



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

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 • 6:30pm

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. Area1: Ingrid Cornax	A	12. Area4: Vince Cardoza	P
2. Area1: John Adair	P	13. Area5: Kelly Kolterman-Brown	P
3. Area1: Michael Ferrell	A	14. At Large: Jeremy Brown	P
4. Area2: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto	P	15. Area5: (vacant)	-
5. Area2: Mary Saxton	A	16. Commercial: Chris Shamoan	P
6. Area2: Rich Thesing	P	17. Village @ MV: Carol Kelley	P
7. Area3: Robert Lang	P		
8. Area3: Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz	P		
9. Area3: Rebecca Schacher	P		
10. Area4: Lisa Leonard	A		
11. Area4: Alex Brown	A		

Non-Voting Positions:

Canyon Hills HS: Quentin Brown P

6:31pm Pledge of Allegiance; Present members introduced themselves; *Eleven* members present and a quorum was determined. President Chris Shamoan 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 Shamoan
Vice President: Ingrid Cornax
Treasurer: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto
Secretary: (vacant)

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

None

Action Item 1: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the October 16, 2024 Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group.

- *Motion to approve by Jennifer Shultz, seconded by Bob Lang, and passed unanimously.*

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*
- *U.S. Congressman Sara Jacobs: 619-280-5353; Michaela Castagnola; Michaela.Castagnola@mail.house.gov*
 - As of January 3, the new congress has begun.
 - As a recap of 2024,
 - Helped over 1,400 San Diegans who needed assistance with federal agencies
 - Returned \$23M to constituents
 - Brought home \$406 million in federal funds to upgrade and repair the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant to address the Tijuana River Valley crisis
 - \$82M in Federal Funds for nonprofits working to prevent street-releases and treat migrants and asylum seekers with respect
 - She also helped expand military access to child care by redesigning and modernizing how the Department of Defense staffs and pays their child care workers
- *State Senator Akilah Weber MD: 619-688-6700; Moana Alo; Moana.Alo@sen.ca.gov*
 - Upcoming Events
 - 43rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade
 - The office will be walking in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade on Sunday, January 19th, this parade will also feature a 5K walk/run and festival. They invite everyone to come out and participate whether you are a volunteer, sponsor, or attendee this will truly be an event to remember.
 - Past Events
 - Assembly events that will carry over to the Senate
 - Perfect Attendance Ceremony
 - Spring Literacy Event
 - Red Ribbon Week
 - Backpack Giveaway and Resource Fair
 - Senior Event
 - Turkey Giveaway and Health Fair
 - Community Recognitions
 - Young Legislatures Program
 - Senior Advisory Council
 - If you would like to stay up to date on the office events, sign up at <https://sd39.senate.ca.gov/>
 - Session/Legislative Update:

- Immediately after being sworn in on December 2nd as Senator to the 39th District, Senator Weber Pierson introduced her first bill of the 2025 legislative session, SB32, which addresses the increase in maternity ward closures.
- Additionally as the newly elected Chair for the California Legislative Black Caucus she will be focusing on CLBC priorities as well.
- Constituent Services
 - As always, the office continues to provide assistance with all state agencies. Additionally, if there are any events that you'd like the office to attend please contact Moana.alo@sen.ca.gov
- Assembly District 78 Chris Ward: 619-280-7801; Michael Bravo; michael.bravo@asm.ca.gov
- County Supervisor Joel Anderson: 619-531-5522; Michael Kulis; Michael.Kulis@sdcaounty.gov
- Mayor Todd Gloria: 619-952-0092; Korral Taylor; TaylorK@sandiego.gov
- City Councilmember Raul Campillo: Vic Vettiyil; 619-236-6749; vvettiyil@sandiego.gov

- CITYWIDE UPDATES

- SECOND TERM/MEASURE E:

- Councilmember Campillo is thankful for being elected to a second term and for the trust you've placed in the team he has assembled to continue working on your behalf.
- During his inauguration speech last month, Councilmember Campillo outlined key priorities for the next four years.
- His focus was clear: our City government excels at keeping residents safe, maintaining neighborhood infrastructure, and fostering a thriving local economy.
- However, we must also acknowledge the reality we face. Measure E, which could have resolved the City's budget issues for the first time in 27 years, failed by 3,506 votes.
- While this setback is significant, our financial situation is not as dire as some might think, so I do want to put into context how many of these budget challenges stem from decisions made by both city and county leadership over the past two decades.
- Looking back, in 2002, the city council made the choice to raid pension funds to address a budget deficit. This led to long-term consequences, including public mistrust that continues to linger into a new generation.
- And in that vacuum of consequences, City leadership stepped up to address homelessness, filling gaps left by the County Board of Supervisors, which has prioritized their savings accounts over health and human services.
- However, addressing homelessness is the County's legal responsibility. Their funding and authority make them better suited for this work.
- The City's primary responsibility should continue to be the maintenance of services like parks, libraries, firehouses, and infrastructure. Despite limited resources—since 87% of sales and property taxes go to Sacramento and the County—city workers continue to deliver vital services.

- With all of that said, Councilmember Campillo knows that rather than turn a blind eye like leaders of the past, we must address the outdated budgeting hinder progress, head on.
- That is why in the upcoming election cycle, Councilmember Campillo will reintroduce the sales tax proposal to address these challenges responsibly.
- Over the next two years, he will lead the Council and local leaders to focus on the City's core strengths and obligations, working to rebuild trust with voters and ensure effective governance.
- And as he said last month - If we reaffirm our dedication to the three things a city can and must do well: protect safety, build infrastructure, and get people their permits to spur economic growth and create great jobs, then we restore trust in government and in turn the City breaks the cycle of budgetary constraints it has faced for so long.
- And before I take questions on that, I do want to say you can address Councilmember Campillo directly later this month/early next month at his annual town hall series.
- 2025 TOWN HALLS:
 - And if you have questions you'd like to ask the Councilmember directly on these topics, he's excited to announce his annual town hall series will be occurring the last week of January and the first week of February.
 - Tierrasanta will be the first town hall, at the the Rec Center on Wednesday 1/29/25 at 6PM
 - Navajo will be the second town hall, and will be held at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center on Thursday 1/30/25 at 6PM
 - The Serra Mesa/Birdland/Stonecrest Town Hall will be held on 2/5/25 at the Stonecrest Clubhouse at 6PM
 - The Linda Vista/Mission Valley Town Hall will be held on 2/6/25 at the Bayside Community Center at 6PM
- TIERRASANTA:
 - Last month the intersection at Tierrasanta Blvd. and Santo Rd. was completed after our office had been following up on this work since the paving of Tierrasanta Blvd. was completed last summer.
 - In addition, our office will be hosting our next Coffee With Campillo on 2/22/25 at the Tierrasanta Library at 9:30AM-11AM
- 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*
 - Construction on the softball/baseball fields are almost done.
 - Installing an elevator to get down to the football field.
- *Board of Education: Board Member Shana Hazan; shazan@sandi.net*

- *City Attorney's Office: Ann Marie Council; 619-533-6205; ACouncil@sandiego.gov*
- *MCAS Miramar: Kristin Camper; 858-577-6603; kristin.camper@usmc.mil
kristin.camper@usmc.mil*
- *City Planning Department: Lesley Henegar; (619) 235-5208;
LHenegar@sandiego.gov*
- *Tierrasanta Library: Jeremy Davies; 858-573-1385; JLDavies@sandiego.gov; 4985
La Cuenta Blvd*

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.*

- Aubrey Eblin stated concerns about having 5G towers near schools and where children are present. Areas in La Jolla have denied similar towers. She is working to implement a 1,600 ft setback from residences. She is a scientist who says they are unsafe and that the FCC has been sued successfully and that studies on 2G have proven to be unsafe.
- Ed Langmaid, a member of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and former Disaster Preparedness and Business Continuity Director at BAE Systems here in San Diego, spoke about the Tierrasanta Community Council Preparedness Committee as part of their community planning goals.
 - From the recent and unexpected destruction of thousands of homes just north of us to the risk of catastrophic earthquakes that could isolate our community from normal services like electricity and water, a Preparedness Committee can help residents plan and respond to emergency situations.
 - Tierrasanta residents do not have to become "Extreme Preppers", but they will benefit from regular communiques from a team of concerned individuals like a Preparedness Committee... as long as the material is provided in logical, interesting, and actionable packets of information.
 - What can a Disaster Preparedness Committee do for Tierrasanta? It can give residents tools to prepare and react to emergency situations and remind us that **neighborhoods** strengthen our ability to do so.
 - What is the proposed next step? I gathered a list of people from a table at the 2024 Tierrasanta fun run and from word-of-mouth discussions.
 - With the Community Council's support, I will see who on that list is interested in being on a 5 person preliminary Preparedness Committee to:
 - Discuss disaster preparedness issues
 - Prioritize issues
 - Discuss the best approach to move forward, for example
 - Learn from other similar groups
 - Learn about available community disaster preparedness programs
 - Avoid "reinventing the wheel"
 - If anyone has compassion for our community, and can spare 20 minutes a month, consider being a part of our Tierrasanta Disaster Preparedness Committee.

- Daren Dodero expressed concerns about the current brush management. After the Cedar Fire, brush clearing was completed, but it has become neglected again. There are felled trees that are kindle for a catastrophic fire. Several neighbors in the crowd agreed.
- Sandra Courtney also had comments about brush management. Tree branches and grass has not been up kept and trimmings are not being collected.
- Darlene from Goodwill invited everyone to the Goodwill opening of their location becoming a retail store as well as a donation site. The event will be on February 12 ribbon cutting at 8:45am and the store will open at 9am.

Action Item 2: Request for recommendation of CUP permit for Dish Network on Tierrasanta Rec Center; Maverick Becker; 858-394-6672; Maverick.Becker@stantec.com

- Works for Stantec, a consultant for Dish Network
- This is a replacement of an existing tower on the light pole.
 - Sprint was on the site until 2023
 - Property of the city
 - Plans were submitted and approved
 - Now in the zoning process.
 - No comments on the design
 - Looking to installing around June 2025
 - There are two church properties who were also potential candidate sites.
 - There was no interest shown
 - Continued with the City
 - 3 antennas and an equipment screen on the pole
 - Underground conduit with cabling inside the poles
- Dish Wireless is newly building wireless networks, so this is to bring towers to the community.
 - Dish Network has gaps in the current network within Tierrasanta
 - Brings more affordable options to over 8,000 residents
- Motion by Rich Thesing to table until health risks are available and studied, seconded by Kelly Kolterman-Brown. Passed unanimously.

Action Item 3: Request for recommendation of Max Lenail Memorial Bridge; Ben Lenail; benlenail@gmail.com; 650-799-1075

- Ben came from Palo Alto as the sponsor of the Max Lenail Memorial Bridge.
 - It is a private project on public land.
 - Hopes for approval in 2025 and inauguration on March 26, 2026 on Max's 27th birthday.
- 140 foot long and 8 feet wide pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the river.
 - Crossing is currently risky.
 - Max Lenail is Ben's son. He was a senior medical student at Brown University.
 - In January 2021, Max was running his usual trail alone, when he saw a storm approaching and quickly tried to return to his car.
 - He needed to get to his car, so he had to choose between backtracking in the hail to his car, or attempt to cross the river.
 - He unsuccessfully attempted to cross the river and did not make it.

- Search and rescue found his body the next day.
 - Wants to make a safe crossing to avoid such a tragedy again.
 - Bridge had been in the Master Plan for over a decade, but had never been funded.
 - A foundation was formed to fundraise to privately pay for the bridge.
- Materials were chosen for durability.
 - The bridge is designed with an unobstructed view.
 - Can withstand a 100 year rain.
- Kevin Loomis is the chair for Mission Trails and endorses the project.
- Motion by Rich Thesing to send a recommendation to the city to approve the bridge, seconded by Vince Cardoza. Passed unanimously

Info Item 3: Lisa Leonard has resigned from the board due to schedule availability; New open slot for Area 4.

- This seat was up for election this year already.

Action Item 4: Appoint a qualified candidate to fill the vacant Area 5 Director position.

- *None*

Action Item 5: Appoint a TCC member to the vacant Secretary Position

- *None*

Info Item 4: MAD Budget Presentation; Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz; jen.schultz702@gmail.com; 858-573-1393 (Attachment 2)

- The budget was presented and is attached.
- The bulk of the budget goes to landscaping costs
 - Treebeard is the current contractor
 - Contract is going out for bid.
- Budget will be an action item for the February Meeting.

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*
- *Elections: Hani Shatila, Chris Shamoon, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Michael Ferrell*
 - Up for election:
 - Area 1: Ingrid Cornax
 - Area 2: Rich Thesing
 - Area 2: Mary Saxton
 - Area 3: Bob Lang
 - Area 3: Jennifer Cochrane-Shultz
 - Area 4: Vacant
 - Area 5: Kelly Kolterman-Brown
 - Area 5 Vacant
 - All Candidate statements need to be emailed to Shamoon.TCC@gmail.com
 - Must be 18 years of age or older

- *Annual Recognition: **Chris Shamoon**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto*
- *Bylaws Committee: **Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto**, Mary Saxton*
- *Communications Committee: **Bob Lang**, Dawn Nielsen, Carol Kelley, Kelly Kolterman-Brown, Jennifer Schultz*
 - Committee Meeting will be called
- *Concerts in the Park Committee: **Chris Shamoon**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, John Sperrazo, Rebecca Schacher, Carol Kelley*
 - A meeting will be called to
- *Vision & Goals Committee: **Bob Lang**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax*
- *Community Planners Committee: **Chris Shamoon**, Ingrid Cornax*
- *Miramar Community Leaders Forum: **Don Chick***
- *Tierrasanta Recreation Council Liaison: **Rich Thesing***
 - People are complaining that the proposed pickleball activities should be put on the tennis courts and not the basketball courts outside
- *Mission Trails Regional Park Liaison: **Rich Thesing**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax*
 - Old Mission Dam has been Dredged, which only took 2 weeks after a couple years of constant road blocks
 - E-bikes or any bike with a throttle are not allowed on the trails
 - Plans are being discussed to revamp the visitor Center's indoor and out so it will have more use for groups large and small for meeting or just hanging out.
 - No night time ranger on duty so call 911 for help.
 - Since April of 2024 105 acres are in progress to be added to the park
 - Since December 2020, 320 acres were added.
- *San Diego River Coalition: **Rich Thesing**, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax*
 - The large homeless encampments on the river, mostly in Mission Beach and Mission valley, have been removed especially due to the environmental impact and tons of trash being removed.
 - Homeless still live on the river.
- *Rock Quarry Conditional Use Permit: **Rich Thesing***
 - CUP talks curtailed, so only 2 people show up.
- *Open Space Committee: **Jennifer Schultz**, Bob Lang, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Rich Thesing,*

Adjournment:

*Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Cochrane-Shultz ; seconded by Jeremy Brown and passed unanimously. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at **7:59 pm**.*

The next regular meeting will be 6:00 pm Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

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

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