

**Draft Minutes for January 20, 2016 Joint Meeting of the
Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group**

Tierrasanta Recreation Center • 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92124

The meeting was convened at 6:32 pm at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center by Tierrasanta Community Council President Justin DeCesare. A quorum was present consisting of Officers DeCesare, Rich Thesing and Deanna Spehn; and Area Directors Jennifer Schultz, Dan Lazzaro, Scott Hasson, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, John Adair (6:33 pm), Loren Vinson and John Farmer. Treasurer Russ May and Christina Decker arrived at 6:38 pm; and William Turner arrived at 6:41 pm – 13 members present. Absent were Bonnie Alexander, Mike George, Rik Hauptfeld and Tom Keliinoui. Turner left the meeting during/just after the discussion of El Nino. Area 8 is vacant.

San Diego Police Department Community Service Officer Adam McElroy reported that crime in Tierrasanta was down from the previous month. Lt. Brown reported that Eastern Division has been assigned 6 new officers, 2 of whom will be assigned to the Quality of Life unit working from 5 am to 3 pm specifically with homeless in the Eastern Division, including along the San Diego River.

Jason Bercovitch from Congressman Scott Peters' office announced that they are sponsoring a forum on Senior Scams, that the Pell Grant program has received new funding in the budget, and that the military will get a 1.3% across the board raise this year.

Rob Knudsen announced that Assemblymember Brian Maienschein is putting together his bill package for 2016, which will be introduced next month. The Assemblymember has a great internship program and is seeking high school juniors and seniors with a driver's license to apply.

Sheldon Zemen from City Councilmember Scott Sherman's office reported that the Councilmember arranged for 10,000 sandbags to be available at Qualcomm recently so that homeowners and small businesses could prepare for a wet El Nino year. Work on the sports lighting project in Tierrasanta Community Park is now underway and should be done in June/July 2016. TCC member Dan Lazzaro commented on the condition of Santo Road at its eastern end in Murphy Canyon military housing and asked that the city look at its repair needs.

Director of Community and Government Relations Julio DeGuzman from the City Attorney's office described the work done by his division; there were no referrals by the TCC this month.

Juan Lias from MCAS Miramar requested 10 to 15 minutes on the February agenda to discuss trespassing issues on the Marine base, including the recent confiscation of 45 bikes when local riders allegedly trespassed onto the base during live ammunition training exercises. The matter will be on February agenda.

Item A: Non-agenda Public Comment – Tierrasanta resident Tiny Sluka expressed his concern about an increase in the number of planes approaching Montgomery Field over Tierrasanta and that the planes had stopped using the displaced threshold approach put in place approximately 25 years ago to deal with noise complaints by Tierrasanta residents and to deal with obstructions in the area. He asserted that this change has happened because the City has decided to maximize the use of the airport, which is now called an “executive airport” by the City. Scott Hasson, who was appointed by Mayor Faulconer and the City Council to serve on the Montgomery Field advisory committee representing the Tierrasanta community, said the reason the displaced threshold was dropped was

because of safety reasons. There was general discussion by TCC members and the public and there was general consensus to put the matter on the February agenda and to invite a representative from Montgomery Field to attend the meeting. Sluka also announced that the City Council had just re-named the airport the Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport and that the airport manager has been instructed to make the airport more successful and expand jet operations.

Item B: Agenda Review – no action taken

Item C: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the November 18, 2015 Joint Community Council and Planning Group meeting. It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Turner and approved on a 10-0-3 vote with DeCesare, Nielsen-Lostritto and Adair abstaining because they were not present at that meeting to approve the minutes as submitted.

Information Item 1: Public Facilities Financing Plan for the Tierrasanta community. Megan Sheffield from the City of San Diego announced that the City is replacing the Tierrasanta Public Facilities Financing Plan with a new format and newly named document: an Impact Fee Study that she has begun working on and will present to the planning group in April for adoption by the end of June. She requested that a working group be formed to work with her in preparation of the document. **It was moved by Schultz, seconded by Hasson and approved on a 13-0 vote to add the creation of an ad hoc committee to work with Ms. Sheffield to the agenda, and that this matter arose after the agenda for the meeting had been posted but is timely for a decision tonight.**

Information Item 2: El Nino Workshop sponsored by Congressman Scott Peters -

Congressman Peters spoke about the importance of preparedness as the state anticipates an El Nino wet weather cycle during 2016, with the potential for a La Nina dry cycle in the Fall. Federal, state and local governments have taken precautions for expected heavy rains over the next several months. The federal government has created a task force to look at vulnerabilities in the California-Arizona-Nevada region that is expected to receive above average rainfall that combined with the large wildfires over the last few years may cause flooding, mudslides, etc. Brian Elliott from the Congressional office moderated the program with panelists Casey Deshong from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), Katie Williams from the IRS (Internal Revenue Service), Stephen Rea who is Assistant Director of the County of San Diego's Office of Emergency Services (OES), Katherine Jackson who is Program Manager for the City of San Diego's Department of Homeland Security, and Alana Kalinowski from 2-1-1 the community information service hotline for the region.

It was stressed during the meeting that having flood insurance is important, and to remember that flood damage is not covered by a typical homeowners insurance policy. There is also a 30-day waiting period between ordering flood insurance and when coverage begins.

The IRS is involved because when a disaster is declared in an area, it is through the IRS that damage claims are filed. The County office, working closely with local, federal and state agencies, oversees emergencies in the region from its emergency operations facility in Kearny Mesa. It also manages the reverse 9-1-1 program. The City's Department of Homeland Security coordinates city services in all emergency situations that arise. And the 2-1-1 program, also located in the Kearny Mesa area, is the 24/7 information center for the region with live operators on duty to answer questions and provide specific information about a current emergency and where to get support.

The advice offered by the panelists was consistent: being prepared for the heavy rains and potential flooding, etc., is important. Information is available on several websites: www.ready.gov is the main federal website; also www.IRS.gov and select “disaster preparedness” for a list of important documents you should gather together in advance of an emergency to take with you, whether fleeing from a wildfire or a flood; www.ReadySanDiego.org is the county’s system – it is important that you go to the website and register your cell phones – the reverse 9-1-1 system works only on landline phones so if you don’t have a landline anymore or want to receive a warning call when you are at work or out of your home, please register your cell phone!

The County has a new document entitled “Winter Weather Flooding Resources” that is available on the www.readysandiego.org website.

The 2-1-1 system offers information about resources in multiple languages and is “open” 7 days a week, 24 hours a day to answer any questions you may have regarding services in the region. Their website is www.211sandiego.org

2-1-1 San Diego is a resource and information hub that connects people with community, health and disaster services through a free, 24/7 confidential phone service and searchable online database, serving the entire population of San Diego County. Information is available in more than 150 languages regarding everything from substance abuse treatment to care for a child or aging parent, food, housing or financial assistance. With more than 6,000 health and human service programs provided by more than 2,000 community agencies, finding help can seem insurmountable. 2-1-1 can help.

By dialing 2-1-1, people are linked to live trained Client Service Representatives (CSR) who will navigate them through their situations by assessing their needs and then matching them to the best and closest resource in their community.

During a disaster, 2-1-1 works with the County of San Diego's Office of Emergency Services to provide public information to the community, rumor control and trend analysis to County officials, report community needs that are not being met, and act as the central communications point for other community agencies and non-governmental organizations.

Action Item 3: Tierrasanta Community Council Financial Goal Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee – The creation of an ad hoc committee to provide input to the full planning group and corporate body regarding approximately \$60,000 in reserves plus the adoption of the annual budget has been under discussion for several months. There are strong feelings that the group needs to discuss and potentially adopt a vision for how and why the group operates and goals not only for its ongoing operation, but to consider a grant program. Over its 40+ years, the group has at times had a formal grant program to allocate funds generated from its recycling program and other income sources. The discussion also centered on whether it should be an ad hoc committee or a standing committee, advisory to the Treasurer and group on fiscal issues. **It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Lazzaro and approved 12-0 to create a standing committee on the budget and goals/vision for the Tierrasanta Community Council to report back to the TCC at its April 2016 meeting with its recommendations. Those volunteering to serve on the committee are TCC members Hasson, Lazzaro, May, Schultz, Spehn and Thesing and Tierrasanta community members John Batchelder, Linda Rees and Mike Sheehan.** Tierrasanta resident Dick Rees submitted a formal request to the TCC (see attached) for a \$9360 grant to the Tierrasanta Village of San Diego to cover

its annual rent of the Villa Monterey Clubhouse for meetings, etc., plus an additional \$1500 for the annual rental of a larger meeting room when special events are scheduled. The request was referred to the new Standing Committee.

Action Item 4: Tierrasanta Community Council Election: Spehn reported that several positions are standing for election, and that 150-word statements of candidacy are due by 5 pm Wednesday, February 3rd at the Tierrasanta Library or via email to tsarea3@gmail.com for the March 16, 2016 election. Residents Danielle Decklich and Robert Kirk were present at the January 20, 2016 meeting and expressed interest in potentially running for a position. The following positions are standing for election: President, Secretary, Area 1, Area 3, Area 4, Area 7 (two positions) and Area 8, and the Commercial Director; those positions are currently filled by Turner, Hasson, George, Alexander and Hauptfeld with the Area 8 position vacant; the Commercial Director position is held by Tom Keliinoi.

Ballots will be printed in the February 18th issue of the Tierra Times; ballots must be deposited on one of 2 ballot boxes at the Tierrasanta Library or The UPS Store in Tierrasanta by 6 pm March 16, 2016; ballots will be accepted until 8 pm March 16th at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center. The ballots will be counted and results announced during the Annual Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group that will meet beginning at 7:30 pm March 16, 2016. Winning candidates will be seated at the April 20, 2016 meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group or at any emergency or special meeting called after March 16, 2016.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age as of March 16, 2016. No write-ins are allowed. If no candidates step forward for one or more of the positions, the seats will be converted to at-large positions. The officer positions are open to anyone 18 or older who resides in or owns property in the civilian area of 92124. Area Director positions are open to those who live or own property within a specific Area. The Commercial Director position is open to candidates 18 years or older as of March 16, 2016 who operate or are employed by a business with a storefront in the 92124 zipcode. Home based businesses are not eligible. Candidates for all the positions must have attended at least one meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group in the 12 months prior to January 31, 2016.

Action Item 5: Appointment of Area Director 8 – no candidates volunteered.

New Business: Because this matter is of importance and time sensitive, the addition of a new agenda item was added to the agenda for January 20, 2016 in response to the specific request by the City of San Diego for planning group input into the development of an Impact Fee Study for the 92124 community. It was moved by Schultz, seconded by Thesing and approved on a 12-0 vote (Turner left the meeting during the El Nino presentation) to create an ad hoc committee to work with Megan Sheffield on the Impact Fee Study for Tierrasanta consisting of May, Nielsen-Lostritto, Schultz, Spehn and Thesing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.