

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department
Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance Assessment District
Tierrasanta Open Space Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, June 4, 2014 Meeting
Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Voting members:	Present/Excused/Absent
Deanna Spehn*	Present
Chair	
Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz*	Present
Secretary	
Jerry Bierman	Present
Lee Campbell	Present
Teresa Clowes	Absent
Justin DeCesare*	Present
Chair, Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group	
Roberta Froome	Present
John Hopper	Absent
Dawn Lostritto-Nielsen*	Absent
Russ May*	Present
Bob Muldrew	Present
Betty Ogilvie	Present
Mike Ogilvie	Present
Dick Rees	Present
Rich Thesing*	Present

Staff:
Dan Foley, TOSMD Inspector
Paul Sirois, Director, MAD Division, Parks and Recreation Department

Vendors, presenters, community members
Cris Falco, West Coast Arborist
Mike Palat, West Coast Arborist

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by chair Deanna Spehn. Members and guests made introductions.

Discussion and approval of minutes were set aside for an upcoming meeting due to the anticipated special presentation by West Coast Arborists.

West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA, Inc.) was established in 1972. WCA won the San Diego citywide contract for tree services. Previous to this contract, Aztec Landscaping provided this and other related services in Tierrasanta. WCA is a family-owned company providing professional tree maintenance and management services for over 200 municipalities and public agencies throughout the states of California, Arizona, and Nevada. Their services include but are not limited to: tree pruning, tree removals, tree planting, tree evaluations, and tree inventories.

Cris Falco and Mike Palat made a presentation about the WCA tree inventory software program called ArborAccess. Municipalities and public agencies use this software to help manage their urban forests. ArborAccess incorporates the use of GPS technology to individually identify, schedule, and record the work history of each tree in a given system. It also assists with a “live” budget management feature that updates purchase orders immediately. Long paper work delays will be eliminated. Dan Foley will manage this service for Tierrasanta.

More information is available on the website:

<http://westcoastarborists.com/services/management-services/tree-management-software/>

In discussion following the presentation, Lee Campbell brought up the issue of tree overcrowding as a fire hazard, and asked if the company had experience with open space tree maintenance. Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz inquired if WCA would be providing restoration services for Shepherd Canyon. Dan Foley reported that regular maintenance and public safety would be first priorities in Tierrasanta right of ways. The restoration work will be paid for by the MAD and matching grants.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz made a PowerPoint presentation about the build-up of dead and diseased eucalyptus woodlands on open space land located along Tierrasanta Blvd and Rueda Canyon, at the end of the Seda-Rueda Corridor, and in the canyon behind the Vons Shopping Center. She reminded the committee that the Fire-Safe Council had identified the stretch along Tierrasanta Blvd as a concern after the Cedar Fire. This particular grove has deteriorated significantly in the past 10 years. The hillside where these trees are located is too steep for volunteer groups like the Friends. She asked the committee and MAD staff present at the meeting to consider ways to remove these groves. Ms. Cochrane-Schultz was referred to the brush management division of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Staff Report—*refer to the June 4, 2014 Staff report on the TCC website for complete details*

Sign theft: Dan Foley reported that two of our newer signs marking the entrance to West Shepherd Canyon were apparently stolen on May 30. A cell phone was found at the site. San Diego Police detectives investigated and were able to trace the cell phone to a

Facebook account and an address in Tierrasanta. Police arrested the man, who confessed to the crime. The two signs are valued at \$3700.

Vector Control: The county office has identified three locations for remediation. Projects should begin in about a year. Two are located west of Santo Road, and the third is located just off Calle de Vida at the north end of Rueda Canyon.

Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons

The Friends continue their monthly cleanups to remove “Low Boy” acacia at the northeast corner of the Santo-Antigua intersection. This work is done in conjunction with MAD staff and contractors. The plan is to remove existing strips of water-thirsty turf, and replace with non-invasive and native plantings. Bollards will be installed to prevent vehicle access to North Shepherd.

Roberta Froome also reported that Canyonlands has found new funding for the expansion of the restoration areas in Shepherd Canyon. Refer to the staff report for more details.

Mike Ogilvie reported that some of the canyon trail signs are in bad shape. The printed surface is peeling off of the metal backing.

Mission Trails Regional Park—

Betty Ogilvie reported that funding was found to reopen the camp ground for Friday and Saturday nights beginning in early June.

Tierrasanta Community Council

Justin DeCesare reported that the TCC bylaws committee is re-writing TCC and planning group bylaws in accordance with an updated version of San Diego City Council policy 600-24. Inclusion of the open space committee as a standing committee of both the TCC and planning group is under consideration.

New Business

Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz asked if permission to cross through Admiral Baker golf course property has been granted as part of the San Diego River Park Plan. Deanna Spehn noted that the Copper Leaf trail located at the end of Tierrasanta Blvd would serve as this link for Tierrasanta.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.