



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

Wednesday, September 18, 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: Vince Cardoza	P
2. Area1: John Adair	A	13. Area5: Kelly Kolterman-Brown	A
3. Area1: Michael Ferrell	P	14. At Large: Jeremy Brown	P
4. Area2: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto	A	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	A		
9. Area3: Rebecca Schacher	P		
10. Area4: Lisa Leonard	A		
11. Area4: Alex Brown	A		

Non-Voting Positions:

Canyon Hills HS: Quentin Brown A

**6:33pm** Pledge of Allegiance; Present members introduced themselves; *Nine* members present and a quorum was determined. 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 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 July 17, 2024 Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group.

- Motion to approve by Rich Thesing, seconded by Vince Cardoza, 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](mailto:slaureltorre@pd.sandiego.gov)
  - Crime is trending down in Tierrasanta & Murphy Canyon
  - 389 calls for services since August 1.
    - Stolen cars/break ins
      - 6 Stolen
      - 2 Reported break-ins
    - House alarms
      - Trending up
    - Auto Incidents
      - 7 Hit & Runs
      - 2 DUIs
    - Disturbances
      - Domestic
        - 1 case of indecent exposure
      - Transient
        - Usually students fights
      - Assaults
- U.S. Congresswoman Sara Jacobs: 619-280-5353; Michaela Castagnola; [Michaela.Castagnola@mail.house.gov](mailto:Michaela.Castagnola@mail.house.gov)
- 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)
- County Supervisor Joel Anderson: 619-531-5522; Michael Kulis; [Michael.Kulis@sdcaounty.gov](mailto:Michael.Kulis@sdcaounty.gov)
  - New promotions within the county
  - County staff is working on an unsafe camping ordinance
    - Will be presented on October 8.
    - Incorporating fire threats is being asked by Supervisor Anderson
  - Promotion for Prop 36 by Supervisor Desmond
    - Deals with theft from stores
    - Adds comprehensive calculating for repeat offenders
  - Community coffee at Mission Trails Regional Park
    - Thursday, September 26

- *Visitor Center*
- Mayor Todd Gloria: 619-533-4503; Korral Taylor; [TaylorK@sandiego.gov](mailto:TaylorK@sandiego.gov)
- City Councilmember Raul Campillo: Vic Vettiyl; 619-236-6749; [vvettiyl@sandiego.gov](mailto:vvettiyl@sandiego.gov)
  - *Still waiting for the rest of the paving on Clairemont Mesa Blvd.*
  - *Sensors for lights will be corrected in October when repairs are complete.*
- 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@sandiego.gov](mailto:ACouncil@sandiego.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)
  - *General plan refresh was passed*
    - *3-4 years to get completed*
    - *Mid- City, College, and Clairemont*
    - *Tierrasanta plan may not need refreshing at the moment*
      - *Focused amendments may be better.*
- 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**

- *Sandra Courtney asked for designated free parking spaces at the trolley stop near Snapdragon Stadium. Also asked Open Space to trim a pepper tree behind her home in the canyon. Some dry grass trimming was completed but debris was left that she had to clean up. The tree is over her fence that still needs attention.*
- *Andrew Ferbert spoke to promote Heather Ferbert for City Attorney. Heather is a practicing attorney in San Diego and has been involved in the city for several years.*
- *Perry Lieber spoke about the noise, trees and landscape changes, and insurance crisis in relation to the SDG&E batteries. Asked to communicate to the Insurance Commissioner to not allow the batteries to be a factor for insurance companies since they were forced upon us. He is concerned that challenging studies to the safety of the off-gassing and thermal runaway from what was accepted when this technology was tested.*
- *Donna Jackson is requesting resources to help with problem neighbors and the marijuana use outside of their home.*

**Info Item 3: San Diego Gas & Electric; Katelyn Hailey; 619-798-0842; [khailey@sdge.com](mailto:khailey@sdge.com)**

- *Don Balfour ([DBalfour@sdge.com](mailto:DBalfour@sdge.com)) and Marc Newmarker returned and discussed the remainder of the project and the concerning issues*
- *Currently under investigation.*
- *The technology in the chemistry of the batteries has changed. Those that have problems were NNC and ours are Lithium Ion Phosphate. They have been UL tested and the manufacturing facility has been certified. They are not prone to the same fire risk. Can be shut down if temperatures climb. Surrounding batteries to the*

*compartment on fire will be water cooled in an emergency. Studies show that the fumes are non-toxic past 15 feet of the compartment on fire.*

- *Tested and certified to UL9540A.*
  - *It has been lit on fire purposely to test the reaction.*
  - *The entire system was tested both as a whole and individually and has met a UL listing.*
- *The system is designed to protect itself and will shut itself down if any anomaly is detected. It is constantly monitored.*
- *Also has high seismic testing to prevent failure due to earthquakes.*
- *There is reverse ventilation and defrag panels to prevent explosion. If the system fails, it fails open to prevent explosion.*
- *Destructive testing has been completed including intentional sabotage.*
- *County is working to tighten up the regulation on private vendors who create these systems to sell power to SDG&E.*
  - *The Otay Mesa and Vista facilities are different with batteries from different facilities.*

**Action Item 2:** Discussion and vote on the annual update to the Tierrasanta Visions and Goals Catalog; Bob Lang

- *The Visions and Goals Committee charter:*
  - <https://www.tierrasantacc.org/vision-and-goals-committee/>
- *The Visions and Goals Catalogue:*
  - <https://www.tierrasantacc.org/vision-and-goals-committee/vision-goals/>
- *Action Items*
  - *Add to the First Section:*

*Approve an initiative to establish a Prepare Tierrasanta Committee.*

- *Moved by Bob Lang, seconded by Ingrid Cornax to add to first section, passed unanimously.*
- *Add to the Second Section:*

*Add lighting to existing fields*

*Investigate feasibility of allowing golf cart type vehicles on Tierrasanta streets*

*Create more community building elements, such as: restaurant with outdoor seating, farmers market, and a healthier grocery store such as Trader Joe's*

*Add housing above shopping centers*

*Create a teen/senior/multi-purpose meeting center*

*Relocate and expand Fire Station 39*

*Expand the Electronic Community Information sign item to state signs at each of the three main entrances to Tierrasanta*

*Delete the “addition of dog waste bag dispensers” in the first section as the item has been completed*

- *Moved by Bob Land, seconded by Rich Thesing*

**Action Item 3:** Discussion and vote on supporting the community 92124 Day event on Saturday, September 21; Chris Shamoon

*Motion by Chris Shamoon, seconded by Michael Ferrell to dedicate up to \$5k to 92124 day. Passed unanimously*

**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*
- *Elections: Hani Shatila, Chris Shamoon, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Michael Ferrell*
- *Annual Recognition: Chris Shamoon, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto*
- *Bylaws Committee: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Mary Saxton, Don Chick*
- *Communications Committee: Bob Lang, Don Chick, Dawn Nielsen, Carol Kelley*
- *Concerts in the Park Committee: Chris Shamoon, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, John Sperrazo, Cathy Newcomb, Carmen Cruz, Rebecca Schacher, Carol Kelley*
- *Vision & Goals Committee: Bob Lang, Don Chick, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax*
- *Canyon Hills High School: Quentin Brown*
- *Community Planners Committee: Chris Shamoon, Ingrid Cornax*
- *Miramar Community Leaders Forum: Don Chick*
- *Tierrasanta Recreation Council Liaison: Rich Thesing*
- *Mission Trails Regional Park Liaison: Rich Thesing, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax*
- *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*

**Adjournment:**

*Motion to adjourn by Chris Shamoon; seconded by Ingrid Cornax and passed unanimously. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at **8:18 pm**.*

The next regular meeting will be 6:30 pm Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

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

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