

Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group Draft Minutes for Wednesday, February 17, 2016

The meeting was convened by Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group President Justin DeCesare at 6:33 pm on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 in the Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. A quorum was present consisting of President DeCesare, Vice President Rich Thesing, Treasurer Russ May (6:34 pm), Secretary Deanna Spehn, and Area Directors Jennifer Schultz, Dan Lazzaro, Mike George, John Adair, Loren Vinson and John Farmer. Scott Hasson arrived at 7:09 pm and Tom Keliinoi arrived at 8:07 pm.

Government Representatives

San Diego Police Department: Officer T. Bostedt (T.Bostedt@pd.sandiego.gov 858-495-7919) reported that the number of arrests and the number of reported crimes are both significantly reduced – by above half over the previous month. Lt. Brown reported that the Police have been focusing on patrolling the area on State Route 52 near the Sycamore Landfill in an effort to reduce the high number of accidents.

San Diego Fire Department: Battalion Chief Dennis Clay was recently assigned to the Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon community with his office in the newly opened fire station across the street from Qualcomm Stadium on Friars Road. Chief Clay updated the community on preparedness efforts to reduce wildfires in the region.

State Senator Marty Block: Katelyn Hailey provided an update on Senator Block's legislative package and outlined the timeline for the year in Sacramento.

County Supervisor Dave Roberts: Evan Bollinger reported that the County has approved a \$6.3 million increase in funding to deal with mental health services, benefiting the approximately 73,000 people who rely on the services provided.

City Councilmember Scott Sherman: Sheldon Zemen reported that work is underway on the sports lighting project in Tierrasanta Community Park and that portion of the project will be completed in April with the punch list completed by June. The second component of the major construction project, ADA upgrades to bring the site into compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, will start the first week of March with improvements to the Hex Building.

MCAS Miramar: Juan Lias reported that since the Marine base has stepped up enforcement of keeping civilians from entering the base due to concerns about safety especially in the artillery training area immediately north of Tierrasanta, 47 citations have been issued and 45 bicycles confiscated. Those receiving citations and whose bikes are in the custody of Marine personnel must appear before a Federal Magistrate and once the cases are adjudicated, they can return to MCAS Miramar to pick up their bicycles. Fines may be assessed. The Marines are working with the City and the Scripps Ranch and Tierrasanta communities specifically to identify locations where new signs can be installed showing where the base boundaries are.

Item A: Non-Agenda Public Comment: 1) Jennifer Mendoza announced that she is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award and is seeking people with fruit trees on their property who would

be interested in having volunteers harvest the fruit and then distribute it to needy families and/or food banks, etc. 2) Bob Lang reported that he has placed an article in the *Tierra Times* announcing the creation of an ad hoc subcommittee of the Tierrasanta Community Council, the Community Communications Committee, to investigate the potential siting of a community information sign, etc. 3) John Adair requested an update on when the planning group would consider the antenna proposed for Serra High School. DeCesare announced it will be on the March agenda. 4) Kiwanis Club of Tierrasanta member Hani Shatila distributed invitations to march/ride in the upcoming Patriots Day Parade.

Item B: Agenda Review / Requests for Continuance / Additions to the Agenda: Spehn moved to add a report on the noise issues related to Montgomery Field to the agenda because the item was inadvertently left off the agenda after it was announced in January that a representative from the airport would be invited to attend the meeting; seconded by Lazzaro and approved unanimously 10-0 (Hasson and Keliinoi not present yet).

Item C: Approval of the draft minutes for the January 20, 2016 Joint meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group: Adair stated that he was present at the November 2015 TCC meeting and did not abstain on voting to approve the draft minutes for November, and Farmer stated that he abstained on the draft minutes because he had been absent in November. It was moved by Thesing and seconded by Vinson to approve the minutes as amended per the information provided by Adair and Farmer. The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0 with Keliinoi not yet present at the meeting.

Information Item 1: San Diego Lifeguards: Lifeguard Sgt. Ed Harris provided an overview of the Lifeguard program operated by the City of San Diego, including the longstanding unhappiness by lifeguards with their health care coverage. Lifeguards completed approximately 7000 rescues last year, including 90 cliff rescues and multiple resuscitations using AEDs due to heart attacks.

Action Item 2: Bylaws: The proposed action for the meeting was to vote on the draft bylaws but due to the length of the meeting there was concern that there was not time to complete the review prior to a vote. There were discussions about calling a special meeting. Various dates were proposed for a special meeting but it was difficult to find a date when a majority of the TCC members would be available to meet prior to the next meeting. It was moved by Thesing and seconded by Lazzaro to meet on February 24th to discuss the bylaws and the motion failed with Adair, Hasson and Schultz voting in favor.

Action Item 3: Tierrasanta Community Council Financial Goals Sub-Committee: TCC Treasurer Russ May offered to serve as Chair of the Sub-Committee.

Information Item 4: Tierrasanta Community Council Annual Meeting and Election: Chair DeCesare announced the Annual Meeting is at 7:30 pm Wednesday, March 16, 2016 with ballots counted after the polls close at 6 pm that day except for late balloting allowed at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center until 8 pm. The results will be announced during the Annual Meeting.

New Business Item 5: Discussion of noise and overflight issues by planes using Montgomery Field: In response to concerns raised by a local resident at the January TCC meeting, Wayne Reiter who handles noise complaints at Montgomery Field and City of San Diego Real Estate Assets Director Cybele Thompson were present at the meeting. Reiter disputed some of the information provided by the local resident that was reported in the draft minutes for the TCC's January 2016 meeting.

Reiter reported that the City is in the process of updating its 30-year-old Master Plan for Montgomery Field in Kearny Mesa and for Brown Field in the southern part of the City. The estimated 2-year process will start at the end of 2016, after a consultant is hired to do a study that will include an analysis of the impact of the displaced threshold on areas to the east of Montgomery Field.

At the January 2016 TCC meeting, longtime Tierrasanta resident Tiny Sluka had raised issues about excessive noise and overflights from the airport and attributed the noise and overflights to a lack of adherence to the displaced threshold at the airfield and more executive jet usage of the field.

A request for proposals (RFP) will be issued to identify a Consultant who will be hired to update the Master Plans for both City-owned airports. A special committee will advise the City regarding the Montgomery Field Master Plan. TCC member Mike George volunteered to represent Tierrasanta on the committee. Reiter said that there would be a full California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review on the proposed update to the Master Plan, and the draft plan would go to the Planning Commission prior to being voted on by the full City Council.

Regarding allegations made by Sluka at the January TCC meeting regarding whether there had been a change in the use of the displaced threshold at the airport, Reiter responded that the FAA had designated a 3400 foot landing distance at the airport and a 4600 foot takeoff distance, and that the displaced threshold was not put in place to address noise concerns by communities located east of Montgomery Field, including Tierrasanta. Reiter did state that the displaced threshold does afford the Clairemont community some noise benefit. According to Reiter, the displaced threshold in which a shorter distance is identified for landings than for takeoffs was not adopted a little over 20 years ago to address noise issues; it was the result of a study funded by the FAA.

Tierrasanta resident and current TCC member Scott Hasson sits on the Airport Advisory Committee for Montgomery Field. Reiter stated that while the Airport Advisory Committee would be briefed on the update to the Master Plan, it will not make a recommendation on the draft plan. That is the role of the special committee that will be formed. The TCC requested that it be informed about how to apply to serve on the special committee evaluating the updated Master Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.