

Draft Meeting Notes for Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group sitting as a Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 • Tierrasanta Recreation Center

The meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council sitting as a Committee of the Whole as the Bylaws Committee was convened by Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group President Justin DeCesare at 7:05 pm in the Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mea Blvd. A quorum was established consisting of Justin DeCesare, Scott Hasson, Rik Hauptfeld, Tom "TK" Keliinoi, Russ May, Jennifer Schultz, Deanna Spehn, Rich Thesing and Loren Vinson.

Over the next approximately 90 minutes, there was general consensus on the following as the groundwork for the discussion set to take place at the June 17th TCC meeting as the Council reviews the draft changes to the planning group's bylaws to be in compliance with the City of San Diego's new Council Policy 600-24 Bylaws Model.

In working to draft a Mission Statement, the following priorities were raised:

- protect our way of life in Tierrasanta
- identify needs in the community
- increase engagement by local residents in local issues
- our current system is dysfunctional
- until an issue arises there is virtually no involvement by the local residents in the TCC
- no one knows who we are
- we should be actively engaging the community in our discussions and events so they know who the TCC is and what we do
- we should become more hawkish on preserving our open space and village-like community and culture
- the work of the TCC should become more relevant and engaging across the spectrum of the community
- we must preserve our assets and engage the community in conversations about local issues facing us now and in the future
- it is nice that we have a village-type community and we need to understand that typically unless someone's way of life is being threatened it is hard to engage the community in local issues
- people generally only get involved when the things they personally value are threatened
- we should develop and publish each January an annual calendar of events
- we should buy a big banner and display it at all the events the TCC sponsors or co-sponsors
- we should re-visit the TCC's committee structure
- we need to identify what the community wide issues are
- we should convene meetings where all the local organizations are present and engage in community-wide discussions of issues
- we should consider making all our positions on the TCC at-large positions and no longer have Area Directors representing specific neighborhoods
- someone needs to take on the responsibility of updating the Constant Comment program
- we should consider reducing the number of meetings per year

- we should consider revising how government representatives present their information to the TCC and how frequently
- we should consider sponsoring a festival with booths featuring all the different organizations in the community and the programs/services they offer so people can get more involved locally
- we should look at meeting perhaps six times per year, with all at-large representatives plus officers, and redetermine how many total representatives we should have. We are a built out community with fewer than half a dozen individual lots potentially available to build on if done on irregularly shaped lots with lots of vertical drop
- are we going to have an electronic sign advertising community activities or not? Can the TCC meetings at least be noticed on the Serra High School sign?
- what is the best way to get the “focused engagement of the community’s residents” on what is happening in Tierrasanta and getting more involved in the planning group and town council?
- what events do we want to sponsor each year?
- do we want to distribute some of the money we have accumulated over the years and if so, where and how?
- as part of the bylaws discussion we should take a hard look at the committee structure: can the TCC sit as a Committee of the Whole as the Community Development Committee with a provision for community members as well? The CDC only meets when a project is referred to the planning group by the City of San Diego – a couple of times a year on average.
- how do we want to deal with the Recreation Council and the Open Space Committee? The Elections Committee – how restructure so get more people involved in running/voting?
- we want to be a council that people know to come to us when there is a problem – and not one that is meddling in people’s lives
- problem of encroachment in open space by local residents who have built structures in the city owned open space, or planted trees and non-native plants in the open space, etc.
- do we want a youth representative from Serra High School like the TCC had for years ?
- do we want a PTA representative from the 8 local public schools like the TCC had for years?
- do we want a representative from Murphy Canyon military housing like the TCC had for years?
- how do we get La Mirage apartments involved in the TCC?
- we need to look at appointments to outside groups: add to that? Modify that list?