

Joint Meeting of Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group Draft Minutes for Wednesday, March 16, 2016

The meeting was convened at 6:34 pm by President Justin DeCesare and a quorum (10 members present) was established consisting of President Justin DeCesare and Vice President Rich Thesing, and Area Directors Christina Decker, Jennifer Schultz, Dan Lazzaro, Scott Hasson, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, John Adair, Loren Vinson and John Farmer. Secretary Deanna Spehn arrived at 6:40 pm (11 members present).

Reports from Government Representatives

San Diego Police Department Community Service Officer Tom Bostedt reported that in general thefts were down. The Eastern Division has hired additional Community Service Officers to do enforcement of parking violations including parking recreational vehicles without permits.

Fire Department: Dennis Clay reminded everyone to check their smoke detectors and change batteries. Project Heartbeat has been very active in our region, with 133 people saved since 2001. 8000 automatic defibrillators have now been distributed within San Diego County. An application called Pulse Point that is tied into the dispatch center for emergency calls can notify those certified to do CPR who register for the program that an emergency is taking place in the immediate vicinity and provide the location to the volunteer.

Fire Department: Charles Butler CButler@sandiego.gov is with the Fire Prevention Bureau that does regular inspections of residential property located on canyon rims. The program used to be under the Brush Management program but now it is under Land Development Enforcement and Code Compliance Officers are involved. Butler reminded everyone that despite the recent rains the fire danger remains very high.

Congressman Scott Peters' office notified the TCC that the annual Congressional Art Contest is underway with entries due by April 20th.

Katelyn Hailey announced that the deadline has passed to introduce bills in the State Legislature. Senator Marty Block is working on legislation to allow the use of CalGrants at Community Colleges if students are actively pursuing a Bachelors degree. Senator Block is working with California Senate leader De Leon and former Senator Darrell Steinberg, currently a candidate for Mayor of Sacramento, on the homeless issue in the state and potentially using Housing Services Act funds to pay for housing for the homeless.

Evan Bollinger reported that San Diego County has highest possible bond rating from all 3 rating companies. The County is offering free tax preparation assistance. The County is working with local cities on the Getting to Zero Initiative to advance HIV prevention and treatment.

Sheldon Zemen reported that instead of having sandbags at Fire Stations, they will now be located at selected Recreation Centers including North Clairemont, Stanley in University City, Golden Hill, Scripps Ranch, Allied Gardens and City Heights, in case people are worried about flooding during heavy rains. The Sports Field lighting project at Tierrasanta Community Park is due to be completed by the end of March, after which re-sodding the areas of the field impacted by the heavy equipment used on the project will begin. The fields will not be used for two months so the sod can take hold. The entire lighting project and re-sodding should be completed by July 2016. After receiving a

complaint from TCC member Scott Hasson's wife, the Council office requested that Caltrans change the "no right turn" sign at Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and I-15 to the previous sign that allowed right turns except between 3 and 6 pm. Zemen reported that a new sign is now in place allowing right turns except between 3:30 and 6:30 pm. Jennifer Schultz requested that the Council office ask that Caltrans attend a future TCC meeting to discuss maintenance and types of plantings in the Caltrans right of way adjacent to Tierrasanta. Zemen also announced that he has requested that Caltrans conduct a study on the high number of accidents that have taken place on State Route 52 adjacent to Tierrasanta.

Julio DeGuzman described the ways in which the City Attorney's office assists local communities in resolving local problems, and how people cited for minor violations can do volunteer work to expunge certain crimes from their records through the Community Courts program.

Naomi Siodmok, the Assistant Community Planner assigned to the Tierrasanta community, introduced herself and said she would be attending the planning group meetings.

Item A: Non-agenda Public Comment: Jeff Powers discussed the Citizens Plan for San Diego that is currently collecting signatures so it can go on the June 2016 ballot and requested to be on the agenda in April; Bob Lang reported that there are now 3 members on the Community Communications Committee and that the maintenance path in East Shepherd Canyon has been impacted by the recent rains; Judy Cunningham, Head Librarian for Tierrasanta Branch Library announced that the library now features a military collection for vets and military families; John Hurst, a candidate for the 52nd Congressional District, introduced himself to those present, saying that he is the former Chair Mira Mesa Community Planning Group.

Item B: Agenda Review – no changes

Item C: Thesing moved to approve the draft minutes for the February 17, 2016 meeting as submitted with the correction of the email for Bostedt that should be tbostedt@pd.sandiego.gov; second by Schultz and Decker abstained because she was not a member of the TCC during that meeting.

Action Item 1: Tierrasanta Fiesta. Ascension Catholic Parish's yearly event in June is requesting to be approved as a community event by the TCC, so they can invite the Marine Corps Band to perform. It was moved by Vinson, seconded by Hasson and approved in a unanimous 11-0 vote to make the annual Fiesta by Ascension an ongoing community event.

Action Item 2: Verizon Antenna. Verizon is seeking to add an antenna site on the campus of Serra High School and is seeking a TCC recommendation. Jill Cleveland is the consultant representing Verizon, the applicant. Verizon and the San Diego Unified School District are still in negotiations over a proposed long term lease for the project that would construct a building and install a 35 foot mono eucalyptus/broad leaf "tree" on the site. The building would use concrete block walls. TCC members and the public had several questions. The school may want to shift the site 20 to 30 feet within the general area indicated on the plans. Chair referred the matter to the Community Development Committee. The project will be considered under Process 2 criteria because it is a non-residential use in a residential zone. A generator backup system is also part of the project. The California Public Utilities Commission requires that once an antenna project like this goes on air it must not stop. The generator must be exercised once a week generally during working hours, for a

15-minute period. Environmental review was not complete at the time of the TCC meeting and the biological assessment has not done. Lazarro requested the use of anti-graffiti paint on the building. Chair DeCesare referred the project to the Community Development Committee for review and a recommendation to the TCC.

Action Item 3: Castlerock. Castlerock is an approved development of a 203.64 acre project to be subdivided into a 415 unit residential community. Previously located in the City of San Diego's East Elliott Community Planning Area, Pardee Homes is seeking TCC recommendation on an affordable housing variance. The cities of San Diego and Santee did a boundary adjustment and the project now will be wholly within the City of Santee. Elizabeth Hampton with Southwest Strategies explained that Pardee has started grading the site, located north of State Route 52 just a few miles east of Santo Road. The area is set to be annexed into Santee. The last issue in the development process is how the project will meet its affordable housing requirement. Pardee would like to use the funding to build homes for low/moderate income families, rather than put money into a developer fund and sometime in the future housing would be constructed. Pardee has a site in the South Bay that meets all the criteria for a low/moderate income housing project. The City of Santee has been specifically looking for "move-up" high end residential properties such as Castlerock. The Master Plan for the East Elliott area was approved in 1998. The model homes for Castlerock will be open in the Fall of 2016. It was moved by Vinson, seconded by Thesing and approved unanimously 11-0 to approve the variance as presented.

Action Item I: At 8:03 pm **President DeCesare convened the Joint Annual Meeting** of the Town Council and the Planning Group and thanked the community for his opportunity to serve over the last 2+ years on the planning group. His final act will be submitting his Annual Report to the City on activities by the planning group. he will submit all the minutes for 2016 to the city. Elections Committee Chairman Dr. Hani Shatila reported that the three candidates standing for election were all voted into office: Deanna Spehn as President; and Danielle Declich and Jennifer Schultz in Area 7. It was moved by Thesing, seconded by Vinson and approved unanimously to certify the election results and to convert to At Large positions Area Directors 1, 3, 4, 8 and the Commercial Director.

The Current Status of TCC Officers and Area Directors:

President:	Deanna Spehn (elected March 2016)
Vice President:	Rich Thesing (elected March 2015)
Treasurer:	Russ May (elected March 2015)
Secretary:	Vacant (an appointment would expire in March 2018)
Area 1:	Vacant (an appointment would expire in March 2018)
Area 2:	Christina Decker (appointed October 2015)
Area 3:	Vacant (an appointment would expire in March 2018)
Area 3:	Dan Lazarro (elected in March 2015)
Area 4:	Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto (appointed in July 2015)
Area 4:	Vacant (an appointment would expire in March 2018)
Area 5:	John Adair (elected in March 2015)
Area 6:	Loren Vinson (elected in March 2015)
Area 7:	Danielle Declich (elected in March 2016)
Area 7:	John Farmer (elected in March 2015)
Area 7:	Jennifer Schultz (elected in March 2016)
Area 8:	Vacant (an appointment would expire in March 2017)
Commercial Director:	Vacant (an appointment would expire in 2018)

Action Item II: Vacancies on the TCC. There were no volunteers eligible to be appointed to the TCC at the meeting so the appointments considered at the April 20, 2016 meeting.

Action Item III: New Business. There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.