



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

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 • 6:30pm

Tierrasanta Recreation Center

11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

San Diego, CA 92124

[www.tierrasantacc.org](http://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 one meeting prior to being 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. Area1: Ingrid Cornax	P	12. Area4: (vacant)	-
2. Area1: John Adair	P	13. Area5: Kelly Kolterman-Brown	P
3. Area1: Michael Ferrell	A	14. Area5: Briana Taylor	P
4. Area2: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto	P	15. Area5: (vacant)	-
5. Area2: Mary Saxton	P	16. Commercial: Chris Shamoon	P
6. Area2: Rich Thesing	P	17. Village @ MV: Carol Kelley	P
7. Area3: Robert Lang	P		
8. Area3: Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz	A		
9. Area3: Rebecca Schacher	A		
10. Area4: Lisa Leonard	A		
11. Area4: (vacant)	-		

Non-Voting Positions:

Canyon Hills HS: (vacant) -

**6:32pm** Pledge of Allegiance; Present members introduced themselves; *Nine* members present and a quorum was determined. President Chris Shamoon 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  
**Secretary:** Briana Taylor

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

None

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

- Fire Station 39 (Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon): <http://www.sandiego.gov/fire>
- Police Department (Eastern Division): Community Service Officer Salvador Laureltorres: 858-495-7919; [slaureltorre@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:slaureltorre@pd.sandiego.gov)
  - *Community Relations Officer from Eastern Division - Crime stats available on request, not for this meeting because of new CMS.*
  - *53 Crime cases taken at the end of last year, does not account for radio calls. Uptick in radio calls. Concerns with transients. 13 involved crimes against people - no further information available at this time. 39 Property Crimes. Business and residential. Vandalism, car theft, etc. Over 200 radio calls within Tierrasanta since December 1 of 2023. If nothing is happening after an issue has been reported on the Get It Done app, Officer Salvador has recommended that residents contact him directly via information he's shared on his business card. There are only 3 HOT team members for all of San Diego.*
- U.S. Congressman Sara Jacobs: 619-280-5353; Michaela Castagnola; [Michaela.Castagnola@mail.house.gov](mailto:Michaela.Castagnola@mail.house.gov)
  - *Working in DC to pass appropriation bills and avoid shutdown before January 19th. Assisted over 2,000 constituents.*
- State Senator Toni Atkins: 619-645-3133; Diana Lara; [Diana.Lara@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Diana.Lara@sen.ca.gov)
- Assembly District 78 Chris Ward: 858-675-0077; Michael Bravo; [michael.bravo@asm.ca.gov](mailto:michael.bravo@asm.ca.gov)
  - *Focus on Senate Bills this month.*
    - *Bills must pass by January 31st or will not become law.*
      - *Now Chair of the Housing and Community Development Committee*
      - *Bill package not fully formed yet*
      - *Upcoming February events*
        - *13th State Comptroller webinar*
        - *28th Senior Scam Stoppers Webinar*
        - *Cash for College Webinar date TBD*
- County Supervisor Joel Anderson: 619-531-5522; Michael Kulis; [Michael.Kulis@sdcaounty.gov](mailto:Michael.Kulis@sdcaounty.gov)
- Mayor Todd Gloria: 619-964-6637; Matt Griffith [GriffithM@sandiego.gov](mailto:GriffithM@sandiego.gov)
- City Councilmember Raul Campillo: Vic Vettiyil; 619-236-6749; [vvettiyil@sandiego.gov](mailto:vvettiyil@sandiego.gov)
  - **Town Halls With CM Campillo**
    - *Councilmember Campillo is thrilled to announce his fourth annual town hall series.*
    - *Since taking office in 2020, Councilmember Campillo has annually held*

*town halls in the District 7 communities to provide an update on the last year, goals for the upcoming year, and to answer your questions.*

- *The town hall series will be occurring the week of January 29<sup>th</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>.*

o *The Town Hall schedule is below:*

- **Serra Mesa:** *Monday January 29 at 6PM at the Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Library*
- **Linda Vista/Mission Valley:** *Tuesday January 30, at 6PM at the Linda Vista Library*
- **Tierrasanta:** *Wednesday January 31, at 6PM at the Tierrasanta Rec Center*
- **Navajo:** *Thursday February 1, at 6PM at the Allied Gardens Rec Center*

o *If you are interested in attending, please let me know and we will get you signed up.*

o *RSVP LINK: <https://forms.office.com/g/yKYERurpg1>*

o **Prop 1:**

- *In December Councilmember Campillo brought forward a resolution to City Council to declare a behavioral health bed crisis in the city of San Diego.*
- *Last week, Councilmember Campillo brought forward another resolution to Council asking the City to formally support the Proposition 1 ballot measure on the March ballot.*
- *The Resolution was unanimously supported by the entire City Council, Law Enforcement, and Mayor Gloria.*
- *If passed Prop 1 would: Expand community-based services, build supportive housing, provide treatment over incarceration, help homeless veterans, addresses shortage of mental health workers, and to require strict accountability for county programs*
- *If you'd like to learn more, please contact our team's Policy Advisor, Carrie Shah at [ShahC@sanidiego.gov](mailto:ShahC@sanidiego.gov), who is handling this issue for our office.*

o *New Staff Assistant*

- *Our office has just welcomed Emma Palmer as our new Staff Assistant.*
- *Emma will be handling CPPS/ACCF Grants as well as Boards and Commissions appointments for our office.*
- *Emma can be contacted at [EJPalmer@sanidiego.gov](mailto:EJPalmer@sanidiego.gov)*

● Canyon Hills High School Principal Dr. Erica Renfree; 858-496-8342;

[erenfree@sandi.net](mailto:erenfree@sandi.net)

● Board of Education: Board Member Shana Hazan; [shazan@sandi.net](mailto:shazan@sandi.net)

● City Attorney's Office: Ann Marie Council; 619-533-6205; [ACouncil@sanidiego.gov](mailto:ACouncil@sanidiego.gov)

- MCAS Miramar: Kristin Camper; 858-577-6603; [kristin.camper@usmc.mil](mailto:kristin.camper@usmc.mil)
- City Planning Department: Lesley Henegar; (619) 235-5208; [LHenegar@sandiego.gov](mailto:LHenegar@sandiego.gov)
- Tierrasanta Library: Librarian Jeremy Davies; [JLDavies@sandiego.gov](mailto:JLDavies@sandiego.gov); (858) 575-1385  
4985 La Cuenta Blvd

### **Info Item 2: Non-Agenda Public Comment: limited to 2-minutes each**

- *Perry Lieber - Request for Agenda Item to be more specific. Particularly when describing updates to utility projects. Has no idea what clean-outs are in relation to property options. Ingrid says that pipe will be re-lined and that workers might request access but that's it. Property will not be significantly altered. Different group is in charge of sewer project and bike lanes. Project 1056 is name of the sewer project. Concerns about narrow bike lanes and desires for wider bike lanes. Slurry seal projects.*
- *Rich Real - Representing mayoral candidate. Proposing a stop to selling city land. Proposing leasing land to developers. Potentially reducing cost of development.*
- *Introduction of potential mayoral candidate Dan Smiechowski. Commentary on the budget deficit. Running as an Independent.*

### **Info Item 3: Balboa Park Cultural Partnership**

- Collaborative and advocacy organization
- work with all the cultural organizations in the park
- manages the explorer pass
- advocates for arts and culture throughout the city
- Balboa Park plans
  - Experience plan - ensuring people throughout the city, Kumeyaay and Mexico have the opportunity to feel at-home at the park
  - 3 year project, about to take it to the Parks & Rec board
  - Communication improvements that allow people instant access to information about all areas of the park
  - "Cultural window shopping"
  - Improving the permitting process by creating dedicated areas for arts and culture activities
  - Plan has yet to be rolled out

## **Action Item 1: SDG&E Utility Boxes**

*Lily Taylor of troop 4332 presented the project on behalf of Troop 4362. Requesting permission to paint the utility box in front of Vista Grande Elementary School, on Antigua Blvd. This will be part of their Bronze Award project as Juniors. The theme will be “diversity and inclusivity.” In addition to painting the utility box, the troop will donate books on diversity and inclusion to the school’s library and make bookmarks to match the utility box design. Troop 4362 is a Tierrasanta troop of 10 scouts that have been together for 4+ years, representing the elementary schools in the neighborhood and serving the area with community service projects. Past community projects have been a butterfly garden at Monserate Park, an owl box in the canyon next to Vista Grande, painting the utility box at Kumeyaay Elementary and numerous trash bin pickups throughout our neighborhood canyons.*

- o Alvin White at SDG&E is the primary POC*
- o Instruction given to Linda Welch by SDG&E*

*Motion to approve provided Instruction is followed - Ingrid*

*Seconded by Chris*

*Passed unanimously*

## **Info Item 4: Reports from Committee and Community Liaisons**

- Tierrasanta Community Development Committee: Wayne Holtan, Bill Reschke, John Hopper, Mary Saxton, John Adair, Rich Thesing, Carol Kelley
- Elections: Hani Shatila, Chris Shamoon, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Michael Ferrell
  - *Elections will be first item on February agenda*
  - *Due date for submission to the Tierrasanta Foundation is January 26th*
  - *Social Media to get the word out*
  - *Nominations due before February Meeting*
  - *March there’s either an election or people take their seats*
- Annual Recognition: Chris Shamoon, Rebecca Schacher, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto
- Bylaws Committee: Dawn Nielsen, Mary Saxton, Don Chick
- Communications Committee: Bob Lang, Don Chick, Dawn Nielsen, Carol Kelley, Briana Taylor and Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto
  - *Flyer to be designed for this year’s elections*
- Concerts in the Park Committee: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Chris Shamoon, Cathy Newcomb, Carmen Cruz, John Sperazzo, Rebecca Schacher, Carol Kelley
  - *6 week series every Saturday from June 29 - August 3*
- Vision & Goals Committee: Bob Lang, Don Chick, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax
- Canyon Hills High School: (Vacant)
- Community Planners Committee: Chris Shamoon, Ingrid Cornax .

- Miramar Community Leaders Forum: Don Chick
- Tierrasanta Recreation Council Liaison: Rich Thesing
  - *Rec Center: Marcia is still the acting Center Director. In the middle of January a new temporary acting rec ctr director has been appointed to the center. The park's outside bathroom's pumpline and updates have been reported as resolved.*
- Mission Trails Regional Park Liaison: Rich Thesing, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax
  - *The new senior rangers are Julie Aelts and Rob Wheeler.*
  - *The old mission dam dredging funding has been approved at all levels.*
- San Diego Park Coalition: Rich Thesing
  - *As the homeless numbers in the downtown area lessen, the homeless encampment numbers along the river are rising. Most of the volunteer manpower along the river is being used to try to keep up with the rose of homeless camps and the negative buffer on the river as reported on the news.*
- San Diego River Coalition: Rich Thesing, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax
- Rock Quarry Conditional Use Permit: Rich Thesing
- Open Space Committee: Bob Lang, Rich Thesing, Jennifer Schultz, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax, Chris Shamoon
  - *Next meeting is Monday the 22nd at 5:30 PM*
  - *MAD Budget should be coming next month*
  - *East Shepherd Canyon was cleared*

**Adjournment:**

*Motion to adjourn by Ingrid Cornax; seconded by Rebecca Schacher. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at **8:02 pm**.*

The next regular meeting will be 6:30 pm Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

**Attachments can be found with the February, 2024 Agenda on TCC website.**

<https://www.tierrasantacc.org/2024-tcc-agendas-minutes/>