



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

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 • 6:30 pm
Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego 92124
www.tierrasantacc.org

Attendance:

President: Jan Whitacre (1)	P
Vice President: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto (2)	P
Directors	
Area 1: Loren Vinson (1)	A
Area 2: Mike George (2)	P
Area 3: Kevin Oskow (3)	P
Area 4: Russ May (4)	A
Residential Director: Vacant	
Commercial Director: Vacant	
() indicates area of residence	

Treasurer: Steve Muckle (4)	P
Secretary: John Denune (4)	P
Area 1: John Adair (1)	A
Area 2: Elvie Plaskota (2)	P
Area 3: Emily Whittemore (3)	P (7:05)
Area 4: Jim Mackris (4)	A
Non-Voting positions:	
Serra High School:	
Murphy Canyon:	

*Joint meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group,
the officially recognized planning group by the City of San Diego,
and the Tierrasanta Community Council, a 501(c)4 community association.*

6:30 pm President Whitacre called the meeting to order. Director George led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members introduced themselves and a quorum was determined with 7 members present.

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

President Whitacre asked if there were any additions to the agenda. None were suggested.

Action Item 1: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the June 20, 2018 Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group.

Attachment 1: Draft Minutes for the June 20, 2018 TCC&PG Meeting

President Whitacre asked if there were any proposed changes requested to the draft June 20, 2018 minutes. Hearing none, Treasurer Muckle made a motion to approve which was seconded by Director Oskow. The vote to approve was unanimous with Vice President Nielsen-Lostritto abstaining for non-attendance at the June meeting.

Item B: Updates by Government Representatives (Limited to 2 minutes each)

- **MCAS Miramar:** Kristin Camper 858-577-6603 kristin.camper@usmc.mil

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- *Change of Command is taking place on July 20th. Colonel Woodworth will pass command of the station to Colonel Dockery.*
- **No other government representatives were currently in attendance.**

Item C: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Parking along Clairemont Mesa Blvd from Rueda to MTRP:

As many of the meeting attendees were here to comment on the issue of parking along Clairemont Mesa Blvd. from Rueda to the Mission Trails Regional Park entrance, President Whitacre introduced the topic by providing some history. Citizens have come before the Council twice in the last 6 months complaining about noise and trash near the park entrance. Citizens had asked for a reinstatement of parking restrictions they believed to have existed previously. President Whitacre contacted the City and discovered that there were no prior parking restrictions but there was some confusion regarding parking due to the diagonal traffic calming lines painted on the roadway. In 2013, the City re-striped the area to make parallel parking clearer. President Whitacre asked for public comment on any issues observed in this area (parking, noise, trash, speeding) and any suggestions for mitigating them.

Karen Anderson: Comments that she is a Tierrasanta resident and often parks on the street in the evenings after the parking lot is closed as this is a good time to hike. Eliminating street parking would be a hardship because of increased distance and because she has a dog with a disability. Also said that examples of previous complaints included News Years Eve and the evening of the “super blood moon”, both unique events that are not the norm. Understands frustrations but doesn’t feel eliminating parking will solve the issues. Suggested additional trash cans and signs reminding park users to be respectful of nearby residents.

Eric Beveridge: Declined to speak but did fill out a survey form indicating that he uses this park entrance approximately 8 times per month and has not seen any excessive noise or trash. He suggests additional, random police patrols to address issues.

Lynn Beveridge: Comments that she hikes here often and is also part of a running group and has never seen excessive noise or trash. Feels that if parking is eliminated, park users will park on nearby residential streets making the problem worse for residents. Suggests more trash cans and police enforcement for noise.

Steve Roeder: Asked for clarification regarding angled parking vs. parallel parking.

Roberta King: Has lived in Tierrasanta since 1981 and while she no longer uses the park, she know many who do. Suggests putting up signs limiting parking after 10pm and calling police if there are noise issues.

John Denune: TCC also received input via email prior to the meeting and John also compiled some statistics regarding street parking usage after 7pm (the time the gate to the parking lot is scheduled to be locked during the summer). Over the course of a 2.5 week

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period, an average of 23 cars were parked on the street at 7pm. A total of 26 emails were received with 24 responses against any red striping of the curb, one supported partial red striping on the south side of the street, and one supported eliminating all parking. Comments supporting street parking included providing sufficient access to the park, eliminating parking would move problems into residential areas, and most have never seen any problems with noise or trash. Suggested solutions include limiting parking after 10pm, signs reminding visitors to be quiet and respectful of nearby residents, call police if there are issues, asking police to increase evening patrols, limit parking next to the houses only, ask MTRP to keep the parking lot open 24/7 and add additional trash cans.

An unidentified resident suggested additional speed bumps along Clairemont Mesa Blvd to help control speeding.

Action Item 2: Proposed stop sign at Gabacho and Remora

President Whitacre provided background on the issue reporting that a citizen had submitted a request to the City to install a stop sign on Remora at Gabacho and Montego. The City evaluated both this as well as a 3-way stop. The single stop sign at Remora met the evaluation criteria to install a stop sign (15 of 18 points), but the 3-way did not meet criteria (12 of 20 points). The City is open to a stop sign on Remora and the TCC would like comments from residents.

Bill Debussey: Lives 3 houses away from that intersection (on Montego). Understand the concern, but doesn't see the need for a stop sign.

Crandallyn Grah: Did not speak but the speaker form indicated she is against installation of a stop sign saying, "Does not seem to require a stop sign".

Mary Epperly: Did not speak but the speaker form indicated she is against installation of a stop sign saying, "make it hard to get out of my garage".

Joseph Mchachlan: Did not speak but the speaker form indicated he is against installation of a stop sign saying, "require increased time to my driveway".

Vivian Caswell: Did not speak but the speaker form indicated she is against installation of a stop sign saying, "does not seem necessary".

Allen Autry: Would like a stop sign or traffic light on Santo Road at El Comal because of all the speeding traffic on Santo headed towards the 52.

Marcia Wall: Lives on Gabacho since 1983. Don't care if there is a stop sign or not but feels visitors not familiar with the intersection might be confused by the intersection, so a yield or stop sign might help.

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Roberta King: Feels there are too many stop signs and speed bumps in Tierrasanta. Is against stop sign installation.

RC White: Agrees there are too many stop signs and speed bumps in Tierrasanta. Is against stop sign installation.

Joanne McCollough: Doesn't feel a top sign on Remora is needed. Concerned about traffic on Gabacho as Montego has speed bumps and this diverts traffic to Gabacho. Fire regulations and access to the canyon don't allow for speed bumps on Gabacho. Also concerned about traffic on Santo making it difficult for residents to exit via Remora. Suggests 4-way stop at Santo and Remora. Vice President Nielsen-Lostritto indicated that she previously tried to get a stop light there but was told the intersection doesn't qualify. Is now trying to get a controlled pedestrian crosswalk installed.

Terry Peete: Thinks there should be a stop light at Santo and Remora. Against stop sign at Remora. Vice President Nielsen-Lostritto said one of the reasons the intersection didn't qualify for a stop light was there were no police records of accidents.

President Whitacre called for a motion. Treasurer Muckle made a motion that we recommend to the City that a stop sign not be installed on Remora at Gabacho and Montego because it doesn't seem needed. Vice President Nielsen-Lostritto also added that there have not been any accidents at that intersection. Secretary Denune seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

After the vote, San Diego Police Officer Tom Bostedt added that traffic accident records are only kept for injury accidents, so that might be the reason there weren't any accidents documented at some of the intersections under discussion.

Item B: Updates by Government Representatives (continued)

- **Police Department (Eastern Division): Community Service Officer Tom Bostedt, 858-495-7919, tbostedt@pd.sandiego.gov**
 - *Crime stats in the last month*
 - *1 sex crime in the last 30 days, an acquaintance situation*
 - *1 robbery*
 - *2 burglaries*
 - *4 thefts*
 - *7-8 car prowls*
 - *no auto thefts*
 - *assault is down*
 - *citations are down*
 - *2 auto crashes*
 - *Parking at the end of Clairemont Mesa Blvd*
 - *Received complaints of drag racing and partying.*
 - *A local officer who lives in Tierrasanta has not found any kids partying.*

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- **City Councilmember Scott Sherman: Sheldon Zemen, 619-236-6677, SZemen@sandiego.gov**
 - Tierrasanta Library is closed for a year.
 - Announced the groundbreaking of the new MTRP ranger station and public art building.
 - Resident Kathleen Mueller commented that the quarry is working all night and she has complained about noise to the City. She got a reply saying the quarry needs to work at night for current road contracts requiring road closures at night. She complained that she didn't get a reply directly from Scott Sherman's office.
 - Director Oskow asked when the potholes on Clairemont Mesa Blvd would be fixed. Sheldon asked to be sent email on the issue or suggested using the "get it done" app.

President Whitacre called for a 5 minute break. Meeting reconvened at 7:33.

Item D: Notes from the Chair

President Whitacre discussed the monthly Community Planners meeting. The last meeting had three issues of note.

- *Repair of city sidewalks and associated cost and liability. Discussion of who should be responsible for sidewalk repair. State law says the homeowner is responsible but San Diego has implemented some shared responsibility. City is required to inform homeowners of needed repairs and homeowners only have two weeks to comply which is impractical. Two proposals: (1) City proposes all responsibility to City, or (2) City Attorney proposes all responsibility to homeowner. No decision yet.*
- *Quickway transit proposal. Competing proposal with SANDAG. Goal is more fuel efficient, quick transit. Merges existing roadways, bus and trolley with addition of Quickway which is like a trolley on wheels. Both express and local versions to create a web of efficient transit.*
- *Climate change. (presentation later)*

Action Item 3: Approval of expenditure for 2017 Annual TCC Financial Audit

Kathleen Cronin, who performed an audit for 2013-2016 during the summer of last year, has quoted \$150 to perform an audit of 2017. Treasurer Muckle reached out to three other CPA's in the local area; two didn't do audits and the other didn't respond. Director George made the motion to approve the \$150 expenditure for the audit. Director Oskow seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Information Item 1: Presentation by President Jan Whitacre on the City of San Diego's Climate Change Program

The City plan calls for additional trees to help capture CO2 in the atmosphere and help conserve water. City has a goal of 15% tree canopy coverage by 2020, and 35% tree canopy coverage by 2035. The City is increasing street tree and park plantings, but these alone will not be sufficient to reach the City's goal. Residents will be encouraged to participate by

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increasing tree canopy coverage on residential, commercial, and industrial zoned private property

Additional information: <https://www.sandiego.gov/trees>

Director George asked if trees can be donated. President Whitacre felt the focus was more on individuals planting trees.

Director Muckle expressed concern that there wasn't much scientific analysis. President Whitacre indicated this was more of a PR pitch. The website has more information.

Information Item 2: Reports from Committee Liaisons

- **Montgomery Field Airport Master Plan: Scott Hasson**
 - *No report. A resident was concerned about increased air traffic, larger planes.*
- **Community Planners Committee: Jan Whitacre**
 - *Items presented earlier.*
- **Concerts in the Park Committee Liaisons: Dawn Lostritto and Jan Whitacre**
 - *President Whitacre commented that Rik Hauptfeld and John Farmer do most of the organization along with some volunteers. Rik would like more support, especially for contracting bands, coordination with the Rec Center, traffic and advertising. In general, attendance has been down. Future agenda item to get TCC more involved.*
- **Tierrasanta Budget Committee: Steve Muckle**
 - *Investments up 1.1% since last month*
- **Tierrasanta Open Space Committee: Deanna Spehn, Chair 858-565-4018**
dspehn1@san.rr.com
 - *No meeting in July. Next one is in August.*
 - *Director George asked in Treebeard will get the renewed contract for landscape maintenance and asked if the Open Space Committee can make a formal recommendation. VP Nielsen-Lostritto said contracting is handled through the City but will look into making a recommendation.*
- **Tierrasanta Recreation Council Liaison: Rich Thesing**
 - *Rich Thesing reports that they are now basically advisory to the City. All funds are now handled by City staff but City allowed a spend down of funds of \$100k. Next meeting will decide if they will be advisory to the City, a 501c3 or both. Director George pointed out that our Rec Council is somewhat unique and has been very effective getting facilities in Tierrasanta.*
- **Vision & Goals Committee of the Tierrasanta Community Council: Kevin Oskow**
 - *No update*
- **Tierrasanta Community Communications Committee: Bob Lang**
 - *No update*
- **Tierrasanta Community Development Committee: Bill Reschke**
 - *No update*
- **Mission Trails Regional Park Liaison: Rich Thesing**
 - *Tomorrow at 10am is the groundbreaking for new ranger station and art gallery.*

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Item C: Non-Agenda Public Comment (continued)

A resident who didn't get the opportunity to speak earlier because she mistakenly went to the Library instead of the Rec Center asked to speak. She commented that she has lived in Tierrasanta a long time and is very fed up with the mismatched fences along the south side of Clairemont Mesa Blvd starting around the 11000 block and continuing east. Some are tumbled down looking, some are nice. Thinks the developer or the City should have put in a block wall when the houses were built 40 years ago. Proposes that the City put in a wall or vinyl fencing because this looks terrible and is the biggest eyesore in Tierrasanta. VP Nielsen-Lostritto said the Open Space Committee can look into it. They maintain fencing in the Barbados community and said it would cost a million dollars to replace the Barbados fencing, which is why they keep patching it instead.

Adjournment:

At 8:25 p.m. Treasurer Muckle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Oskow seconded the motion. No Discussion: Vote: Unanimous.

Notices:

- *No meeting in August.*
- *The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 19, 2018.*

The Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group generally in the following months: January, February, March, April, June, July, September and October.
Additional meetings may be called on an as needed basis.

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