

Joint Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group Meeting

Draft Minutes for Wednesday, May 20, 2015 Meeting
Tierrasanta Recreation Center • 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

The meeting was convened at 6:32 pm by President DeCesare. A quorum was established consisting of President Justin DeCesare, Vice President Rich Thesing, Treasurer Russ May, Secretary Deanna Spehn, and Area 2 Director Jennifer Schultz, Area 3 Directors Dan Lazzaro and Scott Hasson; Area 5 Director John Adair arrived at 6:42 pm, and Area 7 Directors John Farmer and Rik Hauptfeld. Absent were William Turner, Mike George, Loren Vinson, Bonnie Alexander and Tom Keliinoi. There are 3 current vacancies on the TCC: Area 2, Area 4 and Area 8 – all have been converted to at large positions.

Reports by Government Representatives

Police Department: Adam McElroy, Community Service Officer – There has been a slight rise in home burglaries in the past month.

Congressman Scott Peters: Jason Bercovitch reported that the Secretary of the Veterans Administration was in town recently touring sites including the Zero800 program, and attended Memorial Day Services.

State Senator Marty Block: Katelyn Hailey provided an update on Senator Block's legislation including hearings the Senator has led as Chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Education.

County Supervisor Dave Roberts: Evan Bollinger reported that the Supervisors are discussing the drought, fire preparedness and mental health services in their Board meetings

Scott Sherman: Sheldon Zemen confirmed that the lighting replacement project set for July through April on the main playing field in Tierrasanta Community Park is out for bid. Requests were made for a report at the June meeting on the status of the speed control light funded for the east end of Tierrasanta Blvd. between Rueda and Tambor.

MCAS Miramar: Juan Lias reported that a series of controlled burns will be conducted on the Marine base in the next few weeks.

Planning Department: The City Planner assigned to Tierrasanta reported on progress underway by the city in updating some community plans. A request was made by Hasson on the status of the tall wall on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. that had been deemed by the city to be out of compliance with local zoning.

Item A: Non-agenda Public Comment: 1) Susan Deininger commented on a lack of community meeting rooms where 150 or so people could meet in Tierrasanta, and suggested that the TCC consider how the Hex Building in Tierrasanta Community Park is being used. She reminded the TCC that for 3 years the TCC had the loan of a storefront in the shopping center that was staffed by Tierrasanta Village. Now Tierrasanta Village has to rent space at the Villa Monterey Clubhouse in order to meet the needs of its members. 2) Bob Lang provided his monthly report on the status of Dishwasher Pond – the reeds continue to grow, crowding out birds and other wildlife. Lang praised new Tierrasanta Open Space Inspector Bob Smith and Treebeard Landscape for significant improvements to the trail that had suffered from the recent heavy rains and offroad activity; 3) Dick Rees expressed concern about who will chair the Tierrasanta Concerts in the Park Committee now that Anthony Ferebee has rotated off the TCC and has indicated he is not interested in Chairing after this year.

Item B: Agenda Review: It was moved by Schultz, seconded by Farmer and approved unanimously 10-0 to approve the agenda as submitted.

Item C: It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Schultz and approved 8 to 0 with DeCesare and Farmer abstaining because they were absent from the meeting, to approve the Draft Minutes for the April 15th, 2015 joint TCC and Planning Group as submitted with the addition of the following members of the public who voluntarily signed in that they attended that meeting to be added: Bob Lang, Ray Lebron, Mike Ogilvie and Heather Santana.

Information Item 1: Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) members Diane Klein and Dennis Brown explained how the RSVP program operates and invited those present to apply for the one-week academy that is coming up August 2-8. The number of RSVP volunteers serving in the community is declining.

Action Item 2: Tierrasanta Town Center Sign. The City of San Diego has requested that the TCC members who voted against the proposed sign at the entry to Tierrasanta Town Center during the March TCC meeting explain why they oppose the project. The reasons provided by those who voted in opposition included: 1) inconsistent with the character of the community; too tall; bringing a “Mira Mesa look” to Tierrasanta; the sign company should update its design from the 1970s to the 2010s; the new sign will add significant costs to local small businesses in the center. President DeCesare will report the reasons back to the City.

Action Item 3: Sycamore Landfill/ Mission Gorge. American Tower is seeking a re-entitlement of its expired permits for the reconstruction of an existing multi-carrier antenna facility at 8510 Mast Boulevard at State Route 52 from a steel monopole to a lattice tower antenna support. Following a presentation on the new design and discussion among TCC members and the public, it was moved by Thesing, seconded by Hasson and approved on a unanimous 10-0 vote to approve the plans as presented to the TCC by John Bitterly. The Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee approved the plans two weeks prior to the TCC action.

Information Item 4: Tierrasanta Pump Station/317092. A proposed 14 million gallon per day pump station to be located at 4701 Seda Drive was voted on and approved unanimously by the TCC on February 20, 2013. The scheduled construction start time has been delayed to December 2015. This is an information item only. There are no changes in the project.

Information Item 5: Scenic Highway Designation SR-52. Melissa Garcia, Senior Planner for the City of San Diego, provided an overview of the actions taken to date on designating a section of State Route 52 from Santo Road to Mast Blvd. and remaining to designate SR-52 a Scenic Highway per the California State Guidelines in accordance with City Council resolution R-286326. CalTrans has found the application submitted by the City of San Diego to be acceptable. Several TCC members were concerned about whether enough safeguards were in place to keep the land uses in that stretch along the freeway consistent with the Scenic Highway designation, and were assured by Garcia that the protections were adequate for the purpose.

Action Item 6: Committees. As per TCC Bylaws, committee membership is approved annually at the May TCC meeting. The list of current committees and members was circulated and will be considered, with additions and deletions, at the June 17th meeting. An effort will be made to contact current members who were not present at the May TCC meeting to see if they were still interested in serving. Hani Shatila has agreed to stay on as Chair of the Election Committee. The TCC has already converted the Tierrasanta Bylaws Committee to a Committee of the Whole plus interested members of the Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon community who would like to participate. A draft version of the

changes required by the City of San Diego for the planning committee's bylaws will be discussed at the June 17th meeting. A new committee – the *ad hoc* TCC Vision and Planning Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole prior to the June 17th meeting to begin the process of drafting a vision statement and short and long term goals to implement the vision, with the goal of adopting a Vision Statement and specific goals at the September TCC meeting. It was also announced that Anthony Ferebee will continue to serve as Chair of the Concerts in the Park Committee for this season, but is not available to serve next year. The draft list should also add the new Communications Committee that is just getting started, and Rich Thesing's name must be added as the Alternate to the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee, consistent with the vote taken by the TCC to appoint him to that position.

Action Item 7: Appointments to fill the vacancies for Area 2, 4 and 8 Directors positions that have been converted to At-Large positions. No volunteers stepped forward so the matter will be heard at the June 17th meeting.

Item 8: As there was no New Business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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Commercial Director – Tom “TK” Keliinoi;
Vacancies for Directors in Areas 2, 4 & 8 – all of which have been converted to At-Large positions
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