

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

Draft Minutes for Wednesday, November 5, 2014 Meeting
Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Voting members:	Present/Excused/Absent		
	Nov. 5, 2014	Oct. 1, 2014*	Sept. 3, 2014
Deanna Spehn* Chair	Present		Present
Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz* Secretary	Present		Present
Jerry Bierman	Present		Present
Lee Campbell	Present		Absent
Teresa Clowes	Absent		Absent
Justin DeCesare* Chair, Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group	Absent		Absent
Roberta Froome	Present		Present
John Hopper	Present		Absent
Dawn Lostritto-Nielsen*	Absent		Present
Russ May*	Present		Present
Bob Muldrew	Present		Present
Betty Ogilvie	Present		Present
Mike Ogilvie	Present		Present
Dick Rees	Absent		Absent
Rich Thesing*	Present		Present

Staff:

Paul Sirois, Assistant Deputy Director, Open Space
Division/MAD's/City of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Department

Sheldon Zemen, representing City of San Diego Councilman
Scott Sherman's office

Vendors, presenters, community members

Lyn Kagey	Alice Norris
Sophia Charnov	John R. Norris
Maria Sanders	
James Sanders	

*Minutes and the sign-in sheet are currently unavailable for this meeting. The secretary noticed the group of her planned absence on September 28, 2014.

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. Members and guests made introductions.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

Staff Report—*refer to the November 5, 2014 Staff Report on the TCC website for complete details.*

- *Turf reduction:* Treebeard has completed the Tierrasanta Blvd. section along the south side of east Tambor. They will begin the rebate process. Total square footage of turf on Tierrasanta Blvd is 39,000 ft².
- *Shepherd Canyon restoration grant proposal:* The City Attorney's office returned the ROE permit application for minor changes. City Staff met with Canyonlands, Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons, and West Coast Arborists to select sites for potential palm removal in East Shepherd Canyon. City biologists also were consulted regarding the removal process.
- *Dishwasher Pond:* Per the request of the TCC and this advisory group, Mr. Sirois presented a preliminary breakdown of funds needed to acquire a permit for the removal of cattails and sedimentation in the pond. The total permitting cost would range from \$85,000 to \$120,000. Discussion followed.
 - The pond is cement lined.
 - Wetland mitigation is "two to one", meaning that for every acre of wetlands we alter, we are required to restore two acres of wetlands elsewhere.
 - Does the value of recovering the pond outweigh the potential costs? Are we valuing plants over fish and birds?
 - It was suggested that we look for other places to create a new pond. The current setting was not designed or originally intended as a habitat for fish. Residents have stocked the pond over the years with "buckets full of fish".
 - We need a permit to clear the allowable 1% of existing reeds. We cannot double up on clearances even though we have missed a few years when reeds were not cleared.
 - It was noted that the existing budget has a line item for biological studies.
 - Funding issues may be further addressed during the January meeting.
- *East Shepherd Canyon trail/service road repair:* Treebeard estimated it would cost about \$800 to knock down ruts in higher sections of the eroded trail. Low-lying sections and wetlands cannot be altered or filled. The committee agreed that Treebeard could move forward with the work, which must be conducted with hand-tools only.

- *East Shepherd Canyon Water Main Break:* Mr. Sirois presented the re-vegetation plan prepared by Helix Environmental Services.
- *Tierrasanta Trails Project:* The Helix biological assessment has been put on hold until additional funding can be approved. The assessment has expanded to include approximately 14,100 additional linear feet of trail not previously identified in the original 9,200 linear feet.

Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons

Ms. Froome welcomed the Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons volunteers who were present at this meeting. She noted that there would be some leadership changes in 2015.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee

Tierrasanta Community Council

Tierrasanta Recreation Council

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.