

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

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 – 6:30 PM

Tierrasanta Reaction Center
11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd
San Diego, CA 92124
www.tierrasantacc.org

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

Director Attendance:

1. Area 1: Ingrid Cornax	P	10. Area 4: Lisa Leonard	A
2. Area 1: John Adair	P	11. Area 4: (vacant)	-
3. Area 1: Michael Ferrell	P	12. Area 4: (vacant)	-
4. Area 2: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto	P	13. Area 5: Kelly Kolterman-Brown	P
5. Area 2: Mary Saxton	P	14. Area 5: (vacant)	-
6. Area 2: Rich Thesing	P	15. Area 5: (vacant)	-
7. Area 3: Robert Lang	P	16. Commercial: Chris Shamoon	A
8. Area 3: Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz	A	17. Village @ MV: Carol Kelley	A
9. Area 3: Rebecca Schacher	P		

Non-voting positions:

Canyon Hills High School: Quentin Brown P

6:31 pm: Pledge of Allegiance; present members introduced themselves; Nine members present and quorum was determined (7 required.) Vice president Ingrid Cornax conducted the meeting.

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: Chris Shamoon

Vice President: Ingrid Cornax

Treasurer: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto

Item A: Requested amendments to the draft minutes for February 21, 2024

1. Bob Lang requested that the minutes that Sara Jacobs attended the meeting in-person

2. Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto noted that the attachment (Open space/MAD budget) was missing
3. Bob Lang requested that his update for the Vision and Goals Committee be included in the minutes.

An announcement was posted in the Tierrasanta Foundation Newsletter soliciting new visions and goals from the community. Announcement will recur until the annual meeting of the Vision and Goals committee happens later this year.

Action Item 1: Approval of the draft minutes

Motion to approve the minutes with the suggested amendment and added attachment by Rich Thesing, seconded by Kelly Kolterman-Brown, and passed unanimously (Rebecca Schacher abstained due to absence).

Info Item 1: Updates by Government Representatives (limited to 2 minutes each)

- Fire Station 39 (Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon): <http://www.sandiego.gov/fire> (not present at meeting)
- Police Department (Eastern Division): Community Service Officer Salvador Laureltorres: 858-495-7919; slaureltorre@pd.sandiego.gov (not present at meeting)
- U.S. Congresswoman Sara Jacobs: 619-280-5353 Michaela Castagnola; Michaela.Castagnola@mail.house.gov (not present at meeting)
- State Senator Toni Atkins: 619-645-3133; Diana Lara; Diana.Lara@sen.ca.gov
- Assembly District 78 Chris Ward: 858-675-0077; Michael Bravo; michael.bravo@asm.ca.gov (not present at meeting)
- County Supervisor Joel Anderson: 619-531-5522; Michael Kulis; Michael.Kulis@sdcaounty.gov (not present at meeting)
- Mayor Todd Gloria: 619-964-6637; Matt Griffith GriffithM@sandiego.gov (not present at meeting)
- City Councilmember Raul Campillo: Vic Vettiyl; 619-236-6749; vvettiyl@sandiego.gov
 - Continuing Coffee with Campillo => Councilmember Campillo will be in Tierrasanta at Industrial Grind on Saturday April 20, 2024 from 8-9:30 a.m. to chat with Tierrasanta residents. Coffee will be provided
 - Complete new asphalt overlay will be applied to Tierrasanta Blvd from the I-15 S on-ramp to far east end past Colina Dorado Drive. Work will begin after Memorial Day is anticipated to require 2-3 weeks to complete (estimate based on previous projects of similar size)
 - Clairemont Mesa Blvd resurfacing will be the next large road project to be addressed in Tierrasanta in partnership with CalTrans
 - Bob Lang asked Vic Vettiyl if Councilperson Campillo supports the proposed sales tax increase in San Diego. Vic responded that Councilperson Campillo spearheaded the effort and is therefore in favor
 - All TCC board members expressed gratitude to Vic for his regular attendance to the meeting
- Canyon Hills High School Principal Dr. Erica Renfree; 858-496-8342; erenfree@sandi.net (not present at meeting)

- An update was provided by Quentin Brown
 - Canyon Hills High School just had their winter formal dance
 - Work on the new softball field has started
 - New bleachers are being installed in the football stadium. The hope is have the work completed before the next season begins
- Board of Education: Board Member Shana Hazan; shazan@sandi.net (*not present at the meeting*)
- City Attorney's Office: Ann Marie Council; 619-533-6205; ACouncil@sandiego.gov (*not present at the meeting*)
- MCAS Miramar: Kristin Camper; 858-577-6603; kristin.camper@usmc.mil
 - Miramar Commander Col. T.M. Bedell could not attend due to illness so updates were provided by Kristin Camper
 - Col Bedell is working to continue his program of training marines to aid in fighting wildfires that occur on base
 - The barracks need improvement as has been reported in the press but the Miramar barracks are not the worst of the marine bases
 - Current efforts are focused on thorough move-in and move-out inspections
 - Col Bedell will be replaced by Col Robert Hermann in July 2024
 - Tree and brush removal at base boundary needs to be coordinated with the city to clarify boundaries of federal land and city land
 - The MCAS Miramar is working to transfer the Stowe Trail to the county. Currently access is allowed via permit. Info here: <https://www.miramar.marines.mil/News/Press-Release-View/Article/1163973/fy17005-mcas-miramar-accepting-permit-applications-for-stowe-trail/>
 - Denny's is not coming back. It will be replaced by the Fairways Café.
- City Planning Department: Lesley Henegar; (619) 235-5208; LHenegar@sandiego.gov (*not present at the meeting*)
- Tierrasanta Library: Librarian Jeremy Davies; JLDavies@sandiego.gov; (858) 575-1385 4985 La Cuenta Blvd (*not present at the meeting*)

Info Item 2: Non-agenda Public Comment

- Wendy Wellbrock requested that the Tierrasanta Community Council website be updated. The main page has information from 2022, and she had trouble finding the 2024 minutes and agenda. All minutes and agenda are online organized by year here: <http://www.tierrasantacc.org/agendas-minutes/>.
- Bob Lang read an email he received from a local Boy Scout who wanted to know what is being done about homelessness in Tierrasanta and what the boy scouts can do to help
 - Discussion about number of homeless in Tierrasanta canyons (very few)
 - Discussion that being homeless is not a crime, but the potential safety issues, like fires need to be address
 - Homeless Outreach Team (SDPD Neighborhood Policing) or HOT is who to call 619-446-1010 or email HOT@pd.sandiego.gov

- Attendees of the meeting noted that the email was well-written

Info Item 3: Rodrigo Mora of Anytime Fitness Rodrigo.Mora@anytimefitness.com introduced himself and described his plans to open an Anytime Fitness in Tierrasanta to be located at 10601 Tierrasanta Blvd, San Diego, CA 92124. Since the business will be operated 24 hours a day, he is working with the city to permit this appropriately and wanted to inform the community of his plans.

- Rodrigo grew up in San Diego and went to college in Texas. He became involved in Anytime Fitness while living in Texas and decided to return to San Diego and start new locations here. He and his wife own an Anytime Fitness location in El Cajon and the success of that location and their research into Tierrasanta suggest that an Anytime Fitness club would do well here.
- A little about the business:
 - Anytime Fitness is the largest chain in the world with 5000 locations worldwide but are all independently owned.
 - They operate a very personalized fitness model. All members are known by club management/staff on a first-name basis. Each member is partnered with a trainer so that programs can be customized to fit the needs of the member. The club is inclusive with programs for seniors and members as young as 16 years old.
 - The business is open 24 hours but only has personnel on-site during the day (not staffed 10 – 7 am) Monday through Friday and Saturday morning. There are security cameras that monitor who accesses the facility and when. Mr. Mora has not had security issues at his other location.
 - Mr. Mora is hoping to open the new location in August 2024 if he can get the permits and the construction completed
- Discussion about parking for the facility and concerns about cars coming late at night.
 - Mr. Mora's response: Although the club could have up to about 1000 members, only about 300 are expected to attend the gym regularly. When you consider that these members will spread their attendance over the week/day, it works out to about 15 people during peak hours.
 - The club will have 15 devoted parking spaces and additional parking is available elsewhere in the shopping center (shared with other businesses)
 - People rarely attend the gym between midnight and 3 am.
 - The gym has a landline and special emergency contact systems to help maintain safety when club personnel are not on-site
- Next step for approval: City of San Diego will request that the TCC to vote on whether to approve Anytime Fitness as a 24-hour business in Tierrasanta

Action Item 2: Seating TCC board by acclamation

- Area 1: Michael Ferrell
- Area 2: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto
- Area 3: Rebecca Schacher
- Area 4: Alex Brown
- Commercial director: Chris Shamoon

Motion to seat by acclamation by Ingrid Cornax, second by Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto and passed unanimously.

Info item 4: Briana Taylor (Arden) has resigned. This leaves another open position in Area 5 and Secretary.

Action item 3: At-large positions

- One seat area 1 – Term ends in 2026 (John Adair has volunteered to be appointed at next meeting).
- One seat area 4 – Term ends in 2026
- Two seats area 5 – One term ends in 2025, the other ends in 2026

Motion to seat declare seats “at-large” by Ingrid Cornax, second by Rebecca Schacher, and passed unanimously.

Vince Cardoza is interested in one of the at large positions. Currently he resides in Area 3.

Info item 5: Reports from committee and community liaisons

- Tierrasanta Community Development Committee: Wayne Holtan, Bill Reschke, John Hopper, Mary Saxton, Mike Ogilvie, John Adair, Rich Thesing, Carol Kelley
 - No updates
- Elections: Hani Shatila, Chris Shamoon, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Michael Ferrell
 - Elections are finished for the year
- Annual Recognition: Chris Shamoon, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto
 - No updates
- Bylaws Committee: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Mary Saxton, Don Chick
 - No updates
- Communications Committee: Bob Lang, Don Chick, Dawn Nielsen, Carol Kelley
 - We need a webmaster to help with the website, now that Arden has resigned
- Concerts in the Park Committee: Chris Shamoon, John Sperrazzo, Rebecca Schacher
 - Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto: One of the most important/impactful things that the TCC does is host these concerts every summer. This summer there will be 6 concerts on Saturdays, starting June 29 through August 3. This year John Sperrazzo would like to receive a stipend in exchange for managing these events. Normally, these events are completely volunteer run, but having 6 concerts is unwieldy. There will be a vote to decide if we should pay the stipend. Other updates: it looks like there will be porter potties this year to help with the toilet situation. The concerts will require a large group of volunteers to help with setup, cleanup, and parking.
- Vision & Goals Committee: Bob Lang, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax
 - Update was provided during discussion of the minutes. Bob is looking for proposals.
- Canyon Hills High School: Quentin Brown
 - Updates were provided during government official updates

- Community Planners Committee: Chris Shamoon, Ingrid Cornax
 - No updates, however, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto recommended that anyone who has not had the chance to attend should attend a CPC meeting. They are quite interesting events and let you see the challenges faced by communities around San Diego.
- Miramar Community Leaders Forum: Don Chick
 - No update
- Tierrasanta Recreation Council Liaison: Rich Thesing
 - Rich Thesing: He has received no complaints. A compromise to allow pickleball players to use the rec center tennis courts is in the works. The tennis courts are part of San Diego Parks and Recreation so should be open for public use. Raul Campillo's office is helping with the negotiations.
- Mission Trails Regional Park Liaison: Rich Thesing, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax
 - The proposed new pedestrian bridge (near Jackson) is 1000 feet long, 130 feet high, 8 feet wide, and good for 100-year flood conditions. A potential problem is that it may impose on nature and/or interfere with bird flyways.
 - During the MCAS Miramar presentation, the county is working on acquiring land to allow for a path (currently the Stowe trail) to connect Poway to Mission Trails
- San Diego River Coalition: Rich Thesing, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax
 - Three people likely drowned due to flooding during the winter storms this year. Most unhoused people willingly moved away from the river before the storms occurred and some of them have now returned.
- Rock Quarry Conditional Use Permit: Rich Thesing
 - Ready-mix Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is now being reviewed by the city. Superior will be giving a presentation on the CUP during the next meeting in April
- Open Space Committee: Bob Lang, Rich Thesing, Jennifer Schultz
 - Meetings occurring at Tierrasanta Library which will be closing for repairs for May and June. Last meeting, Guest Speaker from Allied Gardens talked about how they established a dog park. This was accomplished with great support from Councilmember Raul Campillo. Surprisingly, very few attendees to meeting.