

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department
Tierrasanta Maintenance Assessment District
Open Space Committee Meeting
7 PM Wednesday, March 6, 2013
10371 Matador Court, San Diego CA 92124

The Tierrasanta MAD Open Space Committee may take action
On any of the following agenda items:

1. Call to Order – Deanna Spehn
2. Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)
3. Report from Chair and Agenda Review – Deanna Spehn
4. Staff Report by Jan Eby, Tierrasanta MAD/Open Space Inspector
 - A. **Budget Status**: Everything is within budget projections. I have to modifying the existing landscape PO and increase the amount, to get us thru the end of April 2013.
 - B. **Treebeard Contract** – Routine maintenance continues per contract specifications. The bids came back and Treebeard is 2nd low bid. The lowest bid is probably too low and it is likely we can throw that one out. Treebeard's bid is also pretty low, but they have assured me they can justify it. I will be meeting with Andy and Cory next week to discuss. We will likely have to bring Treebeard in so they can support their numbers. Additionally, there is likely to have to be an interim contractor, though, prior to award. I am going to have to put together a small contract for minimal maintenance for this possible interim period. I have to send out to 5 different contractors who are large enough to do this job. The process of awarding a new contractor has become very difficult and is typically taking more than 2 months. Protests are common, in addition to involvement from the City Attorney's office. We can no longer work a contractor past the end of the contract. Treebeard could possibly be the low bid for the interim. Stay tuned.
 - C. **Atlas Tree Contract** – The tree crew has been pruning center median trees on Tierrasanta Blvd., as well as doing other pruning or removal work as directed. We had to remove 2 Eucs at the cul-de-sac on Via Promesa. One tree totally fell over into the street, barely missing a car. We removed the other one right next to it because it was already leaning and both trees likely of the proximately to the one that fell and the likely hood that the roots were growing together and it was already leaning. I would like to have our contractor plant 2 new trees that are not eucalyptus to replace those lost. The tree contract is still not awarded because of a protest and now a Public Records Act Request.
 - D. **Current and Proposed Special Projects within the Tierrasanta MAD** –
 1. Treebeard has been replacing electric pedestals that are rusting out.

This requires permits, ordering and installing the pedestals, City and SDGE inspections, SDGE installing the meter and final inspections. It usually takes a few weeks from start to finish. **2.** We have had a lot of frost damage to trees on Santo Rd, as well as some of the lantana and other shrubs around town. We will be replanting once all danger of more frost is past and I have a chance to see what will recover. **3.** We will be fertilizing all landscaping and turf the first 2 weeks in March. Things should start warming up and greening up. **4.** The new *Dogs on Leash/Report Dogs off Leash to Animal Control* signs are made and we will get them installed in March. **5.** More permanent type survey stakes were installed below Viacha Drive where the trail is encroaching. **6.** Villa Antigua HOA issue: A survey is being scheduled here so that there is no question about the property lines. Permanent wooden posts set in concrete and signs will be installed clearly delineating private property from City property. We will also be installing wooden posts at the sidewalk, in the gap by the guardrail, to keep any vehicles from entering except thru the gate. We have sent a draft right of entry permit to the City Attorney's office and once approved, I will send it on to Villa Antigua HOA for their fee and signing. This will allow them to go back in there under conditions and clean up the mess, via City property. Administrative citations are being discussed. **7.** Slope slide behind the first house at Via Temprano and Rueda Drive. Treebeard to clean up debris off slope and in brow ditch. Discussion about someone installing a keystone retaining wall, drainage and backfilling it to stabilize. I don't have an associated cost for this expense yet. I expect it to be costly.

- E. **Current and Proposed Herbicide Usage in Tierrasanta MAD** – Nothing new to report
 - F. **San Diego County Water Authority Access to Mission Trails Regional Park construction site for pipeline work and Flow Regulatory Structure**: A new sign is up at the Staging Area, east end Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Does anyone know if work is going to start again?
 - G. **Update on Status of Current Grants for Work in Tierrasanta MAD**: Nothing new to report.
 - H. **Update on Fire Safe Council/Fire Wise Community Demonstration Garden and Consideration of Future Projects/Actions** Nothing new to report.
5. New Business/Old Business Revisited: Potential Action Items—
- A. **Maintenance of Tierrasanta Parks, Joint Use Sites, Center Islands, Street Rights-of-Way, Improved Open Space and Unimproved Open Space Areas** -- Ongoing per contract. **1.** Treebeard will deliver and spread fibar and sand in the tot lots this month. **2.** We have a new Center Director at the Community Park. His name is Mike Mogge. He and I have met and we are discussing how responsibilities and other things associated with the fields and parks are divided. We have not had a

permanent Center Director since Mark Moncey. 3. Bird Nesting Season is about to start again. As you know, I will have to start doing bird nesting surveys prior to volunteer work commencing in open space.

Additionally, we will be under noise restrictions when using power equipment. This runs from March 15 to Sept. 1 of every year.

- B. **Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons/SD Canyonlands Events/ Volunteers** - Report on Current Work Projects and Consideration of Future Projects/Actions – **Roberta with updates**
- C. **Tierrasanta Trails Maintenance Program** – Update and Consideration of Future Projects/Actions – **Jerry/Bob/Jan**
- D. **Neighborhood Code Compliance current and potential cases within the Tierrasanta MAD** – Nothing new to report
- E. **Other** –
 - 1. Update on the Band Stand – **Lee with updates**
 - 2. 'Greenbelt' signs -- Update... The signs are under construction and should be finished and installed by the end of April at the latest
- F. **Adjournment**

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Future/Tentative Advisory Committee Meeting Dates:

April 3, 2013

May 1, 2013

June 5, 2013