



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

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 • 6:30 pm  
Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego 92124  
www.tierrasantacc.org

### Attendance:

President: Jan Whitacre (1)	A
Vice President: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto (2)	A
Directors	
Area 1: Don Chick (1)	P (6:32)
Area 2: Mike George (2)	P
Area 3: Kevin Oskow (3)	P
Area 4: Russ May (4)	P
At Large Director: Vacant	
Commercial Director: Mike Ogilvie	P
( ) 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 (6:32)
Area 4: Mary Saxton (4)	A
Non-Voting positions:	
Serra High School: Paul Gilmore	A
Murphy Canyon: Charles Kreuzberger	P

*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** Treasurer Muckle called the meeting to order with a quorum of 7 directors present.. Murphy Canyon Representative Kreuzberger led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors introduced themselves.

### 6:31 Item A: Agenda Review / Requests for Continuance / Additions to the Agenda

Treasurer Muckle asked if there were any additions to the agenda. None were suggested.

### Directors Chick and Whittemore arrived at 6:32 pm.

### 6:32 Action Item 1: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the November 28, 2018 Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group.

**Attachment 1:** Draft Minutes for the November 28, 2018 TCC&PG Meeting

Director Oskow made a motion to accept the minutes and Director Whittemore seconded. The vote was unanimous with Director George abstaining due to lack of attendance at the November meeting.

### 6:33 Item B: Updates by Government Representatives (Limited to 2 minutes each)

- Police Department (Eastern Division): Community Relations Officer Dave Gibson, 858-495-7919 [dkgibson@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:dkgibson@pd.sandiego.gov)

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- *These crime state are from December 1st to the present*
  - *3 violent crimes*
    - *one sexual assault from a known suspect*
    - *two robberies*
      - *one in the McDonalds parking lot with a handgun*
      - *one at Rite-Aid, a shoplifting incident that escalated using a knife*
  - *4 burglaries*
    - *two towards the east end of Tierrasanta Blvd.*
    - *two commercial business*
  - *4 theft cases*
  - *7 vehicle break-ins, 4 of which were towards the end of Tierrasanta Blvd.*
  - *6 cars stolen, 3 were from the end of Tierrasanta Blvd.*
  - *10 arrests*
  - *4 citations*
- *Putting out the speed trailer on Santo tomorrow to register northbound speed*
- **City Councilmember Scott Sherman: Sheldon Zemen 619-236-6677 [SZemen@sandiego.gov](mailto:SZemen@sandiego.gov)**
  - *Library update, during construction, they found termites in a beam, so need to replace the beam which will slightly delay the project. Still plan on opening during the summer.*
  - *SDFD hosted a pancake breakfast at Newbreak School. Station 39 will have the front lawn area relandscaped. Most time and materials were donated.*
  - *Water system upgrade on Madera Rosa Way. Water will be shut off on 1/22 and 1/23 from 9pm to 4am.*
  - *Secretary asked for an update on the speed monitoring signs that were to be installed on Rueda. Sheldon will look into the timeframe.*
- **Assemblymember Brian Maienschein: Rob Knudsen Robert.Knudsen@asm.ca.gov 858-689-6290**
  - *In the second week of the session, still developing legislation for the year.*
  - *Assemblymember Maienschein is vice chair of Housing and Community Development, Human Resources, and Judiciary. Sitting member on Budget including Budget Subcommittees on Education and Finance, Communication, and Education.*
  - *Getting a lot of phone calls on DMV renewals with regard to new Real-ID versions needed for air travel next year. Renew early and get appointments.*
- *No other government representatives were present.*

**6:45 Item C: Non-Agenda Public Comment.** Any member of the public may address a community issue not elsewhere on this agenda. Each speaker may take up to 2 minutes; speakers may be limited to less time if several speakers have filed speaker slips to speak on the same issue. The TCC is prohibited by The Brown Act from acting on or voting on any issue that is not already on the agenda unless it is deemed by the Council to be urgent. Issues raised during Non-Agenda Public Comment may be referred to an appropriate Tierrasanta Community Council committee.

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- *Noli Zosa, Chairman of the Linda Vista Planning Group and District 7 representative of the Parks and Recreation Board and Parking Advisory Board, wanted to introduce himself and learn more about Tierrasanta and hear concerns about Parks and Recreation. On the Parking Advisory board and is looking into a permit system allowing residents to park on the street in front of their own driveway which is currently illegal. Currently being tested in uptown and hope to roll out wider.*

#### **6:48 Item D: Notes from the Chair**

- *None*

#### **6:48 Action Item 2: Request by the Open Space Committee to favorably endorse its proposed budget for the coming fiscal year**

- *Deanna Spehn provided some history of the Open Space Assessment District, chartered under state law*
  - *Founded in 1973 by a vote of property owners, about 300 at the time*
  - *Allows local property owners to have a higher level of service when maintaining open space owned by the City*
- *Committee approved the budget unanimously at their January meeting*
- *Budget shows how money has been allocated and spent over the previous years*
- *Propose money in specific categories on future years*
  - *dead trees are the primary extraordinary circumstance in Tierrasanta. Allocated \$300k for this year*
- *Also maintains city parks, the library and the fire station*
- *Have a dedicated, full time open space inspector*
- *Biggest public concern right now is brush management*
  - *law doesn't allow assessment district funds to be used for brush management*
  - *residents can get permits to do their own maintenance in city owned areas*
  - *Tierrasanta gets 5-7 acres of brush maintenance per year from city funds*
- *One of the biggest expenses in dog poop bags. Tierrasanta goes through more bags than any other community in the city, about \$5000 per year.*
- *Hoping to get permission to do trail improvement projects. Need state approval.*
- *Current assessments is \$77 per year per home, goes up by cost of living, about 2%, each year. Condos pay two-thirds the fee of a home.*

*Director Muckle asked about the fund balance which doesn't look good. Ms. Spehn said they are doing well financially and this is due to accounting for big projects.*

*A resident asked if the helicopters that recently removed the palm trees were paid for by the assessment fees. Ms. Spehn said no, that was from a state grant to a local non-profit. About 460 trees were removed, 110 more than estimated. The project cost just under \$500k. The invasive palms will be replaced by native sycamores and willows.*

*Director Ogilvie made the motion to approve the proposed budget. Director George seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.*

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**7:07: Information Item 1: 7:00 PM Time Certain: Presentation by the County Water Authority regarding planned improvements to their infrastructure in the MTRP and related trail closures.**

- *Craig Balben, Neena Kuzmich, and Colin Kemper from the San Diego County Water Authority presented.*
- *The Water Authority is the regional wholesale water supplier. The City of San Diego is the largest member agency. Imports water from the Metropolitan Water District in Los Angeles.*
- *310 miles of pipelines from Riverside to Lower Otay Reservoir.*
- *Pipelines go through MTRP which had construction 8 years ago. This project concludes the work of that previous 2006-2010 project.*
- *Updates to existing Flow Regulatory Structure (FRS1) in the western part of the park, helps buffer flows of water suing 18 million gallon underground storage tank.*
- *FRS1 will have a water quality improvement project by injecting liquid chlorine to the FRS1 tank. Will install a 500 gallon liquid chlorine tank in the building.*
- *Instrumentation panels will be installed in park area near Belsara. Need to fence and remove some vegetation. Working with MTRP.*
- *FRS1 construction will be Spring 2019 - Summer 2019. Expect weekly liquid chlorine deliveries during the warmer months once per week, probably on a weekday. They haven't decided on where delivery trucks will be entering the park. No changes to existing roads is expected.*
- *Director May asked if the water is currently being chlorinated. Mr. Balben indicated yes. Mr. Kemper said the additional chlorine is a booster to increase water quality instead of just flushing/dumping stale water.*
- *Water Authority has a Citizens Water Academy to learn about policy and regulatory issues. If you're interested, fill out an application form. (provided). Class starts in March. Application period ends Feb 11.*
- *Colin Kemper presented on the new flow regulatory structure project to balance water flows.*
- *FRS2 planned in 2018 was delayed. New, smaller project will be 5 million gallons*
- *Plans and renderings for the structure were presented. Footprint of the new structure is approximately 190' x 190'.*
- *Current access routes are at Portobelo, Clairemont Mesa and Calle de Vida. Bridge at Clairemont Mesa is being evaluated for heavy construction. If not viable, heavy construction traffic will enter at Calle de Vida. Trails either at Clairemont Mesa or Calle de Vida will be shut down for heavy construction activity. Will know in next few months and will put up trail kiosks to inform about trail closures.*
- *Design to be complete in April 2019 with construction beginning in beginning of 2020 and be complete by Summer 2021.*
- *Working with the city to address wear and tear on local Tierrasanta roads.*

**7:32 Action Item 3: Discussion and vote to approve the TCC 2019 budget**

- *Treasurer Muckle presented the proposed 2019 budget*
- *We are not meeting our inflation goals*
  - *no current fundraising*
  - *only income is investment income*

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- *Approximately 1.4%*
- *Most of the fixed costs remain the same*
- *If approved, will start audit 2018*

*Director May made the motion to approve the budget. Director Oskow seconded. Vote was unanimous.*

**7:37 Action Item 4:** Discussion of proposed changes to City Council Policy 600-24 and adoption of appropriate changes to TCC procedures and practices.

- Office of the City Auditor did performance audit of community planning groups and made recommendations to the Planning Department on how to improve things.
- Treasurer Muckle read some highlights from President Whitacre
  - Representatives are staying on councils for too long and not making room for new people]
  - Diversity, Minorities are underrepresented.
  - Renters are underrepresented
  - Poor record keeping, elections, membership
- Director Ogilvie said TCC has never cared whether someone was an owner or renter. Director Whittemore said some may view the TCC as a homeowners association and therefore renters may not know they can participate. Suggested better outreach. Representative Kreuzberger mentioned that Murphy Canyon residents, who are renters, are underrepresented.
- Director Chick asked if these recommendations will be mandated. Secretary Denune pointed out the City response in that they accepted all the auditor recommendations and provided a timeframe of December 2019 to address the audit findings by providing updates to 600-24 policy. Suggested that some things we can start now (better record keeping) but other improvements should wait until the City provides requirements and guidance, otherwise we may implement something new that won't be in compliance.
- Treasurer Muckle suggested better guidance and term information needs to be published on the TCC website. Asked if there is good demographic population density info we can use. Sheldon didn't know. Secretary Denune stated that the 2017 bylaws revision used population when re-mapping the new Areas 1-4.

Treasurer Muckle made a motion to more clearly communicate the membership requirements and details of current membership on our website and defer more substantive action regarding the audit until the city provides more guidance via updates to 600-24. Director Whittemore seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**7:55 Information Item 2:** Discussion of the status of proposed changes to the TCC planning group by-laws and impacts on the 2019 annual election

- City Attorney still reviewing. No ETA.
- Secretary Denune provided a summary of changes being proposed.

**7:56 Action Item 5:** Discussion and determination regarding expected vacancies to be filled in the March elections.

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- Secretary Denune pointed out that the bylaws approved in 2017 changed election procedures for officers and took out election detail that was contained in the 2008 bylaws. Also previous areas were collapsed into current areas 1-4.
- The 2018 election cycle was the first to use the new areas and bylaws.
- During the bylaws switch, all existing directors were remapped into new area designations and terms. The mapping that was done was unclear and had some challenges, especially with regards to the officers and it is somewhat unclear what terms and areas the officers belong to.
- Based on the readings of the March and April 2018 minutes and the 2017 bylaws, Secretary Denune created a draft spreadsheet of the definitive TCC positions and terms based on the 2017 bylaws.
- Director Whittemore was surprised that she was appointed to a two-year term in 2018 which would mean that she would serve for three years without an election. Secretary Denune confirmed that the re-appointment process into the new Area positions effectively reset the clock if we are to maintain the odd/even election cycle. Director George confirmed that this was also the process during the previous bylaws changes and directors would draw straws to see who would get a one-year term and who would get a two year term.
- All agreed that better records need to be maintained going forward.
- Secretary Denune made a motion to accept the presented spreadsheet as the definitive list of TCC positions and terms. This included:

Position	Term	Representing	Role	Representative	Officer
1	Odd	Resident/Property Area 1-4	Area 1 Director	Chick	
2	Even	Resident/Property Area 1-4	Area 1 Director	Adair	
3	Even	Resident/Property Area 1-4	Area 1 Director	Whitacre	President (Even)
4	Odd	Resident/Property Area 1-4	Area 2 Director	George	
5	Even	Resident/Property Area 1-4	Area 2 Director	Plaskota	
6	Odd	Resident/Property Area 1-4	Area 2 Director	Nielsen-Lostritto	Vice President (Odd)
7	Odd	Resident/Property Area 1-4	Area 3 Director	Oskow	
8	Even	Resident/Property Area 1-4	Area 3 Director	Whittemore	
9	Odd	Resident/Property Area 1-4	Area 3 Director (at large)	Muckle	Treasurer (Odd)
10	Odd	Resident/Property Area 1-4	Area 4 Director	May	
11	Even	Resident/Property Area 1-4	Area 4 Director	Saxton	
12	Even	Resident/Property Area 1-4	Area 4 Director	Denune	Secretary (Even)
13	Even	Resident/Property Area 1-4	At Large Director	Vacant	
14	Odd	Business	Commercial	Ogilvie	

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			Director		
15, appointed	Even	Resident or employee VMV Apts	Area 5 Director	Vacant	
16, ex-officio	Each October	Murphy Canyon resident/management	Area 6 ex-officio	Kreuzberger	
17, ex-officio	Each October	Serra High	Serra ex-officio	Gilmore	

Treasurer Muckle seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The Odd number directors are up for election in 2019 and includes:

1. Chick (Area 1)
2. George (Area 2)
3. Nielsen-Lostritto (Area 2, Vice President)
4. Oskow (Area 3)
5. Muckle (Area 3 at large, Treasurer)
6. May (Area 4)
7. Ogilvie (Commercial)

There was then discussion on whether we need to form an Election Committee since one was not formalized in October as required by the bylaws and formalize the election procedures for 2019. Treasurer Muckle stated that the deadline for candidates is February 20 and Director Whittemore expressed concern that we haven't formally made a call for candidates yet.

Directors Chick, Muckle, and Ogilvie stated that they will be running again. Directors George, May and Oskow stated they will not be running again. John Adair will also be resigning.

Director Whittemore and Secretary Denune volunteered to join the election committee. President Whitacre was also suggested to join the committee.

Treasurer Muckle made a motion to form an Election Committee consisting of Director Whittemore, Secretary Denune and President Whitacre. Director Oskow seconded. Vote was unanimous. A meeting of the Election Committee will be scheduled.

### **Information Item 3: Reports from Committee Liaisons**

- Montgomery Field Airport Master Plan: Scott Hasson and Don Chick
  - No update
- Community Planners Committee: Jan Whitacre, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Emily Whittemore
  - Director Whittemore reporting that the Planning Department has implemented the City Housing and Climate Action Plan and has completed a study on parking requirements with the goals to increase housing affordability and supply, to create communities of places to live and work and reduce automobile trips and traffic

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congestion. Looked at transit priority areas (TPA, close to public transportation) and are considering revising parking requirements to a zero minimum parking requirement for new developments near TPA's. Also wants to unbundle parking costs from housing costs. Allowed residents to choose units without parking spaces. Also requires minimum 20% affordable housing within the TPA zones.

- Concerts in the Park Committee Liaisons: Dawn Lostritto and Jan Whitacre
  - Treasurer Muckle stated that they will be meeting next week
- Tierrasanta Budget Committee: Steve Muckle
  - Investments are down 2.5% since October
  - Will begin working on Audit
- Tierrasanta Open Space Committee: Deanna Spehn, Chair 858-565-4018  
[dspehn1@san.rr.com](mailto:dspehn1@san.rr.com)
- Tierrasanta Recreation Council Liaison: Rich Thesing
  - Got pickleball organized
  - Meeting this month will be cancelled
- Vision & Goals Committee of the Tierrasanta Community Council: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto
  - No update
- Tierrasanta Community Communications Committee: Bob Lang
  - No update
- Tierrasanta Community Development Committee: Chair: Wayne Holtan
  - No update
- Mission Trails Regional Park Liaison: Rich Thesing and Betty Ogilvie
  - Replacing the roof at Visitors Center
- San Diego River Coalition: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Rich Thesing
  - River Park being worked on
  - New bridges along the river

### **Adjournment: (8:41 PM)**

*Director George made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Ogilvie seconded. Vote was unanimous.*

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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