

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 September 2, 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 July 1, 2015 Draft Minutes
3. Staff Report (see attached) – Bob Smith
4. Encroachment issues
5. Request by Girl Scout Troop to paint a second utility box in Tierrasanta (“Spaceman” box at La Cuenta & Tierrasanta Blvd. near the library was their first project several years ago)
6. Vehicular damage to Roadrunner Park
7. Status of Dishwasher Pond – Helix Study; Cost Factors; Timeline for decisions
8. Status of trails system & Helix environmental study status and timeline
9. Drought & use of water in Tierrasanta: any changes in watering times/schedules?
10. Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons
11. New Business – to be referred to a future noticed meeting of the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee
12. Adjournment

Next meeting: October 7, 2015 – 7 pm Tierrasanta Recreation Center 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

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Draft Minutes for Wednesday, July 1, 2015 Meeting
 Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Voting members:	Present/Excused/Absent		
	July 1, 2015	June 3, 2015	April 1, 2015
Deanna Spehn* Chair	Present	Present	Present
Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz* Secretary	Present	Excused	Present
Jerry Bierman	Present	Present	Present
Lee Campbell	Absent	Present	Present
Teresa Clowes	Absent	Absent	Absent
Justin DeCesare* Chair, Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group	Absent	Absent	
Roberta Froome	Present	Present	Present
John Hopper	Absent	Absent	Absent
Dawn Lostritto-Nielsen*	Present	Absent	Absent
Russ May*	Absent	Present	Absent
Bob Muldrew	Present	Present	Present
Betty Ogilvie	Present	Present	Present
Mike Ogilvie	Present	Present	Present
Dick Rees	Absent	Absent	Absent
Rich Thesing*	Present	Present	Present

Staff:
Robert Smith, Tierrasanta Open Space Inspector
Sheldon Zemon, City Council District 7 representative for Scott Sherman

Vendors, presenters, community members	
Matthew Hull	
Peter Thomas	
Bill Winans	

The meeting convened at 7:02 p.m. Members and guests made introductions. A quorum was established. [15 voting members on the committee, nine present]

Non-Agenda Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Jerry Bierman moved, and Mike Ogilvie seconded to approve the minutes for the June 3, 2015 meeting. All voted “yes” to approve, with Schultz abstaining due to non-attendance at the previous meeting.

Staff Report—*refer to the July 1, 2015 Staff Report on the TCC website for complete details.*

Robert Smith representing the Open Space division of the Parks and Recreation Department, reported as follows:

Tree Trimming: West Coast Arborists is nearing completion of an extensive tree-trimming project in Tierrasanta. Deanna Spehn complimented staff, saying that the trees have never looked so good

Tierrasanta Trails Project: The Helix biological study should be finished soon. Deanna Spehn noted that the proposed Master Trails Plan will have to be approved by the Tierrasanta Town Council.

Brush Management: Work in Tierrasanta has begun. Direct any complaints, requests or concerns to Mark Jennings. Be patient. It may take the crews as many as 8 days to clear and remove brush from any one area where they are working.

Invasive plants and weed control: Bob Smith reported that he was unaware of the budget line item for herbicide applications. He contacted Mike Kelley once he realized this. Mike is back on the job at this time.

Water Reductions: Treebeard is working to achieve a 25% reduction in water usage per a directive from the City Council. See the attached Report No. 15-070 dated June 11, 2015.

Dishwasher Pond: A request has been made for Helix Environmental Services to prepare an estimate/scope of work needed to remove 400 square feet of reeds from Dishwasher Pond. It was noted in discussion that the request has been in place for some time now. Robert Smith said he would talk to Joel Hyatt about giving the request a priority.

Barbados Wall--Bob Smith presented a Treebeard quote for the replacement of two sections of the Barbados Wall located between La Cuenta and Deportola. The total cost for two 112” by 60” sections will be \$4081.84. See attached Bid No. 632-40.

Encroachment Issues--The advisory group agreed that the open space inspector is not the person to be enforcing encroachment issues. Some encroachment issues were successfully resolved when Jan Eby wrote homeowners a letter informing them of property lines and open space rules. Others referred to the Neighborhood Code Compliance.

Bob Smith said he would read through Jan Eby’s old files to determine potential next steps. Mike Ogilvie and Jennifer Schultz will try to retrieve old files with pertinent information.

Tierrasanta MAD at the City Council--The annual Assessment Engineers Report has been published and presented to the City Council. The annual assessment for a single-family home is \$70.80. The assessment for a multi-family unit is \$50.96.

Status of Dishwasher Pond--Peter Thomas, a member of the San Diego Audubon Society, reported

that he has recorded the presence of 77 bird species--17 of which require open water. He thinks these birds will disappear if the pond is allowed to dry up or remain in its current riparian state. Discussion continued regarding associated costs and hurdles. Deanna Spehn reiterated what had been reported in previous meetings--the fish and wildlife departments value this feature for its riparian values--thereby precluding any desire on the part of the MAD to eliminate reeds or dredge the pond. Mitigation etc. would be costly--perhaps too costly for the MAD that only has a budget of \$700,000 a year. Most of this budget is allocated for existing maintenance regimens.

Spehn also noted that previous dredging activities were actually illegal and done "under the radar". The new director in charge of ponds and lakes has made it clear that those projects will no longer be allowed.

Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons--Roberta Froome reported many old irrigation pipes were removed during the June cleanup. The July session will take place at the native plant site located on Rueda Drive.

New Business

The committee will be "dark" in August. Bob Smith will contact the committee members when the Helix report is released.

Dawn Nielsen introduced Bill Winans. He works for the County of San Diego where he specializes in the control and removal of invasive weeds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



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OPEN SPACE DIVISION
TIERRASANTA MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
September 2, 2015
STAFF REPORT

Ongoing Projects/Completed

- **Tree Trimming** - West Coast Arborists trimmed trees on Santos Road and removed two Coral trees for safety reasons.

Open Space

- **Helix Environmental** - will develop a work plan and cost estimate for planning, permitting, implementation and mitigation of the restoration of Dishwater Pond.
- **Shepherd Canyon Water Break**- There was a water main break on August 7, 2015 west of Dishwasher Pond. I will be working with Sean Paver, the City's Environmental Biologist and Dirk Smith City, Senior Planner.
- **Brush Management** - Is now working in the Brush Management zones of the Tierrasanta Open Space.

Landscape Contract

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

Budget

- No Updates.

Miscellaneous

- Two sections of the wall on Claremont Mesa Boulevard were removed and replaced.

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Respectfully submitted

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