



Draft MINUTES for the  
 Joint Meeting of the  
**Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group**

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 • 6:30 pm  
 Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego 92124  
 www.tierrasantacc.org

Attendance:

President: Deanna Spehn	P
Vice President: Rich Thesing	P
Directors	
Area 1 - Mike George	P
Area 2 - Jim Mackris	P
Area 3 - Scott Hasson	P
Area 3 - Russ May	7:37
Area 4 - Emily Whittemore	Arrived late
Area 4 - John Batchelder	P

Treasurer: Steve Muckle	P
Secretary: Dawn Nielsen	P
Area 5 - John Adair	P
Area 6 - Loren Vinson	P
Area 7 - Vacant	
Area 7 - Kevin Oskow	A
Area 7- Jennifer Schultz	A
Area 8 - John Denune	P
Commercial Director – Mike Ogilvie	P

6:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call/Introductions; Determination of Quorum of 12.

*President Spehn congratulated Vice President **Rich Thesing** for recognition of his community service and special proclamation by Councilmember Scott Sherman at the City of San Diego Council meeting on September 19th.*

**Information Item One:** San Diego County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar, who represents the Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon Community attended.

*Ms. Gaspar gave background about herself and the County's role in providing services to people within San Diego County.*

**Updates by Government Representatives:**

- Police Department (Eastern Division): Community Service Officer Tom Bostedt 858-495-7919 [tbostedt@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:tbostedt@pd.sandiego.gov)

*Lt. Andrea Brown reported the **new commanding officer** for Eastern Division Captain Mark Hanten has completed his training and is now at Eastern Division. Eastern Division's Open House was successful with over 700 people attending the event and 300 touring the station. For those who missed a tour, contact Officer Bostedt. President Spehn will set up a tour for the planning group. Eastern Division is a collection point for **Handbags of Hope**. Currently accepting personal supplies (handbags, wallets, manicure sets, hairbrushes and travel size toiletries) for women in shelter situations. Collection ends October 7, 2017.*

*Officer Bostedt reported **crime statistics remain essentially** the same as last month for Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon. Quality of Life officers have been reassigned for two weeks for clean up for Hepatitis A outbreak. **Prescription Drug Take Back Day** is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2017, although drugs and sharps (needles) can be turned in any Tuesday - Friday during business hours at Eastern Division. Liquids (e.g. cough syrup) need to be in a sealed bag.*

- **State Senator Toni Atkins:** 619-645-3133 [Ryan.Trabuco@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Ryan.Trabuco@sen.ca.gov)  
*Last Friday, September 15th, was the deadline for legislation to be passed for forwarding to the Governor's desk to be signed or vetoed. **Twelve bills sponsored by Atkins** were forwarded. Three of the bills are: **SB2 Building home and Jobs Act** establishes a permanent, ongoing source of funding dedicated to affordable housing development. **SB230** expands the definition of "sexual offense" to include specified offenses related to human trafficking. **SB214** strengthens and updates the powers of the San Diego River Conservancy.*

• **Serra High School Principal Renfree** [erenfree@sandi.net](mailto:erenfree@sandi.net)

Principal Renfree is concerned with illegal activities by high school students in the Villa Portofino neighborhood and other nearby areas. She is asking for community help: if you witness suspicious activities, take photos of individuals, vehicles, and license plates which will aid in pursuing appropriate disciplinary actions. She has contacted the Homeowners Association at Villa Portofino as well. If you will be proactive, she will be too. **Homecoming** is October 13, 2017. **Solar Panels** in both student and faculty parking lots are completed.

### Reports from Committee Liaisons

• **Montgomery Field Airport Master Plan** <http://www.sdairportplans.com>: Scott Hasson

The first Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport Master Plan Open House was held August 23, 2017. Another meeting is scheduled in 2 to 3 weeks.

• **Community Planners Committee:** Deanna Spehn / Rich Thesing

The next meeting is Tuesday, 26, 2017. There are significant proposed changes for the housing element in an effort to streamline construction.

• **Concerts in the Park Committee:** John Farmer / Rik Hauptfeld

President Spehn thanked Directors Russ May, Loren Vinson and John Batchelder for their assistance in set-up/taking down at the last Concert in the Park. Secretary Nielsen said Tierrasanta Community Council should receive credit for sponsoring Concerts in the Park especially on Nextdoor.com

• **Tierrasanta Budget Committee:** Steve Muckle

Tierrasanta Community Council received a \$10,000 grant from the County of San Diego for Concerts in the Park.

• **Tierrasanta Open Space Committee:** Deanna Spehn, Chair 858-565-4018 [dspehn1@san.rr.com](mailto:dspehn1@san.rr.com)

The new **Open Space Inspector** for Tierrasanta is Lorenzo Boerboom. **Restoration in Rueda Canyon** will be conducted during winter break with the removal of over 200 palm trees. These trees sap groundwater and are a fire hazard. Crews will cut the palm trees down and helicopters will remove the trees with the staging area located at Farb Middle School. Helicopters eliminate the need to take heavy tree removal equipment into the canyon with the consequence of damaging habitat. Funds for this project is from a grant from the San Diego River Conservancy.

• **Tierrasanta Recreation Council Liaison:** Rich Thesing

The lighting at the Recreation Center will be brought up to Little League night time game standards. The cost is \$150,000, will require closure of the park again, and will likely take more of Tierrasanta Developer funds to complete.

• **Vision & Goals Committee** of the Tierrasanta Community Council: Kevin Oskow

In Director Oskow's absence, President Spehn read the following report for community priorities:

- Community Outreach/Education (i.e. Auto Crime) -
  - Add to the current website. Increase visibility on new website design.
  - Partners: Tierrasanta Community Communications Committee or Web group
- Posts in the Canyon
  - Contact President Spehn with recommendations for locations needing pet waste posts.
  - Partners: Open Space Committee

- *Improved Pedestrian Access at Smart and Final Shopping Center*
  - *The weight plates are under the sidewalk, requiring cars need to drive up that far in order to activate the mechanism to trigger the light change.*
  - *Partners: Commercial Director; Tierrasanta Community Communications Committee; Tierrasanta Village of San Diego*
- *Street Conditions Information*
  - *The web team should have section on home page with updates on street conditions*
  - *Partners: Tierrasanta Community Communications Committee or Web Media*
- *Needs Assessment for Senior Services*
  - *Organize a survey and/or needs assessment to help prioritize the needs of Tierrasanta's senior population.*
  - *Partners: Tierrasanta Village of San Diego.*
- *East Shepherd Maintenance Path Maintenance*
  - *Ongoing. Monthly report of progress. It may be of value for an open space section on the website as well. Is this primarily a season effort (post rain season), or is it year round?*
  - *Partners: Open Space Committee and Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons.*
- *Dog Waste Disposal Stations meeting ADA requirements*
  - *In order to meet ADA requirements, there needs to be a 4'x4' level platform. Should the open space or friends of the canyon perform a survey to identify the best locations to place these stations? Maybe entrances and half-way points, or just entrances?*
  - *Partners: Open Space Committee and Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons.*
- *Dog Park*
  - *Ongoing challenge requiring a group of dedicated volunteers to steer this forward with TCC support. Recommend community outreach through Tierra Times and website to develop a focus group.*
  - *Partners: Open Space Committee, Tierrasanta Recreation Council*
- *Electronic Community Sign*
  - *Benefit to the community in providing another channel for distributing information about upcoming TCC events and other important information.*
  - *Partners: Tierrasanta Community Communications Committee*
- *Traffic Enforcement/Stop Signs*
  - *Ongoing assessment of concerns.*
  - *TCC*
- *TCC Website/Social Media*
  - *Developing new look to the website with a similar information architecture.*
  - *Partners: Tierrasanta Community Communications Committee (Social) Website (Web Group)*

• **Mission Trails Regional Park Liaison (MTRP):** Rich Thesing  
*MTRP is installing solar panels to power Kumeyaay Campground.*

**Item A: Non-Agenda Public Comment.**

*Angela Elfman - Safe Place Faith Community. Domestic Violence free seminar to learn about the many forms of abuse that take place in our community. October 26, 2017 6:00 p.m. Ascension Pope John Paul Center 11092 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego, CA 92124. Contact: angela.elfman@san.rr.com*

*Dave Myers - Candidate for County of San Diego Sheriff. Key priorities: Utilizing crime lab for testing in all*

*sex crimes, address hate crimes, and use restorative justice process.*

**Sunday Gover** - Candidate for State Assembly District 77. Key priorities: Health care and affordable housing.

**Dan Lazzaro** - Road and bike path on Clairemont Mesa Blvd and on Santo Road between Aero Drive and Tierrasanta Blvd. needs repair.

**Item B: Agenda Review / Requests for Continuance / Additions to the Agenda** *No requests for continuance or additions to the Agenda.*

**Action Item 2: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the July 19, 2017 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 (draft minutes are posted at [www.tierrasantacc.org](http://www.tierrasantacc.org))

*Vice President Thesing made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2017, Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group. Director Vinson seconded the motion. No Discussion. Vote: Yes: 10 No: 0 Abstain 4 (Russ May, Emily Whittemore, John Adair, Mike Ogilvie due to absence at that meeting)*

**Action Item 3: Appointment** of eligible resident or property owner to fill the vacant Area Director position for **Area 7**.

*President Spehn asked if anyone was interested in serving. No one responded.*

**Action Item 4:** • Discussion and potential action on whether to **increase the speed limit** on specific streets in Tierrasanta including sections of Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Rueda Drive, Santo Road, Tierrasanta Blvd. and Via Vallarta to allow for radar-based speeding citations to be issued by the San Diego Police Department. Presentation by Russ May on a proposed pilot project of traffic circles that could be installed on Rueda Drive.

In September 2016 Gary Pence, Senior Traffic Engineer, City of San Diego, provided an over view of how speed limits are set.

- The City of San Diego receives 4,000 to 5,000 traffic requests a year.
- The Federal Highway Administration classifies streets on an official map. Speed limits are set according to type of street. There are 3 categories: **1. Highway** **2. Local residential streets** which have a speed limit of 25 mph as required by state law and limit is enforceable at 25 mph. **3. Collector or Major streets** – state law requires that a speed survey be conducted every 7 years using radar/lidar at non-peak hours at free flow. City Engineers calculate 85th percentile - the speed that 85% of the cars are traveling. The speed is set at the 85th percentile based on the philosophy that 85% of drivers will travel at a speed that is comfortable to them. Based on the results of the speed survey, the posted speed limit can either stay the same, decrease or increase. If there is a change, a letter is sent to the Community Planning Group (CPG). The majority of CPGs do not respond to the notice. Some CPGs respond that they do not want the speed raised and to leave it as is, in which case the City will leave the speed the same. The consequence is that speed for that one section of road cannot be enforced by radar, although it can be enforced by pacing which is difficult to do on a non-highway because it requires following a vehicle on a small street and drivers notice the police car and the streets may not be long enough to determine the speed. However, most drivers don't know which streets have not

had their speed limits increased due to the 85th percentile rule, and don't know that radar/lidar cannot be used to issue speeding tickets in those specific blocks.

The community plan for a neighborhood includes a map showing which streets are major streets, collector streets and residential streets. The Federal Highway Administration also issues a map with those designations.

How does an area get radar/lidar enforcement on streets with chronic speeding, etc? It is based on which areas complain the most about speeding and other unsafe conditions. Call City Councilmember Scott Sherman's Office at 619-236-6677 and contact the SDPD Community Service Officer for Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon, Tom Bostedt at 858-495-7919 or [tbostedt@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:tbostedt@pd.sandiego.gov) Be sure and give the days of week and time of day that the speeding, etc., occurs.

What is a Collector street? Think of streets as a tree. Residential streets to "collect" onto collector streets to major streets to freeways. Examples of Major streets are Tierrasanta Blvd. and Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Generally streets with double yellow lines are collector streets and streets with center medians and two or more lanes in either direction are major streets. Examples of collector streets are Tambor Road and Rueda Drive.

Attachments: The following were considered and voted on by previous planning group members – Letter dated November 6, 2012 regarding increasing the speed limit eastbound only on Tierrasanta Blvd. between La Cuenta and Rueda from 40 to 45 mph – the planning group voted to maintain the current speed limit which meant that radar/lidar can no longer be used to cite drivers on that specific stretch of road; Letter dated July 13, 2014 regarding increasing the speed limit from 40 to 45 mph on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. between La Cuenta and Rueda for westbound traffic only – the planning group voted to retain the current speed limit which means radar/lidar cannot be used to cite drivers on that one specific stretch of road.

Similar votes affected southbound traffic between SR-52 and Antigua Blvd. on Santo Road. and on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. eastbound between Antigua and Santo (letters not available). Ongoing complaints by local residents about excessive speed on Rueda Drive and on Via Valarta will also be discussed. Other roads may be added to the list of concerns during the meeting.

*Director Hasson gave an overview of issue and need for reconsideration of previous decisions by the Tierrasanta Community Council. Discussion with both pros and cons in changing speed limits. Concerns were not changing to recommended speed limits didn't allow for law enforcement to ticket drivers. If speed limits were increased, would there be sufficient law enforcement to ticket speeders and in the long term, as traffic increased speed, would the speed limit continually increase to the maximum of 55 mph?*

*Director Vinson made a motion to leave speed limits the same. Director May seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote: Yes: 6 No: 7 Abstain: 1. Motion Failed.*

*Director Hasson made a motion to make speed limits radar enforceable on Tierrasanta, Clairemont Mesa and Santo Road. Director Muckle seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote: Yes: 6 No: 7 Abstain 1. Motion Failed.*

**Meeting Extended:** *Director Hasson made a motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Director Vinson seconded the motion. No Discussion. Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Abstain: 0. Motion passed*

**Action Item 5:** Presentation by Kevin Oskow on the work schedule for the Vision & Goals Committee of the Tierrasanta Community Council. *Covered during Vision and Goals Committee report.*

**Action Item 6: Recommendation** by Scott Hasson to request that the City of San Diego install a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon at the crosswalk in front of Vista Grande Elementary on Antigua Blvd.

*Director Hasson gave an overview of the traffic / pedestrian issue at this area and made a motion to direct the City to install a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon at Antigua and Vista Grande School crosswalk. President Spehn seconded the motion. Discussion: Several members asked about how the beacon would be funded. It would come from Tierrasanta funds. Costs, including installation, were unknown. Director Whittemore made a motion to table this item until funding costs were known. Director Vinson seconded the motion. Vote: Yes 12, No 2, Abstain 0. Motion passed.*

**Action Item 7: Update of the list and membership of committees and sub-committees of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group and appointments to outside groups;** the TCC may consider modifying, removing or adding committees and sub-committees. Changes to committee membership may occur throughout the year.

Note: whether a committee listed here is under the “Planning Group” or “Corporate” role of the Tierrasanta Community Council is based upon the currently adopted Bylaws of both bodies. When the City of San Diego approves the new version of the Bylaws then the composition of committees may change. This is what the current planning group Bylaws say regarding committee composition:

(iii) Committee Composition. Committees shall contain a majority of members who are members of the planning group. Non-members, who are duly appointed by a planning group to serve on a committee, may be indemnified by the City in accordance with Ordinance No. O-19883 NS, and any future amendments thereto, provided they satisfy any and all requirements of the Administrative Guidelines.

*Note: All committees are open to membership by local residents and property owners and by members of the Tierrasanta Community Council*

**Committees of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group** – as planning group

• **Community Development Committee**

Chair: Bill Reschke*	Scott Hasson	*Deanna Spehn
*John Adair	Wayne Holtan	*Rich Thesing
*John Batchelder	John Hopper	Kathy Warburton
Lee Campbell	*Jennifer Cochrane Schultz	

• **Election Committee** - Chair: Hani Shatila

**Committees of the Tierrasanta Community Council as 501(c)4 community association**

• **Annual Recognition Committee** – Vacant

• **Tierrasanta CERT** (Community Emergency Rescue Team) – \*Mike George & Dan Lazzaro

• **Budget Committee** - Chair: Treasurer \*Steve Muckle; Members - \*Scott Hasson, \* Russ May \*Deanna Spehn, \*Rich Thesing [Note: the Treasurer serves as the Chair of the Budget Committee; President Spehn recommends Steve Muckle as Chair and Russ May as a member]

- **Community Communications Committee** - Chair: Bob Lang; Members - \*John Adair, \*John Batchelder, Ed Langmaid, \*Jennfier Cochrane Schultz. Committee meets as needed.
- **Outreach Committee** – Meets as needed to discuss ways to communicate better with local residents, businesses and schools, etc. Members:\*John Batchelder, \*Jennifer Cochrane Schultz – [There currently is no Chair]
- **Tierrasanta Vision & Goals Committee: Chair** – \*Kevin Oskow; Members – \*John Adair, \*John Batchelder, \*Scott Hasson, \*Jim Mackris, \*Russ May, \*Steve Muckle, \*Deanna Spehn, \*Rich Thesing
- **Tierrasanta Candidates & Ballot Measures Forum Planning Committee** - \*Scott Hasson and Jennifer Cochrane Schultz
- **Tierrasanta Concert in the Park** – Meets as called by Chair: \*John Farmer \*Rik Hauptfeld
- **Tierrasanta Logo Wear** – Meets as needed - Chair: Anthony Ferebee, \*Russ May
- **Tierrasanta Open Space Committee** – Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month except August and December at 7 pm at the Tierrasanta Recreation Council - Chair: \*Deanna Spehn
  - Jerry Bierman            \*Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto            Dick Rees
  - Lee Campbell            \*Russ May            James Sanders
  - Teresa Clowes            Bob Muldrew            \*Jennifer Cochrane Schultz
  - Betty Ogilvie            Mike Ogilvie            \*Rich Thesing
  - John Hopper            John Norris
- **Tierrasanta Website Committee** - \*Russ May, \*Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, \*Loren Vinson

**Ad Hoc Committees**

**Tierrasanta Bylaws Committee** - Chair: \*Deanna Spehn, \*Scott Hasson, \*Jennifer Cochrane Schultz, \*Rich Thesing – Community planning group bylaw revisions are done and approved by the city; Corporate bylaws to be done as a Committee of the Whole with the entire TCC participating with target deadline of November 2017.

**Appointments of Liaisons to Outside Organizations**

1. **Tierrasanta representative** to City’s successor agency for **Grantville Redevelopment** Advisory Committee & other projects in the Mission Gorge/Grantville/Allied Gardens area \*Rich Thesing (current liaison)
2. **Liaison with planning underway at Montgomery Field** for expansion plans & executive jets (2 years commitment) – no limit on representatives: \*Mike George, \*Scott Hasson, \*Mike Ogilvie
3. **Community Planner’s Committee** – Typically the President and Vice President or Chair and Vice Chair of the officially recognized planning group for each community in the City of San Diego - President \*Deanna Spehn and as Alternate Vice President \*Rich Thesing
4. **MCAS Miramar Community Leaders Forum** – meets monthly on base – limited space in the meeting room. Includes representatives of all communities surrounding / impacted by MCAS Miramar. \*Mike Ogilvie \*Loren Vinson \*Rich Thesing
5. **Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee** – TCC voted in 2017 to appoint current representatives: Betty Ogilvie and Alternate: \*Rich Thesing
6. **Rock Quarry Conditional Use Permit Committee:** Meets twice a year at meetings to be scheduled at the Rock Quarry - Chair: Jere Cordell; member \*Rich Thesing
7. **San Diego River Coalition** – meets monthly on the third Friday from 3 to 4:30 at the Mission Valley Library – current liaison \*Rich Thesing; interested in serving \*Jennifer Cochrane Schultz. The Coalition

includes over 70 organizations / jurisdictions / agencies located along the 52-mile San Diego River

8. **San Diego County Water Authority** – Typically the President of the TCC is the point of contact for new projects in and adjacent to Tierrasanta being proposed or underway by the San Diego County Water Authority - \*Deanna Spehn

9. **Tierrasanta Recreation Council** – advisory to the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department. Membership, including as a liaison from another organization, requires that the person attend 3 consecutive meetings and stay for the entire meeting each time. Current Liaison is \*Rich Thesing. Meets 6:30 pm the second Thursday of each month except Aug.

10. **Unexploded Ordnance Liaison** – since the December 1983 deaths of two 8-year old boys in Tierrasanta from a 37-mm shell \*Deanna Spehn has been the liaison with federal and state governments on issues related to unexploded ordnance in Tierrasanta. Once every 5 years the federal government invites the Tierrasanta Community Council to review and comment on the proposed assessment of the effect of erosion, etc., on unexploded ordnance in Tierrasanta and in Mission Trails Regional Park. More than \$22 million was spent in the 1990s in portions of each area, but neither area has been completely swept for unexploded ordnance. The committee meets as required and reports directly to the full Tierrasanta Community Council. Chair: \*Deanna Spehn; Member: \*Mike George

*Due to time constraints, this item was continued until next meeting.*

8:45 Adjournment.

**Next meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group  
6:30 pm Wednesday, October 18, 2017**

**Notice:** Sign up to stay informed about the update to the Master Plan for Montgomery Field that is currently underway by the City of San Diego at <http://www.sdairportplans.com/> Scott Hasson represents the Tierrasanta community on the Master Plan update committee

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