

Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group
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**Draft Minutes for the November 18, 2015 Joint Meeting
of the Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group**

The meeting was convened by Vice President Rich Thesing at 6:36 pm. A quorum was not present. Those present included Officers Rich Thesing, Russ May and Deanna Spehn; Area Directors Jennifer Schultz, Dan Lazzaro, Scott Hasson, John Adair and Loren Vinson. At 6:38 pm William Turner arrived and a quorum was established. Absent were Justin DeCesare, Christina Decker, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Mike George, Bonnie Alexander, John Farmer, Rik Hauptfeld and Tom Keliinoi. Keliinoi arrived at 7:53 pm – Turner left at 8:04 pm: no vote was taken during the time that 10 members were present.

Community Service Officer Adam McElroy reported that in the past month there were only two violent crimes in the community and that overall crime was down from 34 incidents the previous month to 16 in the last month. An ATM was stolen from the Chase Bank on Tierrasanta Blvd. and a multi-unit mail box in a residential area was pried open and approximately 75 pieces of mail were stolen. The ATM was recovered and the alleged perpetrators were captured.

The new Commanding Officer for MCAS Miramar, Colonel Jason Woodworth, was introduced by Kristin Camper. Col. Woodworth discussed the continuing problem of people trespassing onto the base and the potential danger they are in because there is an active rifle and pistol range just north of State Route 52, plus the base has not been swept for unexploded ordnance. It costs the base \$10,000 to shut down the training facility when someone trespasses onto the base; the Marines are using live ammunition and it is a safety issue. When training is suspended it then has to be rescheduled for another day. The CO reported that he recently took a group of federal judges on a tour of the base so they can see first hand where the trespassers are going when they wander onto the base, etc. The Marines detain anyone entering the base and have been pressing charges in federal court. There are actually three training ranges used for shooting practice: the Sheriff's range and two military ranges all located just north of SR52.

Sheldon Zemen from Councilmember Scott Sherman's office reported that the project to replace and improve the lights in Tierrasanta Community Park and to bring the park into ADA compliance will run from November 30th to June. He also said they will try to get permission for the fireworks show as part of the Patriots Day Parade/TierraFest in May. Adair requested a list of the streets in 92124 that are proposed to be repaired this year.

Dan Lazzaro asked about the notable increase in the number of flights in/out of Montgomery Field. Scott Hasson, who serves on the advisory committee for the airport, said that is the result of fuel prices being so low and pilots taking advantage of that to fly more often. Hasson said that Lazzaro could speak with noise officer Wayne Reiter at the airport to discuss the matter further.

Kara Lieberman from the City of San Diego Planning Department reported that the City received a grant to develop an Urban Forest Management Plan which will include doing a comprehensive tree inventory.

Item A: Non-agenda Public Comment: Bob Lang reported that someone crashed into the gate in Shepherd Canyon and tried to drive down the jogging trail. He also commented on the overgrowth in Red Pond.

Item B: Agenda Review/Requests for Continuance/Additions to the Agenda: none

Item C: It was moved by Lazzaro, seconded by Spehn and approved by a unanimous votes with Vinson abstaining due to his absence at the October meeting, to approve the draft minutes for the October 21, 2015 meeting as submitted. Hasson requested that the draft minutes be distributed quicker after the meetings.

Action Item 1: Speed Signs – The speed signs cost approximately \$8000 each, and Lusk Development Funds are being used to install the 5 signs proposed for Santo Road between Orleck and Snook (2 signs); Gabacho Drive between Montego and La Cuenta (1 sign); and Viacha Drive near Catamarca (2 signs). It was moved by Hasson to support the sites for the signs, seconded by Turner and approved 7-2 with Lazzaro and Spehn opposed, citing concerns that the residents of the areas had not been informed about the signs going in.

At 7:53 pm Tom Keliinoi arrived; at 8:04 pm Turner left the meeting.

Action Item 2: East Shepherd Canyon Maintenance Path: Bob Lang had requested that the status of this road/path be placed on the agenda for this month with the option for the TCC members to vote to request that the path be repaired. Lang read a draft letter to Councilmember Sherman that he had prepared. Spehn, as Chair of the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee, reported that Tierrasanta Open Space Inspector Bob Smith had asked that a representative from the Water Utilities Department meet onsite to look at the road, and that the Water Utilities staff believes the road does not need major repair as alleged by Lang. Smith directed Treebeard to do some minor restorative work on the road per the direction by Water Utilities staff. Water Utilities “owns” the road that goes over a major pipeline at the bottom of the canyon. The environmental permits and responsibility for the condition of the property all rest with Water Utilities. It was moved by Hasson, seconded by Schultz to support Lang’s request for a letter to be sent by the TCC requesting immediate repair of the road; the vote was 7 to 2 in opposition to the motion with Keliinoi and Hasson voting in favor and all others present opposed.

Action Item 3: Spehn presented the draft budget for the Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance Assessment District for the new year beginning July 1, 2016. Following discussion, it was moved by Spehn, seconded by May and approved on a unanimous vote 9-0 to approve the budget as submitted.

At 8:37 pm Hasson moved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes; it was seconded by Vinson and approved on a unanimous vote 9-0

Action Item 4: ByLaws Vote. Tierrasanta's City Planner Kara Lieberman reminded the members of the planning group that it takes a two-thirds vote of the existing members of the planning group to approve the ByLaws. With 17 members, two-thirds of the group would be 12 people and only 9 are present at this meeting. Therefore, no action could take place at this meeting. It was moved by Lazzaro and seconded by Schultz to table the approval of the ByLaws until January 2016. The vote was 8 to 1 with Hasson opposed.

Action Item 5: Appointment of volunteer to fill the vacancy for Area 8 Director: no one volunteered to serve.

Action Item 6: New Business – none

It was moved by Spehn, seconded by Lazzaro and approved 9-0 to end the meeting at 8:47 pm. Hasson requested that on the next available agenda the President schedule a discussion of the goals and priorities for the TCC, and discussion of a vision statement.