

**Draft minutes for the Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group**  
for Wednesday, October 21, 2015  
Tierrasanta Recreation Center • 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

The meeting was convened at 6:32 pm by President Justin DeCesare and a quorum was established consisting of President Justin DeCesare, Vice President Rich Thesing, Treasurer Russ May, Secretary Deanna Spehn and Area Directors William Turner, Jennifer Schultz, Dan Lazzaro, Scott Hanson, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, John Adair, Bonnie Alexander and John Farmer (12 members). Mike George (13 members) arrived at 6:48 pm.

San Diego Police Department: Community Service Officer Adam McElroy who has been assigned to the Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon community for many years announced that a second CSO has been added to the Eastern Division of the Police Department, and that now Tom Bostedt [tbostedt@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:tbostedt@pd.sandiego.gov) who has many years experience in the Eastern Division will now be the new liaison for the department with the community. CSO McElroy was thanked by the TCC members for his many years of service to the community. Crime continues to be at a very low level within the community, although largely due to residents leaving sliding glass doors and windows open because of the heat, there have been residential burglaries. Therefore violent crimes are down significantly but property crimes are up.

Jason Bercovitch from the office of Congressman Scott Peters reported that Peters had invited the Secretary of HUD and the Secretary of the Interior for separate meetings in San Diego to discuss affordable housing issues and wildfires and natural resources. Peters traveled to San Diego with President Obama. The Interior Secretary took a helicopter tour of the region focusing on fire issues and funding for the US Forest Service that is the federal agency responsible for fighting wildland fires on federal property.

State Senator Marty Block reported on the legislative year that just ended and what is being discussed as potential legislation for the new session that begins in January. He discussed his long years of working as an educator at San Diego State University and on the County Board of Education and College Board, and that half the state budget goes to education. Block described the many constituent services available through his office, and discussed legislation that was approved this past year and what will likely be coming up when the new session begins.

San Diego City Councilmember Scott Sherman reported that a series of capital improvements are scheduled for Tierrasanta including \$1.2 million for a new room and HVAC for the Tierrasanta Recreation Center and funds to improve the Hex Building in Tierrasanta Community Park to address ADA issues. He reported on the City Council and its emphasis on tackling infrastructure issues. Work is underway on repairing potholes in the city in a plan to repair 1000 miles of city streets. His Tierrasanta representative Sheldon Zemen will provide the TCC with an interactive map that shows which Tierrasanta streets will be repaired for posting on the TCC website.

Evan Bollinger from County Supervisor Dave Roberts' office announced that Vet Connect is now available at County libraries as part of the Live Well program offered by the County, with a wide range of services. The County is reminding residents that now is the season for preparing for wildfires and the Santa Ana winds.

Battalion Chief John Fisher reported that the new fire station across from Qualcomm Stadium will open October 28<sup>th</sup> with a ladder truck. This year the Fire Department has responded to 139,000 events versus approximately 100,000 ten years ago.

Julio DeGuzman, Director of Community and Government Relations for the Office of City Attorney reported that the department's Community Court program has been very successful, providing people who have committed misdemeanors to work off their violations with 16 hours of community clean-up. Between December 2014 and June 2015 66% of those in the program have not had repeat violations; that number rose to 70% with the July statistics.

Tara Lieberman, the Community Planner assigned to Tierrasanta by the City of San Diego, reported that the City's new Planning Director Jeff Murphy is visiting planning groups.

President DeCesare announced that the new Commanding Officer for MCAS Miramar will be attending the November meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council.

**Item A - Non-agenda Public Comment:** Bob Lang reported on the status of the reeds in Dishwasher Pond and his ongoing concerns about the damage to the maintenance road at the bottom of Shepherd Canyon that needs to be repaired. The City's Public Utilities Department is responsible for the maintenance of that road, which covers a 60" pipeline through the canyon. Lang requested that this matter be placed on the agenda for November to encourage the Department to make the repairs.

**Item B – Agenda Review:** It was moved by Hasson, seconded by Schultz and approved unanimously 13-0 to add the matter to tonight's agenda for discussion and potential action and to place the condition of the jogging trail on the November agenda.

**Approval of the Minutes:** It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Alexander and voted unanimously 10-0 with Farmer, Lazarro and Schultz abstaining due to their absence from that meeting, to approve the draft minutes for the September TCC meeting as submitted.

**Action Item 1: Finance Report.** Treasurer Russ May presented the quarterly TCC Financial Update. Tonight's Action is to hear the report and take action as required. The report is attached to these minutes. The budget for 2016 will be presented and voted on at the January TCC meeting. It was moved by Lazarro and seconded by George to approve the report by the Treasurer as submitted with a 13-0 vote in favor.

**Action Item 2: Speed Signs:** District 7 City Council Office Representative Sheldon Zemen presented information regarding proposed new electronic signs in Tierrasanta to help reduce speed on local roads on Santo between Orleck and Snook; on Gabacho between Montego and La Cuenta; on Viacha near Catamarca in both directions. The signs cost \$8000 each. The locations were selected based on initial phone calls to the City Council office by residents complaining of speeding on those streets. Hasson moved and Thesing seconded to approve the sites; there was discussion and the motion was withdrawn – the matter will be placed on the November agenda as an action item and Zemen will provide the traffic analyses justifying the locations for the proposed signs.

**Action Item 3: Water Rate Increase:** Seth Gates, Deputy Director of Finance and Information Technology for the Public Utilities Department presented the proposal that will be before the San

Diego City Council for a vote on November 17th regarding proposed water rate increases. The proposed rate increases would fund extensive repairs to the aging pipelines and water infrastructure in conjunction with state grants and a state loan program with 1.5% interest rate. The increases would also fund the Pure Water program that would convert sewage to potable water, providing a long term strategy for increasing the water supply for the city well into the future. By 2035 Pure Water would provide one-third of the water supply for the city. Two comprehensive reviews are built into the proposed program. The water recycling project would fund new facilities in the south bay and near Lindbergh Field. The San Diego region imports 85 to 90 percent of its water currently. It was moved by Hasson, seconded by Thesing to recommend to Councilmember Sherman that he opposed the water rate increase. The vote was 4 in favor (Alexander, Hasson, Schultz and Thesing) and 8 opposed (DeCesare, May, Spehn, Lazarro, Nielsen-Lostritto, Turner, George and Farmer).

**Information Item 4:** Bylaws Vote. The final draft of the Council Policy 600-24 compliant bylaws will be voted upon at the November meeting. There was no discussion of the draft bylaws at this meeting.

**Action Item 5:** It was moved by Spehn, seconded by Lazarro and approved unanimously 13-0 to appoint Christina Decker to the vacant Area 2 position on the TCC.

**New Business Item 6:** The TCC voted at the meeting to add the condition of the Public Utilities Department decomposed granite road at the bottom of Shepherd Canyon to the agenda. Bob Lang repeated his concerns and requested that the TCC vote to formally request that City Councilmember Sherman request that the Public Utilities Department accelerate its effort to restore the path to a safe and passable condition for use by the walking/jogging public. Tierrasanta Open Space Chair Deanna Spehn reported that the Public Utilities Department had already informed Tierrasanta Open Space Inspector Bob Smith that a meeting on site has already been scheduled with Smith and Zemen from the Council office.

Spehn requested that the issue of the proposed sale of the Haggans grocery store be placed on the agenda as an urgent information matter stating that she has received emails to the Tierra Times in opposition to the proposed sale of the site to Smart and Final and asking the TCC to intervene. There was consensus by the group to discuss the matter, but as the sale is being handled through the Bankruptcy Court it was determined that the City and the planning group have no role or voice in the matter.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:32 pm.