

Joint Meeting of the
Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group (TCC)
 Draft Minutes for Wednesday, July 20, 2016
 6:30 pm • Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

President: Deanna Spehn	P
Vice President: Rich Thesing •	P
Treasurer: Russ May	P
Secretary: • Dawn Nielsen	P
Directors	
Area 1 - Mike George	A
Area 2 - Christina Decker	A
Area 3 - Scott Hasson	P
Area 3 - Dan Lazzaro	P
Area 4 - Jim Mackris	P
Area 4 - John Batchelder	P
Area 5 - John Adair	P
Area 6 - Loren Vinson	P
Area 7 - Danielle Declich	P
Area 7 - John Farmer	P
Area 7- Jennifer Schultz	P
Area 8 - Rob Kirk	A
Commercial Director – Mike Ogilive	P

Chair Deanna Spehn called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Director Ogilive led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TCC members introduced themselves.

Quorum determined with 14 members present.

Updates by Government Representatives:

Police Department (Eastern Division): Community Service Officer Tom Bostedt 858-495-7919

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Lt Andrea Brown introduced herself from Eastern Division which includes Allied Gardens, Birdland, College East, College West, Del Cerro, Grantville, Kearny Mesa, Lake Murray, Mission Valley East, Qualcomm, San Carlos, Serra Mesa and Tierrasanta. Captain Cologne, currently at the FBI Academy, will transfer upon return. His new replacement is Richard Freedman, currently in Ops and Support, former SWAT. New officers are completing Academy, and 2 will come to Eastern, plus 2 veteran transfers so an increase in 3 officers (1 is transferring out.)

Question: Any update on hit and run fatality on Clairemont Mesa Blvd? Answer: Accidents are investigated by Traffic Division so we are not always aware of ongoing investigations. Bostedt said he would look into the incident.

President Spehn brought up traffic issues in Tierrasanta. A resident on Reuda asked for Police presence on the top or bottom of the hill. Spehn gave historical perspective; recounting several incidents including in the 70's when 5 cheerleaders were killed. Several years ago a Senior Traffic Engineer attended a TCC meeting and discussed options. Problem is aggravated as Tierrasanta Blvd ties into Balboa which is a state highway where potentially the speed limit could be raised to 55 mph. SDPD representatives discussed alternatives to slow the speed of drivers such as writing warnings, seat belt violations, etc.

Other suggestions included addition of stop signs, but not speed bumps.

Question: Could tickets for reckless driving be issued? A. No, the threshold for reckless driving is high.

Other issues are that road is used for illegal activities e.g. raceway, drug deals at the end of both Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Tierrasanta Blvd.

SDPD indicated this is the first time they have heard of these complaints from community. Officer Bostedt asked community to contact him when they have concerns.

Officer Bostedt covered past 6 months crime statistics. (Available at <https://www.sandiego.gov/police/services/statistics>)

Board of Education: Kevin Beiser 619-838-5274 kbeiser@sandi.net Board of Education Member Mr. Beiser has been on Board of Education for San Diego Unified School District for 6 years. \$1.4 billion budget this year. For the first time in many years, funding is included for band uniforms and musical instruments. The school district has closed the class of 2016 which is the first class to complete graduation requirements sufficient for every student to go to college. Previously some schools didn't offer all the classes needed to qualify for college entrance. Along with higher standards, the school district has offered commensurate support. The projected graduation rate is 92%. Dropout rate has been reduced to 3.5%. Air conditioning is now in every school in the hot zone which includes Scripps Ranch and Serra. This program has expanded to every class room in San Diego School District. In addition, Prop Z will fund solar power to offset the carbon footprint of the air conditioners. Cindy Martin will be announcing the findings of the investigations at Serra High School. 2nd language students have been under the English Learner Support Teacher (ELST) model. Question: Would there be support for a 2nd information marquee on Serra property to announce Community events? A: Agreeable to Beiser in concept as long as Community events did not advertise tobacco, alcohol, etc.

Q: Status of Charter school locations now that rules have been relaxed. A: Charter schools are not governed by the school district, but are governed by the Sacramento School Board Authorizing Agency that approves charter school locations as long as each applicant meets 5 standards. All local appeals have been overturned at the state level. Community can give input. Requirements are not the same for public schools as charter schools, i.e. public schools are required to meet earthquake standards but charter schools are exempt.

U.S. Congressman Scott Peters: 858-455-5550

Kiera Galloway is now TCC liaison due to office reorganization . She has worked for two years with Congressman Peters, first in the Washington DC office. Issues she has handled include: Education , LGBT. Congress passed Department of Defense Appropriations Act which included increased funding for research, allows 3 more Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) in San Diego. Peters was named to the conference committee for the National Defense Authorization Act. Legislative session ended last week so he will be around town during legislative recess. Will be attending the Judiciary Committee Eastern Europe tour. Recently visited UCSD Trauma Unit. Any issue with federal government please contact Congressman Peters' office.

Councilmember Scott Sherman: Sheldon Zemen 619-236-6677 SZemen@sandiego.gov

Library Expansion: Solar panels are now included in the remodeling project, to be installed during 2nd phase. **Recreation Center: Hex Building** will be receiving a new roof and painting. **Road repaving** - Director Farmer commented road slurry behind schedule. Mr. Zemen stated some streets were taken off as ruts were too deep for slurry and need repair. He will send new schedule. Director Hasson noted that Antigua was paved again but other feeder streets need it more and is concerned as to how priority is determined. Mr. Zeman commented on the progress that has been made as now departments check with each other before paving. Public comment was made for the need of adequate notice for residents since all vehicles have to be removed from streets scheduled for repaving.

MCAS Miramar: Juan Lias 858-577-6603 Juan.Lias@usmc.mil

Miramar Air Show: Due to no meeting in August, when TCC meets in September will only be a few days before the September 23, 24, & 25 shows. No night show due to budget constraints.

Additionally, Miramar is not infested with Pokemon – it is not allowed on base.

Tierrasanta Library: Librarian Judy Cunningham 4985 La Cuenta Dr.; 858-573-1384

Tierrasanta Library is a Pokemon stop! Also, tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. a limited number of Comic Con library cards will be available that are free to new users, \$2.00 to replace an existing library card.

Library parking lot is scheduled to be paved in 2017.

Reports from Committee Liaisons

Community Planners Committee: Deanna Spehn / Rich Thesing

No new information to report.

Concerts in the Park Committee: John Farmer

Anthony Ferebee reported due to zoning, Concert in the Park can no longer be held at DePortola Middle School while the playing field is being renovated at Tierrasanta Community Park. Next concert is this Saturday, July 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sheldon Zemen reported the

Tierrasanta Community Park playing field will be open mid-August so the next concert will be able to be held there on August 27th and future concerts as well.

Tierrasanta Budget Committee: Russ May.

Received a \$10,000 grant from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors / Supervisor Dave Roberts to fund the Concerts in the Park series, but will need to return part of the money that was not spent during the last grant period. President Spehn will write a letter explaining reason for return.

Tierrasanta LogoWear Committee: Anthony Ferebee / Russ May

Treasurer May reported they received about a dozen hats for sale. Director Hasson said with the lack of interest, it might be time to do a “fire sale” on the Tierrasanta Logowear items and shut down the program. Add to future agenda.

Tierrasanta Open Space Committee: Deanna Spehn, Chair 858-565-4018 dspehn1@san.rr.com

Committee is dark in August. Now is the time to submit items to be included or removed from the budget which will be on the October agenda of the TCC and on the September agenda of the Open Space Committee.

Tierrasanta Recreation Council Liaison: Rich Thesing

Currently hosting a federally funded summer free lunch program for children. Tierrasanta Recreation Center has a new Assistant Director.

Vision & Goals Committee of the Tierrasanta Community Council:

Has not met. President Spehn proposed meeting on September 21 and asked for a volunteer to chair the committee.

Tierrasanta Community Communications Committee: Bob Lang

The committee met again this past Thursday and continued in the information gathering and research stage. There was significant discussion about the effort necessary to erect the current Serra High School sign at the intersection of Santo Rd. and Tierrasanta Blvd at the last TCC meeting. We need to gather that information and follow up, also need to determine if the San Diego Unified School District is amenable to discussing a proposed a sign at the intersection of Santo Rd. and Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Currently there are 5 members on the committee, additional committee members are welcome.

Tierrasanta Community Development Committee: Bill Reschke- No issues requiring committee to meet.

Mission Trails Regional Park Liaison: Rich Thesing

San Diego Unified School District sixth graders will be camping on Thursdays nights at Kumeyaay campground.

Item A: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Bob Lang: **Email:** Progress on TCC members' email addresses being listed on the website, but some still missing. **East Shepherd Canyon:** In a few months the council will be voting on the Open Space budget. He encourages the members who do not have first-hand knowledge of the condition of the East Shepherd Canyon Maintenance Path and Dishwasher Pond to go into the canyon and take a look. In an unexpected reversal, two weeks ago the pond was ordered to be filled. About one foot of fresh water has since been added to the pond's quarter acre area. The reeds will remain healthy.

Item B: Agenda Review / Requests for Continuance / Additions to the Agenda

No items added to the agenda.

Item C: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the June 15, 2016 Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group, the meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council in its role as the officially recognized planning group for the Tierrasanta community, and the Tierrasanta Community Council in its corporate role (see www.tierrasantacc.org)

Director Lazzaro moved, Vice President Thesing seconded to approve the minutes of June 15, 2016. (13 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain) Farmer abstained due to absence. The motion was approved.

Adjourning the Joint Meeting and Convening the Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council as the officially recognized planning group representing the 92124 zip code.

Action Item 1 Speeding on Tierrasanta Blvd., Rueda Drive and Tambor Road. There has been an ongoing discussion in Tierrasanta NextDoor.com about speeding problems in the community. Tonight's action is to review the problem, hear from the public and enlist the assistance of City Councilmember Scott Sherman's office to address this problem.

Discussion of this item also occurred during the San Diego Police Department update.

John Denune: Current TCC policy decisions not to support raising the speed limit on certain streets in the community in order for the Police to be able to use radar to cite drivers is a disservice to the community because cars are going faster than 25 mph with no ability for enforcement. He read excerpts from nextdoor.com on this subject to illustrate how this compels people to take the law into own hands. The decisions made by the TCC need to be reevaluated. Additional stop signs are not intended for speed control. Look at what will work. The current system ties the hands of law enforcement. Having wrong signage is not okay. Manpower (the current large number of vacancies within the San Diego Police Department) is a separate issue.

President Spehn said the City has never allocated more than 1 police officer to Tierrasanta during any Beat. If there is a need to transport someone downtown, we lose that officer for hours. When asked the Council has requested the speed enforcement unit to not change the signage to higher speeds. This has been based on input from residents in the area and is similar to actions taken in other areas of San Diego. The current speed limit is posted at 25 on residential streets; the average speed is 37. If the speed limit is increased to 35 mph, then traffic speed will increase as well faster than 37. President Spehn requested of Mr. Zemen to have a Senior Traffic Engineer to come to a future TCC meeting to see if additional options were available. A special meeting can be convened if needed.

Action Item 2 **Consideration of revised bylaws** for the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group (TCC) that were reviewed at a June 6th Bylaws Committee meeting with the TCC meeting as a Committee of the Whole. The Bylaws Committee with the TCC meeting as a Committee of the Whole met on July 5th to review the draft bylaws and to finalize the draft for presentation at the July 20, 2016 meeting of the planning group. Tonight's proposed action is a motion to forward the draft bylaws to the City of San Diego for review and approval. Two versions of the draft bylaws are attached: 1) a strikeout/underlined version showing potential changes and, 2) a "clean" version of the same document.

Director Hasson moved, Vice President Thesing seconded, to approve the draft as written. (14 Yes-14, 0-No) The motion was approved. President Spehn will send to the City for review. After this is completed, the TCC will review the corporate bylaws.

Adjourned the meeting of the planning group and convened the meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council, a 501(c)4 non-profit corporation representing the Tierrasanta community

Action Item A Report from Scott Hasson on finalizing plans for the **proposed Election Forum** to be sponsored by the Tierrasanta Community Council in October 2016. The Tierrasanta Community Council will be asked to approve a budget for the event and decide on a date, venue and format

Candidate Forum: October 12 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Chinese Community Church on 4998 Via Valarta, San Diego, CA 92124. TCC will make a donation to church for use of the facility. Checking with Scott Lewis, Voice of San Diego to serve as moderator. What subjects to cover? Plenty of subjects, need to narrow scope: 20 ballot measures, City Attorney, Congress position, several Charger plans, Marijuana initiative. Asked for additional committee members: Directors Schultz, Batchelder, Declich, Ogilive, Lazzaro, and Sheldon Zemen volunteered.

Action Item B A **Proposal** from the President of the Tierrasanta Community Council: Originally the Tierrasanta Community Council, functioning as a town council, discussed inviting representatives of groups active in the 92124 community to present their vision of what the community should focus on in its coming years, improvements they would like to see in our local infrastructure and public amenities, programs they would like to see initiated and/or expanded, and funding needs to make it all happen. The idea was that the TCC would discuss in advance its vision and goals and be prepared for a community dialogue in September. Our monthly agendas have been focused on getting the Bylaws done and issues that have come up locally or been referred to us as the planning group. As TCC President, I am proposing that the TCC schedule a special meeting either in the last week of September or first week of October to hold this discussion. That is conditional on our Budget Committee and our Vision and Goals Committee holding meetings and generating written proposals to form the basis of this broader community discussion. Our monthly agendas tend to fill up and we need to set aside enough time to hear from the various groups in the community and have a real dialogue on this important issue. Alternatively, we could set the meeting in early November. Realistically, when would we be ready to hold this discussion? Tonight's action: deciding on when a community meeting should take place.

Discussion: Good idea. President Spehn will circulate possible dates.

8:45 p.m. The meeting adjourned.

2016 meetings of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group	
August	No meeting
September 21	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Finalizing plans for the Election Forum2) Report from the Vision & Goals Committee of the Tierrasanta Community Council3) Financial Update and Report from the Budget Committee4) Status Report on 2016 Concerts in the Park5) Appointing members to the Election Committee for March 2017 TCC Election
October 19	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Initial review of proposed budget for Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance Assessment District for FY 2017-18 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018);2) Announcement of election procedures for Officers and Area Directors for Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group3) Presentation by the Tierrasanta CERT Team (CERT = Community Emergency Response Team) – October is National Safety Month4) Election Forum in October: Candidates & Ballot Measures – date and location to be finalized ASAP
November 16	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Final vote on proposed budget for Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance Assessment District for FY 2017-18 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018)2) Adopt election procedures for Officers and Area Directors for Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group
December	No meeting

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