

Draft Minutes for the October 7, 2015 Tierrasanta Open Space Committee
Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance Assessment District (MAD)
Tierrasanta Recreation Center • 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

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 present at the meeting when Chair Deanna Spehn convened the meeting at 7:01 pm included Jerry Bierman, Lee Campbell, Roberta Froome, John Hopper, Russ May, Betty Ogilvie, Mike Ogilvie, Deanna Spehn, Rich Thesing. Bob Muldrew arrived at 7:11 pm. (11 members present)

City staff present were Bob Smith and Ray Garcia

Also present were Bob Lang, John Norris, James Sanders and from City Councilmember Scott Sherman's office - Sheldon Zemen

In the absence of Secretary Jennifer Schwartz, Deanna Spehn took the minutes.

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: Bob Lang presented his update on the status of the jogging trail in east Shepherd Canyon and the reeds in Dishwasher Pond. Deanna Spehn expressed concern about the possible impact of El Nino to Tierrasanta and requested that city staff consider adding a line item to the proposed budget for the Tierrasanta Maintenance Assessment District for storm related damage.

2. Approval of September 2, 2015 Draft Minutes: It was moved by Rich Thesing, seconded by Mike Ogilvie and approved unanimously 11-0 to approve the Draft Minutes for the September 2, 2015 meeting as submitted.

3. Staff Report for October 7, 2015 meeting: Bob Smith reported on the following Ongoing Projects/Completed Projects:

Tree Trimming: West Coast Arborists trimmed trees in various areas of the 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. Bob Smith will work with Sean Paver, the City's Environmental Biologist and Dirk Smith City, Senior Planner to determine what work should be done in the area of the break.

Brush Management – The city's Brush Management crews are now working in the Brush Management zones of the Tierrasanta Open Space. The crews are just finishing up their work for 2015 and will return next in March 2016.

Landscape Contract: Treebeard is working on achieving a 16 % monthly 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: Staff will present the FY 2017 Proposed Budget at the November 4, 2015 meeting.

Miscellaneous: The Proposal has been received for the removal of (65) palm trees in Shepherd Canyon. The total cost will be \$26,076.16. The proposal includes cutting of the palm trees, helicopter use and hauling away all debris. West Coast Arborist will be performing the Palm removals. The work will be done over the Winter Break, as was done last year. **It was moved by John Hopper, seconded by Jerry Bierman and approved on an 11-0 unanimous vote to accept the bid provided by WCA for the removal of the palm trees and to schedule the work.**

Bob Smith reported that during the first week of November Treebeard will be planting native plants at the two open space corners at Antigua and Santo.

Sheldon Zemen reported that the Fire Department is scheduled to walk canyon home areas of Tierrasanta reminding residents about the city's brush management regulations.

4. Information Item: Quarterly Report to Tierrasanta Community Council by TOSMD Chair Spehn: The report was noted; there was no discussion.

5. Encroachment issues: Bob Smith reported that the paperwork authorizing the hiring of a new position in the Code Enforcement division is still in the Personnel Department. Bob Smith noted that one of the prior encroachment cases in the file has been closed; he hiked to the site and the chain link fence, etc. had been removed.

6. Request by Tierrasanta Foundation re: placement of benches in the open space: Lee Campbell, representing the Tierrasanta Foundation, reported that the group is still researching Santa Barbara Beautiful and other similar organizations to see if there is a role for such an organization in Tierrasanta. No final decision has been made on the placement of the proposed benches. Further research is required for what the plaques that are proposed to be installed would look like, and whether they would conform to the city's standard. Campbell will work directly with Treebeard re: payment and installation schedule for the benches.

[Note: Deanna Spehn had to leave at approximately 7:30 pm due to a work commitment; Betty Ogilvie took over taking the minutes from that point on.

7. Vehicular damage to Roadrunner Park: infrequent but persistent damage to the grass area at the park. The perimeter of the park is difficult to block vehicles and also allow foot traffic in/out. Suggestions: heavy chains between bollards; possibly use same method as on Tierrasanta Blvd by Tambor; removable posts in walkways; place large boulders to keep cars out seen as a potential risk of injury. John Hopper suggested block off grassy area first to see if that is adequate before doing something more extensive/expensive, which most or all agreed with.

8. Status of Dishwasher Pond – Helix Study; Cost Factors; Timeline for decisions: Bob Smith says Joel put in new request for a new Purchase Order for Tom to do the study (no loss of funds). The request passed Public Works Dept. The cost estimate has not changed from the original. Now

waiting for the Purchase Order to be issued.

9. Status of trails system & Helix environmental study status and timeline: draft document was not complete. It needed to go to F&W for input, then back to Helix for finalization then presentation to us. No estimate how long F&W will have it. Trails are getting brushy.

10. Drought & use of water in Tierrasanta: any changes in watering times/schedules?: Bob Smith says we saved 16%. The water has been off all this week. We are under budget for water charges.

11. Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons: The City postponed the bridge across cross-flow install near kiosk in East Shepard Canyon was rescheduled for October 10. We can clean out dead debris but not live plants to help the new bridge. The clean-up on the 2nd Saturday of November has been planned. James and Jake Rhoads lead the September 19th Coastal Cleanup Day with 28 volunteers in East Shepard Canyon, working east of the kiosk.

12. New Business: Rich Thesing complimented Bob Smith on his good work.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm