



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
OPEN SPACE DIVISION
TIERRASANTA MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
APRIL 9, 2014
STAFF REPORT**

Ornamental Landscape Projects

- **Completed Projects**- Nothing new to report
- **Proposed Projects**- I'm looking at having an additional coat of anti-graffiti protection applied to all the new wooden signs throughout the MAD. Impact Sign Solutions has found a quality product with a 10 year warranty that should help keep the signs looking great.
- **Ongoing Projects**- Monserate Canyon Cul de Sac's- Irrigation has been mostly completed. We will be doing a final clean up and grading to prepare for planting. I've met with Recon Native plants and have come up with a plant pallet for each cul de sac.
- Nothing new to report- The northeast and southeast right of ways on Antigua Blvd. This enhancement includes removing the small strip of turf on each right of way, upgrading the existing irrigation, the planting of native plants along the sidewalk and adding a few native trees to the NE side open space. Waiting for a construction estimate from Treebeard.
- Nothing new to report- The application for this was submitted and we are awaiting any information regarding approval or denial.
There is a program called the WaterSmart Landscape Efficiency Program that provides money for materials and labor in upgrading the irrigation systems on large, commercial and municipal landscapes. I have sent in applications for system upgrades for Villa Norte Park and for the right of way on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. No guarantees they accept these areas, but I will keep everyone updated as information comes my way. I've attached a flier that explains the program.
- Nothing new to report- Turf reduction plan and irrigation upgrades, focusing on Tierrasanta Blvd. We are currently applying for the **Sustainable Landscape - Turf Replacement Rebates** - Get \$1.50 per square foot (up to 6,000 SF and \$9,000) for replacing turf grass with water wise landscaping, rebate program the City of San Diego offers for turf reduction and irrigation upgrades. We hope to have approval for that sometime in March, with construction starting soon after. The area we are looking to do first is from Tambor, east to the SDGE sub-station.

Parks

- Treebeard will be putting mulch out at all our parks.

Joint Use Fields

- I add a few new trees to the field area at Vista Grande Elementary. These were replacements for trees that had died.

Open Space

- **Grant Proposal**- I received an email from Eric saying he has possibly found new funding for the WRP grant. When I receive more information from Eric, I will pass it along. San Diego Canyonlands has applied for a grant that would allow for expansion (phases 4-7) of restoration work in Shepherd Canyon. Eric Bowlby and I have discussed additional MAD funds that would go towards some tree removals as well as planting and watering of native plants throughout these areas, provided the grant is awarded.
- **Girl Scout Projects**-
- Girl Scout Troop # 3278 The troop has put the finishing touches on their plant ID booklet and will be placing an order for the signs that will be placed along the walking trail in East Shepherd Canyon.
- **Kelly and Associates**- Mike and staff have been doing some spraying in the Rueda Canyon. The numbers I have to date include spraying of 130 pampas grasses in the canyon about half way down to Tierrasanta Blvd. I'm pretty sure Mike has done more spraying, but I have not gotten any additional numbers from him as of yet.
- **Tierrasanta Trails Project**- Helix has started working on the realignment of the Tierrasanta Trails. The last update from Helix stated that they were about to perform the records research and also get started on some biology fieldwork.
- **Ongoing Open Space Issues**- I've been getting more and more calls regarding homeless living in the open space. If anybody sees anyone or has information regarding to people living in the canyons please let me know.

Tree Trimming

- Arbor Access Program- I met with WCA to discuss the general scope of areas that we would like to focus on. I will be providing them a detailed map showing exact MAD boundaries. Mike from WCA plans to attend a future meeting, hopefully June, to give a presentation on Arbor Access and the benefits that using this program provides.

Miscellaneous MAD Items

- Nothing new to report- I have been contacted by Public Utilities and they have instructed me that they will be installing water meters and hopefully backflow protection to three non-metered medians on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. These particular medians are currently billed as a flat rate, but I don't expect the monthly costs to be much different.

Capital Improvement Project

- **Santo Road Median Improvement Project**- Nothing new to report
We met with staff from the City Street Division regarding this project. They have submitted an estimate for this project and have a tentative start date for phase 1 of late May early June. I've attached the estimate from street division. They still need a decision on pattern and color for the stamped concrete I will bring photos of the pattern options and color choices.

Neighborhood Code Compliance Issues

- Nothing new to report- I'm in the process of re-evaluating known encroachments in the area and will likely resend encroachment letters.

Landscape Contract

- Treebeard continues to provide services within budget.

Follow up to last month's meeting

- Dead trees at SDGE station- I spoke with Bill Click with SDGE and he informed me that the area in question with the dead trees does not belong to SGDE. I'm in the process of identifying who is responsible for that property.
- I met with a student engineer from City traffic engineering to discuss placement of additional deer crossing signage along Colina Dorada. I received an email from the engineer that she has recommended additional signage at the intersection of Colina Dorada Drive & Pavo Real Drive facing northbound traffic and the other at the intersection of Colina Dorada Drive & Joyas Court facing southbound traffic.

Budget

- The district has a healthy budget with no significant issues to report.

Respectfully submitted,

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