



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

Wednesday, July 16, 2025• 6:00pm

Tierrasanta Recreation Center

11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

San Diego, CA 92124

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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. A1: Ingrid Cornax	P	12. A4: Vince Cardoza	P
2. A1: John Adair	A	13. At Large: Jeremy Brown	P
3. A1: Michael Ferrell	P	14. At Large: James Hettinger	P
4. A2: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto	P	15. A5: (vacant)	-
5. At Large: Brandy Winterbottom	P	16. Commercial: Chris Shamoon	A
6. A2: (vacant)	-	17. Village @ MV: Carol Kelley	P
7. A3: Robert Lang	P		
8. A3: Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz	P		
9. A3: Rebecca Schacher	P		
10. A4: Kelly Kolterman-Brown	A		
11. A4: Alex Brown	A		

Non-Voting Positions:

Canyon Hills HS: Quentin Brown A

6:00pm Pledge of Allegiance; Ten members present and a quorum was determined. Vice President Vince Cardoza 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: Vince Cardoza
Treasurer: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto
Secretary: Ingrid Cornax

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

None

Action Item 1: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the June 18, 2025 Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group.

- One correction to the June 18, 2025 minutes was suggested by Bob Lang. He noted that he was listed as both the person who made the motion and the person who seconded for the meeting to adjourn. The second was made by John Adair. Previous minutes were amended to correct this error.
- Motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Bob Lang, seconded by Brandy Winterbottom, and passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously with three abstentions (Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax, Jeremy Brown) 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>
 - No representative present
- *Police Department (Eastern Division): Community Service Officer Salvador Laureltorres:* 858-495-7919; slaureltorre@pd.sandiego.gov
 - No representative present
- *U.S. Congressman Sara Jacobs: Imani Drew,* Imani.Drew@mail.house.gov 619-280-5353;
 - Imani Drew introduced herself as the new local representative for Sara Jacobs and had the following update.
 - Congresswoman Jacobs introduced the U.S. Security Assistance Effectiveness Act with Rep. Moylan. This bipartisan legislation aims to enhance the State Department's capacity to track, approve, and coordinate, and evaluate U.S. Security assistance.
 - Congresswoman Jacobs introduced the LEGACY Act which would lower the estate tax exemption and direct 15% of the revenue toward expanding affordable childcare.
 - Congresswoman Jacobs and Rep. Deluzio introduced the Insurrection Act Reform Bill, aiming to prevent presidential misuse of military force domestically without congressional approval.
 - Congresswoman Jacobs voted against the proposed Republican budget, citing concerns over cuts to food assistance and health care for millions of Americans.
 - The Congresswoman voted against the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) due to the Trump administration's abuse of the military targeting immigrant communities and violating their rights.
 - However, the Congresswoman secured a provision in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to expand in vitro fertilization (IVF) coverage for servicemembers and their families.
 - Congresswoman Jacobs voted against the One Big Beautiful Bill Act which was passed by House and Senate Republicans.
 - Congresswoman Jacobs conducted small business visits in El Cajon and Spring Valley to recognize and uplift local business owners and entrepreneurs. At these locations she chatted with owners and presented the businesses with certificates of congressional recognition.
 - Congresswoman Jacobs met with Louie Nguyen, CEO of SAY San Diego, to discuss pressing childcare needs in the region.
 - The Congresswoman also participated in a Trail Tykes reading event at Mission Trails, promoting childhood literacy and community-based youth engagement.
 - On June 18th, the Congresswoman hosted a virtual town hall with California Attorney General Rob Bonta to discuss federal-state partnerships around public safety, data privacy, and reproductive rights.
 - On July 30th, the Congresswoman will host an in-person town hall in the district, continuing her commitment to transparency and dialogue with constituents. Details

- can be found on our website.
 - In light of reports that the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids are occurring throughout San Diego, our team has compiled a list of resources and information for those needing help on our website.
- *State Senator Akilah Weber MD: 619-688-6700; Moana Alo; Moana.Alo@sen.ca.gov*
 - No representative present
- *Assembly District 78 Chris Ward: 619-280-7801; Michael Bravo; michael.bravo@asm.ca.gov*
 - No representative present
- *County Supervisor Joel Anderson: 619-531-5522; Michael Kulis; Michael.Kulis@sdcaounty.gov*
 - No representative present
- *Mayor Todd Gloria: 619-952-0092; Korral Taylor; TaylorK@sandiego.gov*

City of San Diego Marks Completion of 500 Miles of Road Resurfacing in One Year

- Mayor Todd Gloria announced the successful completion of approximately 500 miles of street paving and repair during Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25). This represents nearly 8% of San Diego's total road network and includes:
 - 340 miles of slurry seal resurfacing
 - 140 miles of asphalt overlay paving
 - 24 miles of mill and pave treatment by the City's in-house paving crews
 - FY25 stands as one of the most productive years for resurfacing this decade.
- Funding for road repair in Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) is projected at \$83.1 million, anticipated to support over 350 miles of pavement repair and resurfacing.

City of San Diego Allocates \$43.5 Million in Federal Funding to Increase Housing

- City Council approved the FY2026 Annual Action Plan, allocating more than \$43.5 million in federal grants to local nonprofits and organizations improving living conditions, economic opportunity, and affordable housing.
 - Funding breakdown includes:
 - \$12.1 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds
 - \$30.3 million in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds
 - \$990,775 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds
- Over 20 nonprofit organizations selected through a competitive application process, including
 - Reality Changers, Kitchens for Good, Monarch School, Serving Seniors, Somali Family Service, and others.

- Through its partnership with the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC), the City will continue offering direct homebuyer assistance and financing for new rental housing construction.
- Emergency Solutions Grant funding will support shelters, rapid rehousing, and homelessness prevention strategies.

SeaWorld Settlement Will Fund Upgrades to City of San Diego Park Facilities

- The San Diego City Council approved nearly \$8 million in park improvement projects funded by a legal settlement with SeaWorld over back lease payments.
- 11 park locations identified for upgrades, including:
 - \$3.6 million for restroom and playground replacements at Robb Field in Ocean Beach (CD2)
 - \$235,000 for basketball court and parking lot improvements at South De Anza (CD2)
 - \$719,629 for restroom, playground, and parking improvements at Dusty Rhodes (CD2)
- Additional projects funded through settlement allocations:
 - Restroom improvements at Organ Pavilion, Spanish Village, and Morley Field in Balboa Park (CD3)
 - Electrical service upgrades at Chollas Lake (CD4)
 - Pier repairs at Crystal Pier (CD1)
 - Sidewalk repairs at Ellen Browning Scripps Park (CD1)
 - ADA improvements at Mountain View sports courts (CD4)
 - Park improvements at the West Sycamore Staging Area (CD7)
 - Restoration of the historic barn at Rancho Peñasquitos Equestrian Center (CD5)

City of San Diego Announces Rebates Available for Energy-Efficient Home Appliances

- The City launched the Home Electrification Affordability Rebates and Technical Assistance (HEART) program to help residents save energy and reduce costs through rebates for energy-efficient appliance upgrades.
 - Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy via the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant program.
 - Open to homeowners and renters meeting income and eligibility criteria, with a focus on lower-income households and those impacted by the January 2024 floods.
 - Rebates available for eligible appliance upgrades; program applications now open.

- *City Councilmember Raul Campillo: Vic Vettiyl; 619-236-6749; vvettiyl@sandiego.gov*

BUDGET

- **High level, what Council was able to add and that the Mayor didn't veto, or that the Council overrode his veto for was:**
 - Monday hours at 16 libraries (Allied Gardens & Linda Vista), library matching funds, full rec center hours, public restrooms at beaches and Balboa Park, beach fire rings, reservoir rec at all lakes, CPPS, 2 brush management positions, partial stormwater contingency, reducing 5x upper management positions, short-term rental occupancy nexus study, restoring Race and Equity Director
 - FYI - this budget relies on revenue assumptions that would start charging for parking at the Zoo and at Balboa Park in the fall - those still need to come forward for a vote and CM Campillo expressed his reservations about Balboa Park paid parking at the budget vote - needs it to be a very intentional proposal
 - Also, D7 specific wins include fully funding construction for John Baca Park, fully funding construction for Linda Vista Library outdoor patio early learning lab and fully funding the Osler St traffic calming project which will install crosswalk with flashing beacons, curb ramps and streetlights on Osler between Genesee and Ulric
- **For reference/context, these are the line items for each step of the budget adoption:**
 - ***Initial Council adopted (STEP ONE):***
 - Full Monday hours at 16 library branches \$3.1M
 - Library matching funds \$118K
 - Full-time rec center hours at all locations \$4.8M
 - Public restrooms at beaches and Balboa Park \$1.1M
 - Beach fire rings \$135K
 - Reservoir recreation at all locations \$622K
 - CPPS \$900K
 - Brush Mgmt positions \$1.1M
 - Stormwater contingency funding for channel clearing \$757K
 - Restoring COO start 1/1/26 \$225K
 - Restore Office of Race and Equity Director and Program Coordinator \$450K
 - Restore ACCF \$450K
 - Multi-disciplinary team \$250K (homelessness support targeting individuals that often end up in the ER)
 - Short-term rental occupancy nexus study \$95K
 - ***Mayor vetoed Council Adoptions (STEP TWO):***
 - CPPS
 - ACCF
 - restoring the COO
 - restoring the Office of Race and Equity positions
 - stormwater contingency
 - brush management positions
 - multi-disciplinary homeless outreach team
 - reservoir recreation at all lakes except Lake Murray and Lake Miramar
 - short-term rental occupancy nexus study
 - the Council's reduction of 2 positions in the Comms dept, one Deputy Director in the Compliance Dept and 2 DCOOS
 - ***FINAL BUDGET: Council overrode and maintained (STEP THREE):***
 - Council again reduced the 2 DCOOs, the Compliance Dept Deputy Director and the 2x Comms Dept positions
 - CPPS
 - Partial Stormwater contingency
 - 2 out of the 5 brush management positions
 - Race and Equity Director

- Reservoir recreation at all lakes
- Short-term nexus study

GENERAL CASE WORK:

- Our office is continuing to address questions and issues related to streetlights, code enforcement issues of ADUs, and time for encampment clean-ups to just mention a few.
- If any issues come up, please feel free to reach out to our office at RaulCampillo@sanidiego.gov or give us a call at 619-236-6677.
- Canyon Hills High School Principal Dr. Erica Renfree; 858-496-8342; erenfree@sandi.net; Student Representative: Quentin Brown
 - No representative present
- Board of Education: Board Member Shana Hazan; shazan@sandi.net
 - No representative present
- City Attorney's Office: Ann Marie Council; 619-533-6205; ACouncil@sanidiego.gov
 - No representative present
- MCAS Miramar: Kristin Camper; 858-577-6603; kristin.camper@usmc.mil
 - No representative present
- City Planning Department: Lesley Henegar; (619) 235-5208; LHenegar@sanidiego.gov
 - No representative present
- Tierrasanta Library: Jeremy Davies; 858-573-1385; JLDavies@sanidiego.gov; 4985 La Cuenta Blvd
 - No representative present

Info Item 2: Non-Agenda Public Comment. *Any member of the public may address a community issue not elsewhere on this agenda. Each speaker may take up to 2 minutes; speakers may be limited to less time if several speakers have filed speaker slips to speak on the same issue. The TCC is prohibited by The Brown Act from acting on or voting on any issue that is not already on the agenda unless it is deemed by the Council to be an urgent issue. Issues raised during Non-Agenda Public Comment may be referred to an appropriate Tierrasanta Community Council committee.*

Action Item 2: *Appoint qualified candidates to fill the vacant positions.*

- No action

Action Item 3: *Request for recommendation of CUP permit for Dish Network on Tierrasanta Rec Center; Maverick Becker; 858-394-6672; Maverick.Becker@stantec.com*

- No Action, no one attended the meeting. The permit has been submitted to the city.

Info Item 3: Maintenance Assessment District presentation regarding contractor and budget; Monica Honoré; MHonore@sanidiego.gov; 619-685-1325

- The purpose of this session was to inform the public about the duties of the MAD and Open space division, the contract bidding process for awarding landscaping contracts,

- and how the advisory group should engage in this process
- City representatives: Monica Honoré, District Manager oversees Open Space Division and MAD including Tierrasanta and Mario Parra, local Tierrasanta grounds manager
- Treebeard Landscape, Inc representatives: Kellen Des Lauriers and Felipe Lopez introduced themselves as long time employees who know Tierrasanta well
- Presentation by Monica Honoré:
 - MAD: self-assessed payment (shown on tax bill) the funds maintenance and services above the city standard
 - The scope of work done in the MAD is determined by the annual Engineers' report
 - Open space division covers maintenance of trails, irrigation, pest control, weed abatement, pond, monuments and signs, hardscape maintenance, medians, etc
 - City staff, open space manager oversees the work in the open space and the MAD
 - Administrative staff, prepare annual budgets with consultants and the community
 - The city staff are the contractual technical representatives
 - The advisor group advises on needs during working group meetings and will identify priorities and projects that should be addressed during the fiscal year
 - Requests can also come from the community to the area manager (Mario Parra) or via the Get-It-Done App
 - Landscape maintenance contract managed through the purchasing and contracting office. Treebeard Landscape, Inc was chosen after a competitive bidding process, (length of the contract is 5 years: 1 year and 4 annual renewals)
 - Contract started July 1 (~\$923K for the fiscal year) - Just for Tierrasanta
 - Budget cycle in the Fall in the November/December timeframe
 - FY26 budget has been approved and implemented
 - FY27 will be presented this Fall
- Public questions
- Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto: How large is Treebeard? Is Treebeard local to San Diego? Does Treebeard service other MADs/Open spaces? Are crews shared between MADs and Open Spaces?
 - Treebeard response: there 120 employees, and the company is fully based in San Diego County. They service several MADs around the city, every region has its own designated crew for performing daily routine work as indicated in the contract. For big projects/non-routine work: extra crew is brought in
- Victoria Melrod: How many workers are assigned to Tierrasanta? Is the current staff large enough to meet the requirements of the new contract? There were deficiencies in service, presumably due to understaffing, in the previous years and the new contract includes about 45% more work. Has the staff been increased from previous years to cover the additional work needs? How are tasks scheduled? Can we have a copy of the schedule/checklist of work? If we see delinquencies in service, like the 20 dead trees on Tierrasanta Blvd due to broken irrigation, can we stop the contract from being renewed? Are we allowed to withhold payment if work is not completed?
 - Responses:
 - Ten people every weekday in Tierrasanta. Last year it was eleven.

- We have a schedule and we have hours
 - Mario, he is our manager, and is the first point of contact if there are needs.
 - The New Contract: states that payment will be withheld if Treebeard does not accomplish their work
- Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz: How will you accomplish all the tasks you have promised? Twelve month schedule, will you set priorities? We need to address: medians and trees, weeds, gutters, and brow ditches. It seems that the time and manpower allotted is not sufficient to cover all of the work.
 - Work by Treebeard will be managed by Mario
- Michael Ferrell: Could someone clarify what is needed from the TCC? What is the purpose of discussing this in this meeting? It seems a bit contentious.
 - Jennifer: TCC oversees the open space and MAD subcommittee. This is an issue of the subcommittee, and we wanted to follow up on previous reports regarding budget.
 - Other board members: this is an inform agenda item
- Carol Kelley: Monica, are you the one who oversees the contract?
 - Monica's response: The contract states what needs to happen. Mario oversees it and works with Felipe to accomplish the tasks. If extra work beyond the contract is requested, then more employees are brought to get that work done.
- Carol Kelley: It seems that already having a renewed contract puts us a disadvantage to address disappointment in the service level? Who will help us make it better?
 - Mario is the point of contact
- Community member: How does a contract get awarded to the same vendor, when they have not delivered in the past?
 - Through the contracting office
- James Hettinger: Does the scope of work cover the RFP?
 - Yes
- Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto: I want to finish on a positive note. We love this community. It is beautiful and we appreciate all of your hard work. Mario, we hope you stay. Continuity is the key to success.

Info Item 5: Reports from Committee and Community Liaisons

- *Tierrasanta Community Development Committee: **Wayne Holtan**, Bill Reschke, John Hopper, Mary Saxton, John Adair, Rich Thesing, Carol Kelley*
 - No report
- *Elections: **Hani Shatila**, Chris Shamoon, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Michael Ferrell:*
 - No update
- *Annual Recognition: **Chris Shamoon**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto:*
 - Dawn: We used to have a mini-soiree to celebrate after the renewal of officers. It has not happened since covid, but we have the budget to do it.
- *Bylaws Committee: **Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto**, Mary Saxton:*
 - Planning committee by-laws were updated about 3 years ago. We still need to update the community council bylaws, but we are waiting for the City of San Diego before we can do it.
- *Communications Committee: **Bob Lang**, Dawn Nielsen, Carol Kelley, Kelly Kolterman-Brown, Jennifer Schultz;*
 - Dawn: The Tierrasanta Community Council page on the Neighborhood website needs some edits.
- *Concerts in the Park Committee: **Chris Shamoon**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, John*

Sperrazo, Rebecca Schacher, Carol Kelley.

- Dawn: They have been great! Come see the Beatles cover band. Come early, the parking will fill early.
- *Vision & Goals Committee: **Bob Lang**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax.*
 - The catalogue is on the website.
- *Community Planners Committee: **Chris Shamoon**, Ingrid Cornax*
- *Miramar Community Leaders Forum: **Don Chick***
- *Tierrasanta Recreation Council Liaison: **Rich Thesing***
 - Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz: 2026 budget = \$164K, is that too little? Kids pool is closed due to structural issues
- *Mission Trails Regional Park Liaison: **Rich Thesing**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax:*
 - Bridge for Max has been stopped due to federal grant issues, and DOGE
- *San Diego River Coalition: **Rich Thesing**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax*
- *Rock Quarry Conditional Use Permit: **Rich Thesing***
- *Open Space Committee: **Jennifer Schultz**, Bob Lang, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Rich Thesing.*
 - Jennifer: Working with Joel Anderson's office to get support for a grant to redo the trails (pay for materials). Mario will start work with West Coast Arborists. A group called Black Sage could help with weed abatement (invasive trees, Brazilian pepper trees and palms) in the canyons (especially behind Vons) to reduce fire risk. Trail work will start in August. Trail-side meeting to discuss work.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Michael and Rebecca second at 7:13 pm.

The next regular meeting will be 6:00 pm Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

Attachments can be found with the March 2025 Agenda on TCC website.

<https://www.tierrasantacc.org/2025-tcc-agendas-and-minutes>