



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

Thursday, May 13, 2021 • 6:30 pm

Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego 92124

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Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this meeting was held via videoconferencing. Information about meeting access was provided on the agenda and posted/ distributed according to civil code.

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 one meeting 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:

Directors:

1. Area 1: Mike Ogilvie	P	12. Area 4: Kathleen Mueller	A
2. Area 1: John Adair	A	13. Murphy Canyon: Kelly Kolterman-Brown	A
3. Area 1: Emily Whittemore	P	14. Murphy Canyon: Michael Ferrell	P
4. Area 2: Vince Delpidio	P	15. Murphy Canyon: (vacant)	-
5. Area 2: (vacant)	-	16. Commercial: Chris Shamoon	P
6. Area 2: Rich Thesing	P	17. Village @ MV: (vacant)	-
7. Area 3: Robert Lang	P		
8. Area 3: Don Chick	P		
9. Area 3: Jonathan Schwartz	P		
10. Area 4: Steve Muckle	P		
11. Area 4: Mary Saxton	A		

Non-Voting Positions:

Canyon Hills HS: Kate Chasin P

6:33 pm *Pledge of Allegiance; Present members introduced themselves; Ten members present and a quorum was determined. President Steve Muckle conducted the meeting and gave notice that the meeting was being recorded to ensure proper minutes.*

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

President: Steve Muckle
Vice President: Vince Delpidio
Treasurer: Mike Ogilvie
Secretary: Chris Shamoon

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

There were no comments made with regard to the agenda.

Action Item 1: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the April 21, 2021 Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group.

Motion to approve by Steve Muckle second by Rich Thesing and passed unanimously.

Item C: Non-Agenda Public Comment: limited to 2-minutes each

Chuck Cox continued to express his disdain with the change of Serra High School to Canyon Hills High School in a manner that excluded the opinions of Tierrasanta residents. He believes that because we, as taxpayers, pay for the school, our opinions should be represented. He explained the roots of the community of Tierrasanta and how the name of Serra High School was representative of those roots. He believes that this decision to exclude residents appears to be intentional, and he does not think that is appropriate. Based on the mission and purpose of the TCC, he asked to put an agenda item on the next council meeting and give a recommendation based on the discussion at that meeting after hearing the opinions of the residents who were initially excluded.

Action Item 2: TCC to respond to proposed speed limit change to 40MPH on Santo Road northbound between Tierrasanta Boulevard and Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Attachment: (2)

This area is a school zone and will be treated as a school zone when children are present, but it is otherwise considered a regular road. This area is surveyed every 7-10 years and the speed can be adjusted at that time. In 2018, the southbound traffic study showed the appropriate speed to be 35mph going southbound and now in 2021 it is showing that the northbound traffic should be 40mph. The studies for each direction are staggered and can be because of the median in the road. The concern of high school students speeding off has been addressed by reminding people that when the students are present, the speed limit is 25mph.

These surveys are completed in order to allow for enforcement and if the speed limit that comes out of the survey is not adopted, then police response will not be available. Concerns were raised that the speed is high because the speed limit is not enforced and that police are not present to encourage drivers to slow down. It was then argued that raising the speed limit might increase police presence because it will actually be enforceable.

Additional signage has been requested reminding drivers that the school zone speed should be followed at appropriate times, but several signs already being there were mentioned. Having no current speed limit signs then putting up 40mph signs was a concern because it may cause people to speed up and ignore the 25mph when children are present signs outside of school hours but when there are still extracurricular activities keeping students in the area.

Several people mentioned accidents and close calls in the area at the current status and the fear of encouraging the higher speed limit. However, people are already driving that speed, according to the speed study. At least with putting an enforceable speed limit, police can begin to enforce the speed in the area and have more presence to encourage safe driving.

Motion by Mike Ogilvie and seconded by Jonathan Schwartz to accept the recommendation of raising the speed limit to 40mph and to request more signs clarifying the speed limits and school zone where there may not be clarity and to request more police presence with the area now being enforceable because there is concern of the speed being increased near the high school.

Motion passed 8-2 with the following votes:

Yes: Mike Ogilvie, Emily Whittemore, Vince DelPidio, Don Chick, Jonathan Schwartz, Steve Muckle, Michael Farrell & Chris Shamoon

No: Rich Thesing & Bob Lang

Action Item 3: TCC to consider whether to hold a concert in the park during 2021.

More time was requested in order to receive the anticipated June 15 Covid-19 restriction updates.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Chris Shamoon seconded by Emily Whittemore and passed unanimously. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

The next regular meeting will be 6:30 pm Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

Attachments can be found associated with the May 13, 2021 Agenda on TCC website.

<http://www.tierrasantacc.org/2021-tcc-agendas-and-minutes>