

Tierrasanta JOINT Community Council & Planning Group Meeting

Draft Minutes for Wednesday, July 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Tierrasanta Community Council President Justin DeCesare at 6:33. A quorum was established consisting of ten members DeCesare, Rich Thesing, Russ May, Deanna Spehn, Jennifer Schultz, Scott Hasson, John Adair, Loren Vinson, Rik Hauptfeld (arrived 7:05 pm 11 members), Bonnie Anderson and John Farmer. At 6:52 pm Tom Keliinoi arrived (12 members). Absent were William Turner, Dan Lazzaro and Mike George. Dawn Neilson-Lostritto was unanimously appointed to the At-Large Area 4 Director seat during the meeting (13 members).

Police Department: Lt. Brown and Community Service Officer Adam McElroy reported that the number of property crimes dropped from 28 the previous month to 19 this month. Car prowls went from 11 to 7. The Department is setting up a Captain's Advisory Committee and Justin DeCesare will represent Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon on the committee that will meet every other month. The committee consists of one representative from each Eastern Area planning group. August 4th is a National Night Out crime prevention activity. John Adair raised the issue of "illegals" shooting members of the public such as death of a young woman in San Francisco and Scott Hasson raised the issue of sanctuary cities.

Fire Department: Concerns were expressed by several in the room about how the use of drones at a fire scene can impair the ability of firefighters to respond to active fires. John Fisher reported that earlier that day there had been a small fire on the USS Midway that is permanently docked at the Embarcadero downtown and that one-third of the entire department was on the scene, dealing with the fire and clean-up. He reminded everyone that the vegetation in the community is tinder dry and if you are going to do any work with power tools, etc., to do it early in the morning and to be careful about sparks.

Congressman Scott Peters: Jason Bercovitch reported on Congressman Peters' efforts to protect federal firefighters by ensuring that they have adequate year-round funding for the services they provide.

Assemblymember Brian Maienschein: Rob Knudsen provided an overview on the legislation the Assemblymember is carrying this session, including a bill to name a section of I-15 after longtime Padre and Poway resident Tony Gwynn. Knudsen introduced Karl Maligat who has joined the office as an Office Assistant.

County Supervisor Dave Roberts: Evan Bollinger reported that there has been a spike in the number of West Nile Virus cases with 50 dead birds in first 6 months of the year; last year there were only 41 dead birds total for the year.

Mayor Kevin Faulconer: DeCesare read an email from the Mayor's office about the Zero Waste Plan adopted by the City and that 1000 miles of roads will be repaired over the next 5 years. The Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Chargers stadium is underway and will be released in time for noticing for a potential January ballot measure.

City Councilmember Scott Sherman: Sheldon Zemen reported that the contractor who will work on the park improvements has been selected: Alvand Construction. Zemen distributed a chart entitled "Tierrasanta Funds – Master List FY2015 (June 30, 2015)," as requested by Spehn at a previous TCC meeting (see attached).

MCAS Miramar: Juan Lias reported that controlled burns would be held in the eastern area of the base during the summer on specific days.

Time Certain 6:45 pm Col. Farnum is retiring and the Change of Command will take place at MCAS Miramar on August 28th. The TCC thanked the Colonel for his many years of service and members were glad to hear that he and his family would be remaining in the San Diego area.

Item A: Non-Agenda Public Comment – Bob Lang reminded members that it has been a year since he has provided regular updates on the status of the reeds at Dishwasher Pond and the maintenance road maintained by the Water Utilities Department at the bottom of Shepherd Canyon. Tonight he pointed out that if El Nino is as strong as predicted that the debris dams at the bottom of the canyon need to be dealt with.

Item B: Agenda Review – no changes

Item C: Approval of the Draft Minutes for June 17, 2015 Joint TCC and Planning Group meeting – It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Farmer and approved as submitted on a 9 to 0 vote to approve the draft minutes as submitted with Keliinoi, Hauptfeld and Vinson abstaining because they had been absent from that meeting.

Information Item 1: Joellen Jacoby from the Water Utilities Department of the City of San Diego gave a presentation about water conservation techniques and the city's plans for the Pure Water Program.

Action Item 2: Traffic Calming Signs. Scott Hasson reported that he called Intracorp, the developer of the housing project at the east end of Tierrasanta Blvd. and provided Intracorp with the minutes from the 2010 Tierrasanta Community Council meeting where the developer agreed to pay to install one traffic calming speed sign in the vicinity of Tambor Road and Rued Drive on Tierrasanta Blvd. heading east. Those funds will be transmitted to the city.

Information Item 3: Vision and Planning Committee Update: There was no additional information to share at this point beyond what was discussed at the May 2015 meeting.

Information Item 4: Bylaws Updates. TCC members and the public continued their discussion on potential changes to the bylaws and will continue their work at the September meeting.

At approximately 8:30 pm, it was moved by Hasson, seconded by Thesing and approved on a 12 to 0 vote to extend the length of the meeting by 15 minutes.

Action Item 5: President DeCesare asked if anyone was interested in being appointed to one of the three vacancies on the planning group. Former TCC member Dawn Neilsen-Lostritto offered to serve in the Area 4 Director position. It was moved by Russ May, seconded by Loren Vinson and approved on a unanimous vote 12-0 to appoint Dawn to the Area 4 position.

Action Item 6: There was no new business added to the agenda. Hasson commented that there are problems with the public being able to easily manipulate through the TCC's website.

Item 7 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.