



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

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 • 6:30 pm  
Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego 92124  
www.tierrasantacc.org

The Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group meets generally in the following months: January, February, March, April, June, July, September and October. Additional meetings may be called on an as needed basis. In order to be eligible for election to the Planning Group, a member must have attended a minimum of two meetings prior to the last day of January of the prior year and his/her attendance noted either via sign-in sheet or referenced in the minutes for a specific meeting.

### Attendance:

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| President: Jan Whitacre           | P |
| Vice President: Mike Ogilvie      | P |
| Directors                         |   |
| 1. Area 1: Mike Ogilvie           | - |
| 2. Area 1: John Adair             | P |
| 3. Area 1: Jan Whitacre           | - |
| 4. Area 2: Elvie Plaskota         | P |
| 5. Area 2: Dawn Nielsen Lostritto | P |
| 6. Area 2: Rich Thesing           | P |
| 7. Area 3: Don Chick              | A |
| 8. Area 3: Emily Whittemore       | - |
| 9. Area 3: Bob Lang               | P |
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| Treasurer: Steve Muckle            | A        |
| Secretary: Emily Whittemore        | A        |
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| 10. Area 4: Steve Muckle           | -        |
| 11. Area 4: Mary Saxton            | P        |
| 12. Area 4: John Denune            | P        |
| 13. At Large: Kathleen Mueller     | P        |
| 14. Commercial Rep: (Vacant)       | -        |
| 15. Village@MV: Vince Delpidio     | P        |
|                                    |          |
| Non-Voting Positions:              |          |
| Murphy Canyon: Charles Kreuzberger | P (Late) |
| Serra High School: Paul Gilmore    | 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** *Pledge of Allegiance; Present members introduced themselves, Eleven members present, a quorum was determined. President Whitacre said Commercial Director Kevin Ingham from Starbucks resigned as he was promoted and is no longer at the Starbucks in Tierrasanta.*

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*President Whitacre asked if anyone would volunteer to take the minutes, since the Secretary was not present. Dawn Nielsen Lostritto volunteered.*

### **6:36 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.*

*Mailing Address:*

*Tierrasanta Community Council & Planning Group, 6030 Santo Road #435, San Diego, CA 92124*

**Action Item 1: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the July 17, 2019 Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group. Attachment (1)**

*Director Thesing made a motion to approve the July 17, 2019 Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group. Director Adair seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote: Yes:8 No:0 Abstain:2 (DirectorsNielsen, Ogilvie, Whitcare were not present at July meeting.*

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

- City Councilmember Scott Sherman: Sheldon Zemen 619-236-6677 SZemen@sandiego.gov
  1. *Monserrate Park Update: Finalizing design. They were short on funds but those have been located. Estimate construction to begin Spring 2020. Will include new playground equipment, all required ADA updates including restrooms.*
  2. *Rueda Calming Device Update. Zemen will find out where it is in the queue.*
  3. *Library Update: Library staff is back in building; will open end of September or October.*

*Director Denune asked why the water leak at Clairemont Mesa Blvd took weeks to get resolved. Sheldon didn't know but felt it was resolved within a few days of it getting to his office.*

- Assemblymember Brian Maienschein:858-675-0077 Rik Hauptfeld
 

*2019 legislation sponsored by Maienschein, signed into law by Governor Newsom.*

  - *AB 379 -Youth athletics: concussion and sudden cardiac arrest prevention protocols.*
  - *AB 605 -Special education: assistive technology devices.*
  - *AB 734 -Resource families: supportive services pilot program.*
  - *AB 781 -Medi-Cal: family respite care.*
  - *AB 845 -Continuing education: physicians and surgeons: maternal mental health. •Maienschein coordinated with DMV to help constituent who was out-of-state with an expired Driver's License, to renew license to keep rental car while helping her elderly mother.*
  - *Flyers: Senior Scam StopperSeminar, Clairemont Senior Center, Tuesday, October 1 from 12-2p.m.*
  - *US Census –Postcards will start arriving mid-March. This is the first year residents can complete the forms on the internet.*
  - *Summer internship just ended, andare looking for high school seniors or college students for 2020 summer program*

**Item C: Non-Agenda Public Comment (limited to two minutes)**

1. *Angela Elfman, from San Diego Family Justice Center talked about emotional abuse and upcoming free presentation at Ascension Catholic Church on October 17th at 7:00 p.m. (Flyers provided) She read from an article in the Union Tribune and quoted CDC statistics saying emotional abuse happens in all neighborhoods regardless of socio-economic status. A huge problem. Intimate partner violence includes parent/child, spouses and other intimate*

*partner relationships. Children who grow up in a home with emotional abuse views that at the norm which often turns into physical abuse. (4m:30s)*

2. *Bob Lang said his street was slurry-sealed with less than 72 hour notice with a warning of moving cars or they will be towed. It was not needed, especially compared to condition of some streets in the area and was not on the list to be sealed. (1m:00s)*

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

*President Whitacre can an update of the status of the draft bylaws. The City planning department asks for updates to the Planning Group bylaws mainly to accommodate voting representation for Murphy Canyon residents. After an initial draft exchange, the City asked for additional changes so that the bylaws conform more to the City standard shell. President Whitacre and Director Nielsen Lostritto worked on an update to better conform to the shell and is proposing to post them on the website and forwarding to the City next week for approval. Hoping to have City review and approval by October in time for 2020 election planning.*

*Director Denune expressed concern that this revision work was conducted outside of the established Bylaws Subcommittee and that the resulting revision has not been voted on and approved by the full TCC as required by the bylaws. President Whitacre stated that had approval to negotiate all changes with the City. Director Denune disagreed and stated that the previous approval to negotiate was only with respect to the first draft of changes that were approved by the TCC and not for all subsequent changes that had not yet been reviewed and voted on by the TCC. President Whitacre welcomed Director Denune to try to schedule a special TCC between now and the end of September and noted that no one other than Director Nielsen Lostritto was willing to assist. Director Denune disagreed stating that there have been no calls for a bylaws meeting since the last draft was completed many months ago.*

*President Whitacre accused Director Denune of disrupting the meeting and declared the discussion over.*

**Action Item 2: (7:00 PM Time Certain) To favorably or unfavorably endorse a request from residents to install two stop signs on Antigua Blvd at Bravo Ct. (Scott Powell). The TCC may recommend installation of zero, one, or two signs. Attachment (2)**

*Tierrasanta resident Scott Powell again made a presentation regarding the history and need for additional traffic controls on Antigua Blvd and is proposing that two stop signs be installed on Antigua at Bravo Ct. He is representing neighbors who are concerned about safety for children and the elderly in the neighborhood.*

*Five or six years ago, another resident succeeded in lobbying for V-calm signs and additional striping to try to control speeding. Multiple traffic studies have been done showing and show very little speed difference in either direction around the V-calm signs leading Mr. Powell to conclude that they aren't doing much to control speeding.*

*Another concern is the ADA crossing at Bravo Ct. on Antigua, stating that it a dangerous intersection, especially in westbound in the afternoon with the setting sun. The speed limit is currently 25mph with cars are currently averaging 28mph. There are currently approximately 2000 cars per day that travel through that intersection. Mr. Powell is concerned that many of these cars are cutting through the neighborhood to bypass congestion on the freeways. Mr. Powell feels the stop signs will discourage drivers from cutting through the neighborhood. The current traffic survey from the City does not support installing stop signs as the intersection did not meet City criteria, so Mr. Powell is asking the TCC to endorse the stop signs as an alternate process. (8m:56s)*

*Director Adair asked if there were any petitions circulated to neighbors near the intersection to get their opinion. Mr. Powell was not able to get much recent feedback.*

*Director Denune referenced the City of San Diego traffic engineering guidelines which state that stop signs should not be used for speed control and should be installed to minimize the number of vehicles needing to stop. The Federal Highway Administration states that studies have shown that stop signs are not effective in controlling mid-block speeds and says the over-use of stop signs may cause many drivers to not stop and give pedestrians a false sense of security and may actually increase speed in between stop signs. Director Denune presented a map showing that the proposed stop signs are only 700 feet and 760 feet respectively from current stop signs and stop lights.*

*Mr. Powell interjected with additional ADA safety concerns at that intersection. Director Denune tried to respond, but President Whitacre interrupted, saying we need to move on and that Director Denune “had his two minutes”. Director Denune objected saying there were no explicit time limits in the bylaws for discussion but President Whitacre overruled and insisted that we move on.*

*Director Adair expressed support for stop signs given the traffic and homes along the road.*

*Vice President Ogilvie stated that while the City evaluation doesn't supports stop signs, he feels they are needed and should be supported by the TCC. He also feels the police are more inclined to enforce stop signs rather than speeding.*

*Director Nielsen Lostritto asked the audience for a show of hands on how many residents live in the neighborhood and support the stop signs. Several raised their hands. She stated that she would feel more comfortable if we had the actual City traffic scoring and had a formal survey of residents.*

*Director Lang said there wasn't a problem on that road until all the commuters started using it and supports additional stop signs.*

*Director Mueller started that the road belongs to the community and not the commuters so traffic needs to be slowed down to the point that commuters don't want to use the road.*

*Director Thesing asked if we install a stop sign, can it be taken out if it doesn't work out. Director Denune read the City procedure which would require the City Council to vote to remove the stop signs.*

*Director Plaskota says she lives on a similar street and empathizes with the concerns, especially with regards to children and the elderly.*

*A resident commented that crossing the street is challenging.*

*A 10 year resident commented that he has not had any issues driving in/out of the area. He's not for or against the stop signs and asked if it was worth the cost to install stop signs and suggested speed bumps instead.*

*A resident expressed concern about distracted driving and are not looking at the street. His concern is not the speed but the overall safety and supports the stop signs.*

*A resident on Rueda was interested on how the discussion went and is eager for the V-calming signs to be installed on Rueda so they can fail and he can petition for additional stop signs.*

*Director Denune asked that if safety is the primary concern, why isn't a controlled crosswalk with flashing lights being considered instead of stop signs which needlessly inconvenience all drivers for the sake of minimal pedestrian traffic.*

*Vice-President Ogilvie made a motion to approve two stop signs, one in each direction, on Antigua Blvd at Bravo Court. Director Plaskota seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote: Yes:10 No:1 (Denune stated he agreed with traffic engineers from the City of San Diego who found the intersection did not meet the criteria for a stop sign) Abstain:0. The motion passed.*

**Action Item 3: To favorably or unfavorably endorse a determination made by the City to install a stop sign on Camino Playa Acapulco at Camino Playa Malaga on the basis of poor visibility. (Attachment 3)**

*Director Adair suggested a yield sign may be more appropriate. President Whitacre said the City has already decided a stop sign is appropriate. Vice President Ogilvie said traffic is extremely low. Director Denune wondered what a stop sign would accomplish as cross traffic is not being stopped and the visibility issues remain.*

*Director Lang made a motion to agree and support the determination made by the City of San Diego to install a stop sign on Camino Playa Acapulco at Camino Playa Malaga on the basis of poor visibility. Director Thesing seconded the motion. Vote: Yes:8 No:3 (Directors Adair, Denune, and Ogilvie (insufficient traffic at location)) Abstain:0. The motion passed.*

**Action Item 4: To favorably endorse the determination made by the San Diego Unified School District and the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department to revise and continue the Joint Use Agreement as well as the decision of the School District to configure its Serra HS facility upgrade to provide two regulation size soccer fields in the upper field area. Attachment (4)**

*President Whitacre gave some history of early plans to potentially get rid of some playing fields and limit public access which would severely impact public and organized youth activities. A response to*

*that from a joint meeting of the Recreation Council and TCC to make a recommendation to preserve field and public access. The City and School District heard the concerns and amended plans to preserve fields, tennis courts and renew the Joint Use Agreement.*

*Director Thesing made a motion to favorably endorse the determination made by the San Diego Unified School District and the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department to revise and continue the Joint Use Agreement, and support the decision of the SDUSD to configure its Serra High School upgrade to provide two regulation size soccer fields and tennis courts in the upper field area. Director Adair seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote: Yes:8 No:3 Abstain:0. The motion passed.*

**Action Item 5: To favorably endorse the Tierrasanta Foundation TTown Halloween 5K Walk/Run. This event is scheduled for Saturday, October 26. The Foundation is a non-profit public charity which raises funds to improve the public infrastructure to benefit all of Tierrasanta. Its mission is to promote the general welfare and interests of Tierrasanta through various community events that benefit the well-being and quality of life for all Tierrasantans.**

*Director Adair made a motion to favorably endorse the Tierrasanta Foundation TTown Halloween 5k Walk/Run. Director Plaskota seconded the motion. No Discussion. Vote: Yes:11 No: 0 Abstain:0. The motion passed.*

**Action Item 6: To determine standing and ad hoc committees, assign membership, and approve charters. Some liaison positions may be adjusted. Attachment (5)**

- *Director Adair made a motion to approve the Charters for the CDC. Director Thesing seconded. Discussion: Several members would like to see consistency in the charters. After general agreement, this motion was tabled to next meeting.*
- *Tierrasanta Budget Committee: Steve Muckle, Deanna Spehn, Jan Whitacre President Whitacre relayed that current Treasurer feels no need for ongoing committee. Tabled for future discussion on whether a committee is still needed.*
- *Tierrasanta Community Communications Committee: Bob Lang, Steve Muckle, John Denune. President Whitacre directed Lang to write charter. Lang said members were left off and should be added back in: John Adair, Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz and Ed Langmaid. Nielsen noted that she was left off list and if this now included website, then she should be on the committee because she posted information onto the website. Lang said he thought Russ May posted. Nielsen said May posts information associated with the blast email (ConstantContact) such as agendas/minutes but she keeps the calendar up to date.*

**Information Item 1: Reports from Committee Liaisons**

- *Concerts in the Park Committee: Steve Muckle, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, John Farmer, Rik Hauptfeld, and Jan Whitacre  
Director Nielsen reported that last concert in the park is scheduled for September 21st and hoped to have help from members of the TCC. TCC members Muckle (will*

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*not be continuing on), Whitacre and herself participates in the concerts. If TCC volunteer interest remains weak, perhaps an evaluation if this activity under the TCC is needed. They particularly need help with trash disposal from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Ogilvie and Mueller offered to help.*

### **Adjournment:**

*President Whitacre adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.*

**Attachments can be found associated with September 18, 2019 Agenda on TCC website.**

<http://www.tierrasantacc.org/2019-tcc-agendas-and-minutes/>

*Attachment (1):Draft minutes for the July 17, 2019 Meeting*

*Attachment (2): Antigua Blvd speed data(Field Data Services of Arizona) (3 pgs)*

*Attachment (3): Camino Playa Acapulco stop sign evaluation*

*Attachment (4):Working drawing of Serra HS facility upgrade*

*Attachment (5):List of proposed committees and committee membership*

*The next meeting will be at 6:30pm, Wednesday, October 16, 2019.*

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