sample property tax bill and handouts on How to Avoid Penalty Charges, and Property Auctions. 984,000 property tax bills were sent out, an increase of 3,000 from last year, which is a positive sign of an improving economy. This is due to small sporadic development of 25-50 homes rather than large developments. Over \$5.1 billion will be collected in taxes and fees. In addition to collecting taxes, the Treasurer-Tax Collector manages \$8.8 billion in funds for public agencies, 42 school districts, SANDAG, Airport Authority, Transit Authority, and other various agencies that issue bonds. San Diego had a 99% collection rate last year. His job is to bill, collect and invest funds until they are needed by the public agencies. He also manages \$10.5 million in trust funds for pensions. He reported the City pension is doing well, the County is making decisions on the management of their pension. Also, the County will be auctioning properties next Tuesday that have not paid property taxes for the last five years. Currently there are 202 delinquent properties, but taxes can be paid until Monday at 4:30. The final number will be around 150 properties for auction.

McAllister has improved communication skills within the department. When he became the TTC, 60% of the calls came into the South Bay office, but no staff spoke Spanish. Now, everyone speaks either Spanish or Tagalog. Diversity is important as groups emerge in San Diego; staff now can

speaking a range of 16 languages. Answering questions is important especially since some countries do not have property tax programs and new residents may not understand the concept.

(Director Ferebee arrived.)

McAllister manages two pools of money. 1) Investment pool of County which must be invested in AAA rated, safe investments. 2) Investment Retirements. It is currently a complex portfolio. He would like to see it simplified.

State Senator Marty Block: Katelyn Hailey passed out the Senator's monthly newsletter. Senator Block has introduced 26 bills this session. SB 332 requires that campus police be mandated to report suspected child abuse situations. SB 352 would simplify the filing of a protective order by a senior citizen.

Mayor Kevin Faulconer: Mr. Zemen reported the Mayor has a new website and is mobile-friendly: <http://www.sandiego.gov/mayor/> On March 11th, the Stadium Advisory Group announced that the proposed site for a new stadium will be at the Qualcomm Stadium site in Mission Valley. The Mayor has pledged to fix 1,000 miles of streets over the next 5 years and will reform how infrastructure improvements are made to complete repairs 20% faster.

Councilmember Scott Sherman: Sheldon Zemen handed out the current newsletter. Councilmember Sherman is holding a series of meetings in various neighborhoods within the District. The State of the Tierrasanta Neighborhood meeting will be on March 24th in the Hex building with registration at 6 pm and the program at 6:30 pm. Zemen provided a handout listing the more than 60 street segments in Tierrasanta that would be slurry sealed between May and September 2015.

Deputy City Attorney: Julio DeGuzman provided information on Community Court, an alternative for handling misdemeanor crimes rather than going to Superior Court. 76-80% opt for Community Court. Participants pay an administrative fee and perform 16 hours of community work and the misdemeanor is dismissed. This is a win-win as it reduces load on Superior Court and our neighborhoods get cleaned up.

Director Hasson reported unsightly graffiti along the trolley lines through Mission Valley. DeGuzman referred Hasson to the Graffiti Team within the SD Police Department.

MCAS Miramar: Juan Lias reported Colonel Farnham will be the Grand Marshal in the Patriot's Day Parade May 16th, and the Marine Band will also march in the parade. Lias is checking on whether the Marine Color Guard will be able to march as well. He also reported activities on the shooting range had to be suspended recently due to two mountain bikers on MCAS Miramar property riding through the live action firing range. This occurs in the area where Mission Trails meets the base. People need to heed the signs and stay off military property and avert a potentially dangerous situation.

Item A. Non-agenda Public Comment: Bob Lang provided a handout and photos of the condition of East Shepherd Canyon Maintenance Path and Dishwasher Pond. He reported that the reeds at Dishwasher Pond have died off. Lang thinks the pond should not be filled anymore and allow the

needs to die. He thinks the Tierrasanta Town Council should formally request that the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department should develop a plan for the recovery of the pond and repairs for the maintenance path.

Item B. Agenda Review / Requests for Continuance / Additions to the Agenda

Director Thesing moved to add an item to the agenda to appoint a Tierrasanta representative to serve on the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee; seconded by Hauptfeld. Motion was passed unanimously 11 to 0.

Director Hasson moved to add an item regarding the Tierrasanta Foundation using the basketball courts on July 11th for a fundraiser; seconded by Thesing; motion passed unanimously 11 to 0.

Item C. Approval of the Draft Minutes for the February 18, 2015 TCC Meeting.

Director Thesing moved to approve the draft minutes with the correction of the date on the draft minutes from February 19 to February 18, 2015. Seconded by Director Hauptfeld. The motion passed unanimously 11 to 0.

Item D. Street Banner Program: Voices of Children

President DeCesare reported that an advocacy group is running a multi-community street banner program to increase awareness of Voices of Children program and is requesting to post banners on street lights in Tierrasanta. Director Nielsen said she would like to see a sample of the banners before giving approval. President DeCesare will ask for sample.

(Deanna Spehn arrived)

Item E. David Akins, San Diego Public Utilities Department.

Mr. Akins presented information and passed out handouts regarding the drought and the city's response to the actions taken by the state. Contact info: DAKins@sandiego.gov. 619-533-4275. San Diego has an extensive water distribution system and 9 lakes for boating and fishing. The City of San Diego enacted a Drought Alert requiring mandatory water use restrictions to be enforced. If members of the public have questions about their water bills they should contact Akins.

Item F. New Business: A) appointment of a Tierrasanta representative to the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee. It was moved by Nielsen-Lostritto, seconded by Hauptfeld and approved unanimously 12 to 0 to reappoint Betty Ogilvie to the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee as the primary representative, and Rich Thesing as the alternate.

B) authorizing the use of the outdoor basketball courts on July 11th for a fundraiser benefiting the Tierrasanta Foundation. The request was made by a letter from Lee Campbell written on behalf of the Tierrasanta Foundation. It was moved by George, seconded by Vinson and approved unanimously 12 to 0 to approve the use of the basketball courts on July 11th by the Tierrasanta Foundation.

Item G. Adjournment of Community Council meeting.

Tierrasanta Planning Group

Action Item 1: The meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group (“Planning Group”) was convened at 7:25 pm and a quorum was established consisting of 11 members: President Justin DeCesare, Vice President Rich Thesing, Treasurer Russ May, Secretary Deanna Spehn, and Area Directors Scott Hasson, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Mike George, Anthony Ferebee (6:53 pm), Loren Vinson, Bonnie Alexander, John Farmer and Rik Hauptfeld. Absent TCC Area Directors were William Earl Turner, Christy Patnoe, Jennifer Schultz and Tom “TK” Keliinoi.

Action Item 2: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the February 18, 2015 Planning Group meeting. Spehn abstained because she was absent for the February meeting.

Action Item 3: Non-Agenda Public Comment: none

Action Item 4: The owner of the Tierrasanta Town Center has applied to amend Planned Commercial Development Permit 85-0670 (Process 3) to construct a 20-foot high pylon sign located at 10633 Tierrasanta Blvd. Jerry Murdock from Jones Sign presented the project to the planning group, pointing out that the new sign will replace the current sign and will expand the number of major tenants who can have their names on the sign. The new sign would be 7 feet difference than the current sign. The TCC’s Community Development Committee recommended unanimously to support the installation of the new sign as proposed. Norma Sanchez, the property manager for the shopping center, said that the individual leases identified which businesses will have their names posted on the sign. There is a 25-foot setback for the sign. Concerns were raised by some members of the community that the 20-foot tall sign would be out of character with the neighborhood. For 40 years the community has had low signs at the shopping centers – now this would be taller than the signs at the other centers. According to Murdock, the city’s sign ordinance says that the sign can be no larger than 150 square feet because it is within 100 feet of a residential area. The height of the sign is also limited to 20 feet instead of 30 feet because of its proximity to homes.

On a motion by Scott Hasson to approve the Tierrasanta Town Center shopping center sign as proposed, seconded by Loren Vinson, the vote was 9 to 3 with Alexander, DeCesare, Ferebee, George, Hasson, May, Spehn, Thesing and Vinson in support and Farmer, Hauptfeld and Nielsen-Lostritto opposed.

Action Item 5: Verizon Wireless has requested to upgrade the existing façade to mounted antennas located at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. According to the project applicant, the modification would move the antennas on the roof behind a parapet and would expand the number of phone calls and data that could be handled at the site. The original installation took place in 2011. This would be a significant upgrade to the service level. It was moved by Hauptfeld, seconded by Alexander and approved unanimously 12 to 0 to support the modifications as presented, with the suggestion by George that in the future the TCC request that an applicant share a proposed change to the immediate neighbors so that the TCC members would know of any concerns regarding a proposed change.

Time Certain: 8 pm. President DeCesare suspended the meeting of the Planning Group and convened a joint meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Committee at 8 pm to certify the results of the 2015 election, as reported by

Dr. Hani Shatila, Election Committee Chair. Congratulations to Vice President Rich Thesing, Treasurer Russ May, and Directors Dan Lazzaro (Area 3) and John Adair (Area 5). On a motion by Thesing, seconded by Farmer and approved unanimously 12 to 0, the election results were certified and the Area Directorships for Areas 2 and 4 were declared to be at-large positions, to be filled at the April 15, 2015 meeting should qualified candidates step forward.

President De Cesare reconvened the meeting of the planning group for **Action Item 6:** The San Diego Housing Commission is seeking public comment on its affordable housing fund annual plan for FY2016. Tina Kessler presented information about the programs offered and provided a handout. Public comments are due by April 7th. There is a shortage of 30,000 housing units in the city to meet the city's housing requirements in the coming years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.