

City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department
Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance Assessment District (TOSMD)
Tierrasanta Open Space Committee
7 pm at Tierrasanta Recreation Center • 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
Agenda for July 1, 2015 Meeting

The Tierrasanta Open Space Committee is advisory to the City of San Diego Open Space Division on matters related to the Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance Assessment District.

Voting members: Deanna Spehn* (Chair), Jennifer Schultz* (Secretary), Jerry Bierman, Lee Campbell, Teresa Clowes, Roberta Froome, John Hopper, Dawn Lostritto-Nielsen, Russ May*, Bob Muldrew, Betty Ogilvie, Mike Ogilvie, Dick Rees, Rich Thesing*, Justin DeCesare* (President, Tierrasanta Community Council).

City Staff: Bob Smith and Ray Garcia

Agenda

7:00 pm Chair Deanna Spehn will call the meeting to order and establish that a quorum is present, followed by introductions of those present and agenda review.

1. Non-agenda public comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)
2. Approval of June 3, 2015 Draft Minutes (prepared by Deanna Spehn)
3. Staff Report (see attached) – Bob Smith
4. Encroachment issues
5. Tierrasanta MAD at City Council
6. Status of Dishwasher Pond – any update on when the Helix Study will be completed?
7. Status of trails system & Helix environmental study status and timeline for discussion at committee
8. Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons
9. New Business – to be referred to a future noticed meeting of the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee
10. Adjournment

Next meeting: The committee normally does not meet in August but if the pending reports from Helix become available, an August 5th meeting would be convened



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STAFF REPORT**

Ongoing Projects/Completed

- **Tierrasanta Blvd - Turf Reduction** – The turf reduction proposal has been submitted to the SOCAL turf rebate program. The breakdown of square footage is as follows, Tierrasanta Blvd. 15,146sq ft., Santo Rd. 8424 sq ft., Clairemont Mesa Blvd. 13,440 sq ft. and Viacha Dr. 2,250 sq ft. Approximate square footage total is 39,260 sq ft. Staff is waiting for approval from SOCAL. Once approval has been received, Staff will begin work ASAP.
- **Horizon Et Water Controllers Have Started The Process**
- **Tree Trimming** -West Coast Arborists trimmed trees on Tierrasanta Blvd right of ways west of Santo Road. Trimmed trees in West Sheppard Canyon walkway off of Antigua Blvd. Also the trees on the corners of Antigua and Clairemont Mesa Blvd. The Open Space right of way of Clairemont Mesa Blvd west of Antigua south side of street.

Open Space

- Mike Kelly did weed and invasive work indicated by the volunteers in the Portabella trail, also did the pocket park. Onion weed, fennel, pampas grass, the slope by the church and Playa Cortez, Playa Vercruz, Rueda and Seda areas.
- **Shepherd Canyon Water Main Break Work** - has been completed and is being monitored by Dirk Smith from Public Utilities to track plant growth.
- **Brush Management** - Work will commence in June 2015.
- **Tierrasanta Trails Project** - Helix Environmental is currently working on the Trails Master Plan. An additional amount of \$13,000 was added to the PO to complete the study. We've provided feedback to Helix with regard to their questions regarding trail alignments and wetlands. They are now preparing the Biology Report for the trails. We anticipate receiving a draft report within the next couple of weeks.

Landscape Contract

- Treebeard is working on achieving a 16 % water savings to meet new water reduction requirements over the 2013 water usage data. Many of the measures implemented to date will help us to meet that goal.
- Treebeard continues to provide services within budget.

Budget

- We are now working within our FY15 budget, with no issues to date.

Miscellaneous

**TIERRASANTA MAD FIELD CLOSURE
SCHEDULE SUMMER 2015**

DePortola Middle School

Closed Friday July 20 – Friday August 21, 2015

Tierrasanta Community Park

Closed Wednesday June 30 – Friday August 14, 2015

Tierrasanta Elementary School

Closed Friday July 24 – Friday August 21, 2015

Serra High School

Closed Monday June 15 – Friday August 7, 2015

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Kumeyaay Elementary School

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Vista Grande Elementary School

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- Waiting on proposal for the clean-up/planting at Antigua and Santos Road.
- Waiting on proposal for the Claremont Mesa Blvd., wall maintenance and repair project.

Grounds Maintenance Manager – Bob Smith -619-685-1370 /cell 619-980-8108.

Respectfully submitted

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Draft Minutes for June 3, 2015 Meeting**

TOSMD Chair Deanna Spehn convened the meeting at 7:06 pm on June 3, 2015 at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. A quorum was present consisting of Deanna Spehn, Jerry Bierman, Lee Campbell, Roberta Froome, Russ May, Bob Muldrew, Betty Ogilvie, Mike Ogilvie and Rich Thesing. City staff present were Robert Smith and Ray Garcia. Members of the public present were Bob Lang, James Norris and Jose Caballero.

1. Non-agenda public comment

- 1) Bob Lang described the current conditions of the trail in Shepherd Canyon (some improvements had been made), Dishwasher Pond (the reeds are thriving) and his ongoing concern about what will happen to the pond itself.

2. Staff Report: Bob Smith reviewed his written Staff Report. There are over separate water meters within the TOSMD that, under new city operating rules adopted in response to the drought, will have to be read weekly. Treebeard will be installing new Horizon Et Water Controllers that will reduce the need to individually read each water meter at each meter and instead get digital readouts of water usage per meter. The new controllers adjust themselves based on temperature, etc. The new meters have been ordered and are expected the third week of June.

The current contract with Treebeard will be adjusted to reflect the turf that has been reduced within the District, and the replacement plantings that have been installed. The contract has different categories re: costs, so it's important that the acreage is accurate.

In walking the District, Bob Smith noted the deteriorated condition of the sidewalk behind Vons in Villa Monserate, from Purser Park at Antigua Blvd. down into the canyon. Treebeard is doing significant repairs of the sidewalk.

The City has adopted new rules regarding water usage in its parks and open space maintenance districts. Parks will now be watered twice a week; sports fields will be watered three times a week. Staff has requested proposals from Treebeard for replacing specific irrigation systems within the District to maximize watering effectiveness (ie., potential sites where sprinklers could be replaced with more effective water distribution systems such as Netafim drip irrigation systems. Special concerns were noted by members of the Open Space Committee about making sure our trees are getting adequate water so we don't lose trees. Smith noted that Treebeard has been very proactive in responding to the City's call for reducing water usage by 20% within the TOSMD. The amount of water used per meter will be of special concern re: meeting the 20% reduction.

Re: the Vector Control project under Tierrasanta Blvd. near Rueda Drive, an onsite meeting was held May 27th during which lots of mosquitos were observed. Representatives from the County were present and the scope of the project was reviewed with the contractor, including reattaching the drain pipe and clearing the channel by removing the plant growth, etc. The intent is to significantly reduce the number of mosquitos at the site.

Smith spoke with Serra High School Athletic Director Jonn Pisapia about closing the upper joint use field at the high school effective June 3rd, instead of June 15th. Pisapia agreed, so the field will have an extra 12 days of closure to allow it to “heal” from its constant use during the school year.

A pre-construction meeting for the lighting project at Tierrasanta Community Park will be held in August; the new project completion date is late April/May 2016. The project is currently out to bid.

3. Roberta Froome had requested that the status of Dishwasher Pond and potential solutions be placed on the agenda, at the request of San Diego Audubon Society member Peter Thomas. However Thomas was not able to attend the meeting. The Open Space Committee is still awaiting the Helix Environmental’s proposal on what could happen with the pond, consistent with state and federal laws, and the cost before making any recommendations.

4. Bob Smith and Laura Baugh and other staff recently walked the trails and when the Helix report is finalized, Laura will report on its recommendations, etc., to the Open Space Committee.

5. James Norris reported on activities by the Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons. 13 adult volunteers worked in North Shepherd Canyon on May 9th. Friends handed out poppy seeds at the Patriots Day Parade. On June 13th the Friends will be working in East Shepard Canyon to remove old irrigation piping. On July 11th the Friends will work at the native plant site at Rueda and Via Palabra.

6. New business: Lee Campbell reported that some residents in the Copperleaf homes at the end of Tierrasanta Blvd. are requesting the installation of Mutt Mitts. Bob Smith said he would have the units installed.

Chair Spehn requested suggestions for discussion at the July 1st meeting: the strong recommendation was a discussion on encroachment issues in the District and whether Code Enforcement Officers are actively working on open cases in Tierrasanta.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.



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- **Turf Rebate Program** - The MWD rebate check of \$7,680 was deposited in the Tierrasanta Maintenance Assessment District reserves.
- **Horizon Et Water Controllers Have Started The Process**
- **Tree Trimming** -West Coast Arborists trimmed trees on Tierrasanta Blvd. along the Right of ways of Open Space and by the trail heads. Also on Clairmont Mesa Blvd. Right of ways by North Rueda trail head.

Open Space

- **Vector Control Projects Grant** – Had kickoff meeting on site May 27, 2015.
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