



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

Wednesday, September 17, 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	A	16. Commercial: Chris Shamoon	A
6. A2: (vacant)	-	17. Village @ MV: Carol Kelley	A
7. A3: Robert Lang	P		
8. A3: Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz	P		
9. A3: Rebecca Schacher	A		
10. A4: Kelly Kolterman-Brown	P		
11. A4: Alex Brown	A		

Non-Voting Positions:

Canyon Hills HS: Quentin Brown A

6:02pm 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 July 16, 2025 Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group.

Motion to approved: Robert Lang

Second: Michael Ferrell

- Vote: 8 Approved, 1 Recused due to Absence in July meeting

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

Via email:

BALBOA PARK PARKING

- The City Council approved charging for parking at Balboa Park 6-2 with Councilmember Campillo absent due to a personal family matter.
- Councilmember Campillo voted against the initial policy to bring forward charges.
- People living outside the city will pay \$16 a day to park in lots closest to the park's center and \$10 a day to park in lots a bit farther out.
- City residents will pay \$8 a day to park in the most convenient lots, but will also get the option of paying only \$5 if they park there for less than four hours
 - City residents will pay \$5 a day to park in lots a farther out.

TRASH FEE

- The deadline for signing up for trash services following the approval of the trash fee, which Councilmember Campillo voted against and called a bait & switch, is September 30, 2025.
- If you have not received your pin, please email trash@sandiego.gov or call them by phone at (858) 694-7000

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@sandiego.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*
 - Quentin sent a message that track construction is almost complete
- *Board of Education: Board Member Shana Hazan; shazan@sandi.net*
 - No representative present
- *City Attorney's Office: Ann Marie Council; 619-533-6205; ACouncil@sandiego.gov*
 - No representative present
- *MCAS Miramar: Kristin Camper; 858-577-6603; kristin.camper@usmc.mil*
 - No representative present
 - Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto:
 - Air Show is Sept 26, 27, and 28th
 - There will be a survey/sweep for live unexploded munitions occurring in November in the neighborhood that used to Camp Elliott
 - Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz: Brush has been cleared along the 52
- *City Planning Department: Lesley Henegar; (619) 235-5208; LHenegar@sandiego.gov*
 - No representative present
- *Tierrasanta Library: Jeremy Davies; 858-573-1385; JLDavies@sandiego.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.*

Ed Langmaid from Prepare Tierrasanta:

- Coming up earthquake drill => Great California Shakeout on October 16th at 10:16
 - Don't try to go to a different part of the building like a door frame (shaking will prevent you from getting there)
 - Don't try to leave the building because something could drop on you while you are trying to leave
 - DO: Drop, cover, and hold on
- Prepare Tierrasanta will be providing handouts to local businesses to help them prepare for the earthquake drill
- Submitted an application to have a Tierrasanta fire safe council
 - It was approved last week
 - We have permission to acquire information and present it to the residents of Tierrasanta
 - We can also share info with other fire safe councils
 - We are in the high risk area for wildfires
- Question from Vince Cardoza: Are there any updates for the evacuation plan?

- That will be addressed by the fire safe council
- Question from Michael Ferrell: Where can you get CPR training in Tierrasanta?
 - Teaching compression only CPR at concerts in the park, and we could do that more often
 - Also getting a space near the 8 for more regular classes (full CPR certification)

Leslie Paculba: lives on Tambor Rd “at the bulb” for the last 30 years

- There used to be regular brush-clearing and they would update with a red flag to show they came
- For several years there was no activity (lots of brush and the drainage ditch was clogged)
- Positive: Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz is helping to get the brush cleared and the workers have been coming out for a year. She is really pleased.
 - MAD:
 - West Coast Arborist => trees
 - Treebeard: Brow-ditch clear out
 - Brush Management from the city helped clear 100 foot zone

Info Item 3: Carol Kelley has moved out of state and can no longer represent The Village at Mission Valley.

- Carol moved to Cincinnati with her son and therefore needed to resign from being a TCC representative.
- Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto suggested that maybe we should write to the Village to ask for a replacement (add it to the newsletter)

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 and was approved

Info Item 4: Raise Lake Hodges; A Call to Protect North County and Rancho Santa Fe—Raise Lake Hodges to 293 Feet for Fire Prevention, Water Security, and Ecological Protection; Paul Bernstein; paulbernsteinmd@gmail.com; www.raiselakehodges.org Attachment: (2)

- Paul Bernstein along with Kevin Kidd, John Anshus, and Brian Caldwell
- They propose to raise the water level by 13 feet => submerge 100s of acres of brush to make it a firebreak
- This would not cost anything
 - Rancho Bernardo Community Council has given their support
 - Rancho Santa Fe supports
 - Sierra Club supports

- Currently at 280 foot level is set by the DSOD and it used to be 295 feet, lowering was due to fear of flooding after failure
 - Cracks and rebar showing so the water level was lowered
 - But no structural analysis was performed
 - Chance of failure is extremely low according to a failure risk report
- Pump station is not being used because the water level is too low
- Question from James Hettinger: Clarification you are asking the city to raise the water level by 13 feet? Would that allow for reactivation of the pump and what water agencies would benefit?
 - City will not comment due to ongoing litigation
 - County supports but cannot compel the City to raise the water level
 - State assembly supports having the insurance to lobby for raising the water level
 - Yes, this would allow reactivation of the pump
- Question from Ingrid Cornax: Can you provide the full reports (consequence reports and failure risk)?
 - Yes, but they are redacted
- Questions from Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz:
 - Would LA get water from raising the water level? No
 - Would the new dam project by Sacramento support San Diego? Yes
- Question from Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto: it seems the water level was higher recently than it was historically? How high would the water go (to the 15?) if we raised the water level? And what would happen if the dam failed?
 - No, it would come to the pedestrian bridge. Failure of the dam with a higher water level would not destroy a lot more homes than a failure at the current level
- ***Discussion and decision to support or not support raising Lake Hodges will be added as an action item to the agenda for a future meeting. Jeremy Brown would also like to include the City for their point of view.***

Action Item 4: Discussion on Barbados wall maintenance communication to the city. Jim Hettinger; jim.hettin@gmail.com.

- Roughly 1400 feet and there are a lot areas that require repair and replacement, and it is a big safety hazard (it could fall over, particularly near De Portola where student hang out)
- James Hettinger wrote a letter and encourages us all to read it and send it to the city council and the city attorney
- It was built between 1971-1975 and the original plans do not seem to be available
- There are multiple areas that are not up to building standards
- The MAD has been building a second wall in front of where there are bulges and leaving the old wall in place. The MAD has also been painting and patching, but the wall is not structurally sound.
- Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto and Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz will look through the Tierra Times at the library to find out what has been historically been discussed regarding the wall
- We need to recheck the MAD formation documents
- ***Motion by Ingrid Cornax: Provide a copy of the letter and the supporting documents as logistically feasible to the TCC so it can be discussed and voted upon at the next meeting. Second by Vince Cardoza. The motion passed unanimously.***

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, and Carol Kelley is no longer on the committee
- *Elections: **Hani Shatila**, Chris Shamoon, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Michael Ferrell:*
- *Annual Recognition: **Chris Shamoon**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto:*
- *Bylaws Committee: **Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto**, Mary Saxton:*
 - Still waiting, Dawn will call and ask
- *Communications Committee: **Bob Lang**, Dawn Nielsen, Carol Kelley, Kelly Kolterman-Brown, Jennifer Schultz;*
 - Carol Kelley is no longer on the committee
 - Next month we will be in the next community calendar
- *Concerts in the Park Committee: **Chris Shamoon**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, John Sperrazo, Rebecca Schacher, Carol Kelley.*
 - Carol Kelley is not in the committee
 - Dawn has submitted all the paperwork for the grants (City and County). The City approved our paperwork, and we received the money and can keep it. The County did not respond so we should be able to keep the money.
 - Good that we did only 6 concerts because we had to dig a little into our \$10000 buffer. Dawn will give us more details next month.
- *Vision & Goals Committee: **Bob Lang**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax.*
 - Month ago sent out a request for requests
 - From Kiwanis (Jan) sent one item
 - Jim Hettinger also sent a response but Bob did not receive
 - Bob will send out a new request
 - Jeremy Brown: Have we made any progress on the golf carts and the dog park?
 - Answer: Someone needs to pick them up and take them towards action.
 - Dog park: we don't have the land and do not meet the requirements. Allied Gardens made a temporary dog park, but they had a place.
 - Vince would like to take up the golf cart issue
- *Community Planners Committee: **Chris Shamoon**, Vince Cardoza*
 - No update
- *Miramar Community Leaders Forum: **Don Chick***
 - No update, check if Don Chick is still attending the forum
- *Tierrasanta Recreation Council Liaison: **Rich Thesing***
 - No update
- *Mission Trails Regional Park Liaison: **Rich Thesing**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax:*
 - As per email from Rich Thiesing:
 - The big news is that the Bridge For Max in Mission Trails has been halted by the City Attorney's office and an unnamed party. No one is stating why to any of us.
 - In a previous TCC meeting we discussed that the bridge project lost federal funding
 - The pipeline realigning going on in the park has created an awful problem with reptiles and other little critters not being able to get to the other side of the road. The pavement gets upwards to 130 degrees and painfully fries and kills them. The pictures are heartbreaking.

Deer, coyotes and the such can clear the pipe but the little fellers can't. The pipe rolled off its blocks so the path was blocked. Lifting the pipe back up should allow for small animals to pass under.. It caused an outrage.

- *Some facts about the park.*
- *2.2 million visitors show up a year which is more than Yosemite, Cuyamaca, and all the other parks in California. That was found out by a pre-Covid count. The numbers may be higher now. I asked for these stats this last meeting, and we were all shocked at the answers.*
- *Also, 7000'kids show up for field trips.*
- *Only one rattlesnake bite this year.*
- *San Diego River Coalition: **Rich Thesing**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax*
 - *Email from Rich Thiesing:*
 - *As for the San Diego River Coalition, 800 hours of volunteer hours were put in just in the month of July. On July 5th alone, one day, 700 pounds of trash was removed which otherwise would have washed into the river killing wildlife, plants and the like. Just imagine how much trash was removed in the entire month, month after month.*
- *Rock Quarry Conditional Use Permit: **Rich Thesing**.*
 - *No update*
- *Open Space Committee: **Jennifer Schultz**, Bob Lang, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Rich Thesing.*
 - *Open Space Division and MAD report from Mario*
 - *Treebeard contract and making sure that they are following priorities of the community*
 - *Trail repair final walkthrough coming up and awaiting Bob's feedback*
 - *Brazilian peppers: West Coast Arborists will tackle that and herbicide work*

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto second by Jennifer Schultz at 7:51 pm.

The next regular meeting will be 6:00 pm Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

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

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

Community Member Attendees:

Leslie Paculba - Representing herself
Ed Langmaid - Representing Prepare Tierrasanta
Kevin Kidd - Raise Lake Hodges
John Anshus - Raise Lake Hodges
Brian Caldwell - Raise Lake Hodges
Paul Bernstein - Raise Lake Hodges