



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

Wednesday, October 16, 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:**

President: Jan Whitacre	A
Vice President: Mike Ogilvie	P
Directors	
1. Area 1: Mike Ogilvie	-
2. Area 1: John Adair	P 6:36p.
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	P
8. Area 3: Emily Whittemore	-
9. Area 3: Bob Lang	P 6:34p.

Treasurer: Steve Muckle	P
Secretary: Emily Whittemore	P
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	A
Serra High School: Paul Gilmore	A

***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. As President Whitacre was absent, Vice President Ogilvie conducted the meeting.*

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

*Director Denune raised a concern that the revised agenda did not meet the Brown Act requirements because it was posted to the website less than 72-hours prior to the meeting.*

**Action Item 1: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the September 18, 2019 Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group. Attachment (1)**

*Director Thesing motioned to approve the September 18, 2019 Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group minutes as drafted and presented. Director Mueller seconded the motion. Discussion. Director Denune raised the point that minutes should record detailed discussions, speakers, and comments. Details from the stop sign presentations and discussion from last meeting were not detailed in the minutes. Director Denune suggested there be a motion to amend the minutes and volunteered to add missing detail. Director Adair motioned to table the item. Director Thesing seconded the motion. Vote: Yes: 8 No: 3 Abstain: 2 (Directors Chick and Whittemore because they were not present at the September meeting.)*

*After the vote, Director Chick commented that we need to come up with a standard for what is in the minutes. Director Denune read from the ByLaws what the minutes were to include.*

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

- California State Assembly: Brian Maienschein was present to talk about a few of his priorities for 2019 which included veterans, addressing student debt, and maternal mental health, specifically for postpartum women. Looking forward, Assemblymember Maienschein hopes to help women and families leaving abusive situations to be able to keep their pets with them. He is actively trying to help victims receive compensation for being charged higher security deposits for pets seek compensation.
- San Diego Police Department: Officer Dan Gibson read the crime stats in the neighborhood for the last 2-months. He reiterated that SDPD is actively investigating the case of an infant left in a car in Murphy Canyon. Questions from the audience and council members were asked about road-racing, homeless activity in the canyons, tactics to stop red-light runners, and panhandling at stop lights. Officer Gibson said the best way to address someone living in the canyon is to report it on the Get It Done app. He also advised that panhandlings is not illegal and that if he were to cite homeless doing this then he would also have to cite people who are fundraising in the same manner.
- San Diego City Council, Scott Sherman's office: Sheldon Zemen provided an update on the Montserrat Park upgrades and that the project is completely funded through to completed construction. The library reopened on September 30 but to expect information about a grand opening celebration to be disseminated. Mr. Zemen also announced that at a Cub Scout Meeting, a young scout attending Hancock Elementary was recognized for creating anti-bullying groups at his school. Mr. Zemen was told by an attendee that the paving on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard was substandard and that it should be looked at. Another person asked if there would be bathrooms at Montserrat Park and Mr. Zemen answered there would not.
- San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Kristin Gaspar's office: Anthony George introduced himself as the new representative. He provided a report that Supervisor Gaspar is working on programs for youth. Three (3) pilot programs for achievement centers for youth to help them meet the terms of their probation are currently in Southeast San Diego and Escondido. This is in an effort to reduce recidivism among youth. Mr. George announced there was a tentative agreement with TriCity Medical to keep 16 beds open for patients who are mentally ill or who have behavioral issues. He also announced that SANDAG plans to put the transit tax toward creating mass transit but that they should also put those funds toward highways and roads. He said Supervisor Gaspar is not in favor of a congestion tax. A

comment from the audience was made that SANDAG and MTS need to work together so their goals are in alignment.

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

1. *Steve Handley, a Villa Monterrey resident, asked individuals to vote for Barbara Bry for Mayor because she wants a more open and transparent government; to restore code enforcement that we don't have funding for anymore; preserve community planning groups throughout the city so they have the opportunity to build their own neighborhoods.*
2. *Emily Whittemore, TCC Secretary, offered a public apology for missing last months' meeting due to an emergency at work. She thanked Dawn for filling in without notice and John Denune for taking notes in the past. She said she hoped to continue the team effort.*
3. *John Adair, TCC Director, thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and staying involved. He encouraged those in attendance to keep attending the meetings, stay involved in the community, and stay tuned to what is going on by using the Next Door app.*
4. *Ed Langmeid, a Tierrasanta resident, announced that there were many HAM radio operators in Tierrasanta but that residents also need to be prepared in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.*

#### **Item D: Presentation of Certificate of Recognition**

The presentation did not take place because Paul Gilmore was absent from the meeting.

**Action Item 2: Accept nominations (if any) for non-voting representatives from Serra High School and Murphy Canyon Heights Military Housing Area. These representatives serve for the 2020 calendar year and seated at the regular January meeting.**

There were no nominations from the floor.

**Action Item 3: To favorably or unfavorably endorse a request for permit renewal of a Spectrum/Time Warner Cable Crown Monopalm wireless tower located at the Tierrasanta Baptist Church, 6090 Santo Road, 92124. Presenter – Debra DePratti Gardner of DePratti, Inc. (May require A/V assist.) Attachment (2)**

Debra DePratti Gardner of DePratti, Inc. presented to the council that a permit renewal is needed for the CrownCastle mono palm with cell tower currently on the Baptist church property (52 and Santo Road). When she took the permit renewal request to the City, she was told the mono palm doesn't provide sufficient coverage for screening the cell tower equipment. There are two (2) mono palm towers but only one needs a permit to renew at this time.

Questions asked by TCC included the following:

1. If you change the type of tree, does it change the change the type of coverage of the tower? A new tree would mean that both mono palms would need to be replaced. The surrounding landscape should also be considered since the church planted palm trees around the towers to help them blend in.
2. What does the church want to do with the mono palm? Ideally keep the mono palm but they defer to the community council and the City.

3. Has there been any public request to change the type of tree screening? There has been no feedback since providing public notice.
4. When is the second tree up for permit renewal? Probably in 2022. The newer mono palms have additional palm fronds for screening and the current fronds would be replaced.

*Director Muckle motioned to recommend the mono palm to the City with the improved fronds for aesthetics. Director Lang seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Action Item 4:** To favorably or unfavorably endorse the efforts of the citizens of Santee to halt or reduce in scope the proposed expansion of the Carlton Oaks Country Club due to unacceptable impacts. **Attachment (3)**

Several residents from Santee (Jerry Davis, Robin Davis, Lorri Frazier, Alexandria Lowry, Jamie McEar, Julie Nynos, Lori Mahon, William Mahon) presented on the proposed development of land currently where the Carlton Golf Course resides in neighboring Santee, CA.

The item is of relevance to Tierrasanta residents for two reasons. First, because of traffic on the 52 that would increase with such a development. The presentation cited that 3-years ago, the 52 freeway was already congested and at 80% capacity before a new housing development was built. And second, because of the original sales contract the golf course had with the City of San Diego, which states the golf course is in a floodway and wildlife corridor. A proposed development is in violation of the Carlton Oaks contract with the City of San Diego.

The City is one of the several entities that owns the surrounding areas of the golf course. There was no notice given to Santee residents about the proposed development. Since the City maintains an easement along the Mast Boulevard Exit off the 52 freeway (West Hills Parkway), it noticed the community of the community council meeting in Tierrasanta and that there would be a vote to expand the turnout lane at West Hills Parkway. The Santee residents are in attendance of the meeting to encourage the council to vote no on the creation of a turnout lane, since this would allow for parts of the development project to move forward.

*Director Denune noted that Tierrasanta does not have any jurisdiction over the area because the area that is in question is located in the East Elliot Community Plan.*

*Director Ogilvie and Director Thesing advised the concerned Santee citizens to address the matter with the Mission Trails Advisory Group.*

*Director Adair asked who at the City posted the notice. (Xavier delValle posted the notice of application.)*

*Director Delpidio brought up that Santee is short of housing and the residents group should consider this when opposing the development.*

*Director Mueller asked what the City of Santee had to say about the proposed development. The residents responded nothing yet but the development plan and drawings for the turnout have to be submitted to the City of San Diego.*

*Director Adair suggested a vote of support to which Director Denune stated there wasn't enough information about the project to vote.*

*Director Chick asked if we had anything from the City that allowed us jurisdiction over the matter. (No, because the notice was addressed to East Elliot.)*

*Director Delpidio motioned to postpone the item indefinitely. Director Muckle seconded the motion. Yes: 10 No: 3 (Adair, Chick, Whittemore). The motion passed.*

*Director Chick then motioned to write the City to see if we have jurisdiction or purview over the turnout matter to take action on it. Director Neilson seconded. From the audience, Russ May explained that project presentations generally are made by groups wanting approval of something, not a vote of no support. Sheldon Zemen commented that there is not enough information about this project. A vote was not taken.*

**Action Item 5: To determine standing and ad hoc committees, assign membership, and approve charters. Some liaison positions may be adjusted. Attachment (4) and (5).**

*Director Delpidio motioned that Action Items 5 and 6 are postponed to the next meeting. Director Denune seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Director Whittemore motioned that the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group convene a meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 6:30pm to discuss Action Items 5 and 6. Director Adair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

- Community Planners Community: No report since last CPC meeting was rescheduled.
- Concerts in the Park: Director Muckle reported that after the last concert they were \$250 short for the next concert scheduled in June (first of the season) so the committee is discussing how to raise those funds.
- Budget Committee: No report.
- Open Space Committee: Director Thesing said the committee is working with SDUSD to keep joint-use of the fields at Serra High School
- Parks & Recreation Committee: Same report as Open Space.
- Vision & Goals Committee: No report.
- Communications Committee: Director Lang sent a charter via email to the TCC to which Director Denune commented that it is missing formal procedures. The councilmember information on the TCC website looks to be about 10-months out of date. An updated roster was sent to Russ May. The chair will set the next committee meeting.
- Community Development Committee: No report.
- Mission Trails Advisory: Director Thesing advised that Mission Trails is working on water storage units and they will be staged at the end of Tierrasanta Boulevard for around 18-months. None of the trails will be impacted by the work.
- San Diego River Coalition: Director Thesing reported that they are fighting with SDSU on who will pay for the river park.
- Rock Quarry: No report.

**Information Item 2: Election Information**

Hani Hatila, Tierrasanta resident, and Director Ogilvie are co-chairs of the Election Committee. Director Neilson will find out the deadlines for the Tierrasanta Times. Director Denune asked who else was on the committee.

**Adjournment: 8:43 pm**

*Director Lang motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Chick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Attachments can be found associated with October 16, 2019 Agenda on TCC website.**

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

*Attachment (1): Draft minutes for the September 18, 2019 Meeting*

*Attachment (2): Crown-Castle cell permit renewal*

*Attachment (3): Carleton Oaks Country Club proposed expansion*

*Attachment (4): List of proposed committees and committee membership*

*Attachment (5): Proposed committee charters (incomplete)*

*The next meeting will be held on November 20, 2019 at 6:30pm.*

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