

**Draft Minutes for Joint Meeting of Tierrasanta Community Council
& Planning Group
Wednesday, April 15, 2015**

The meeting was convened at 6:34 pm by Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group Vice President Rich Thesing. A quorum was established consisting of Officers Rich Thesing, Russ May and Deanna Spehn; and Area Directors John Adair, Bonnie Alexander, Mike George, Scott Hasson, Dan Lazzaro, Jennifer Schultz and Loren Vinson; Tom "TK" Keliinoi arrived at 7:11 pm. Absent were Justin DeCesare, John Farmer, Rik Hauptfeld and William Earl Turner. Vacancies exist for Areas 2, 4 and 8.

Reports by government representatives

San Diego Police Department: Lt. Brown announced that there are 5 new Sergeants in Eastern Area and a new Lieutenant. Academy graduates are expected to fill vacant positions beginning in June after their training ends. One officer recently retired in the Division, and one was hired by another jurisdiction. Community Service Officer Adam McElroy reported that crime statistics for the Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon community indicate that there currently are no crime series underway.

San Diego Fire Department: The Battalion 4 Chief reported that the new fire station under construction across the street from Qualcomm Stadium will open in July. A new fire station in Skyline will open in May, and one on Home Avenue is also under construction. 9-1-1 pamphlets were distributed. The public was reminded about the importance of maintaining defensible space around homes. Information on how to establish defensible space for your home is available on the city's website at www.sandiego.gov and residents can call 619-533-4400 to get permission to do weed abatement on city property behind homes.

City Councilmember Scott Sherman reported that speed warning signs have been installed on Antigua Blvd. in proximity to Vista Grande Elementary School where for 3 years there have been reports of chronic speeding problems. He also announced that the Geddes family has made a donation of \$50,000 to \$100,000 towards the expansion of the Tierrasanta Library with \$450,000 in DIF Fees to be used to add 520 square feet including an outdoor patio. The upgrade to the field lights for Tierrasanta Community Park will go out for bids in late May/early June. At the April 15th Budget Committee meeting of the San Diego City Council, concerns were raised about the proposed fee schedule for 2015-2016; some of the city fees went down and some increased by 300 to 400 percent. The fee schedule was referred to the full City Council for a vote. TCC members and members of the public raised general questions about calls by the Governor to increase water conservation efforts, complying with stormwater runoff requirements, the likelihood and costs involved in a potential new football stadium, and how the city proposes to dispose of nonnative plants in water bodies.

Congressman Scott Peters: Jason Bercovitch reported that the Congressman is working on a student loan bill, recently escorted the Labor Secretary on a tour of facilities for homeless veterans, and spoke on a panel regarding cyber security. He has been named the Senior Whip for the minority party.

Assemblymember Brian Maienschein: Rob Knudsen described two of the Assemblymember's bills this session, AB 1280 that would establish a statewide sales tax holiday for small businesses on the first Saturday following Thanksgiving; and AB 1500 that would exempt Homeless Complex Projects from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). He is also carrying legislation to designate a section of I-15 in honor of Tony Gwynn.

Mayor Kevin Faulconer: Sheldon Zemen reported that the Mayor and Council are moving ahead on street repairs.

MCAS Miramar: Juan Lias reminded the public that the annual Air Show will take place in October; prescribed burns will begin on the base to reduce fire danger.

Item A - Non-agenda Public Comment: 1) Bob Lang provided an update on the reeds at Dishwasher Pond. 2) Bob Freund from the Carmel Valley planning group reported on efforts to rescind the City Council's approval of the One Paseo project. 3) Tyler Sher, representing the One Paseo project, provided background and a description of the project and how it went through the planning group over a multi-year process.

Item B – Agenda Review / Requests for Continuance / Additions to the Agenda: None

Item C – Approval of the Draft Minutes for the February 18, 2015 TCC meeting: It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Keliinoi and approved on a 9 to 0 vote with Adair and Lazzaro abstaining because this is their first meeting as TCC members.

Item D – Approval of the Draft Minutes for the March 18, 2015 Community Council, Planning Group and Joint Meeting – It was moved by George, seconded by Spehn and approved 7 to 0 with Anderson and Schultz abstaining due to absence and Adair and Lazzaro abstaining because the April 2015 meeting is their first as current members of the TCC.

Item E: Finance Report – Treasurer Russ May presented the quarterly TCC financial update. Due to his leadership, \$8000 in increased earnings was added to the fund over 2 years. Hasson commended May for his investment decisions. May stated that there is no guarantee of return should the market take another major dip. Hasson raised the issue of whether the TCC has specific goals and objectives for how to spend the funds. There was a lengthy discussion on the process by which the TCC should take to develop core values and a decision process on what to do with the almost \$60,000 in its accounts. The total value of all accounts under the control of the TCC as of March 31, 2015 is \$59,146.01.

It was moved by Hasson, seconded by Alexander and approved 9 to 2 with Lazzaro and May opposed to add an agenda item to tonight's meeting regarding developing goals and objectives for the TCC and potential use of the funds.

Item F: Ascension Catholic Parish requested that the MCRD Marine Corps Band play at their annual church festival and informed the TCC that the Marine Corps has requested community approval to play at the church event in Tierrasanta. Ray Labron from Ascension Parish requested that the TCC

sponsor a Military Appreciation Day on Saturday, June 6th as part of the annual Ascension Parish Fiesta that would include giving every member of the military attending the Fiesta 2 hot dogs and 2 sodas. Ascension has invited the MCRD Marine Corps Band to perform on June 6th but due to concerns about separation of church and state, the church cannot be the sponsor for the band's performance. Following lengthy discussion and strong concerns raised by Area Director George on the separation of church and state issues, it was moved by Hasson, seconded by Keliinoi and approved 9 to 0 with Lazzaro opposed and George abstaining because while he is not against the TCC sponsoring the Military Appreciation Day he is not convinced to vote yes.

It was noted that it was 8:20 pm and the meeting had been set to adjourn at 8 pm. It was moved by George, seconded by Hasson and approved 8 to 0 with May and Spehn opposed and Keliinoi abstaining to continue the meeting to 8:50 pm.

Item G: Appointment(s) to fill existing vacancies on the TCC – No volunteers offered to serve.

Item H: New business item – Setting goals and objectives for the TCC. It was moved by Hasson, seconded by Keliinoi and approved on a unanimous vote 10 to 1 with May opposed that the TCC develop a process by which its goals and objectives for 2015-2016 be developed and adopted, including the potential expenditure of funds; and that a new committee/subcommittee be added to the list of committees/subcommittees proposed for 2015-2016 that will be on the May 2015 agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.