

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 Wednesday, February 3, 2016 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 January 6, 2016 Draft Minutes
3. Staff Report for February 3, 2016 meeting and status of Tierrasanta Trails plan – Bob Smith
4. Follow up discussion on Red Pond/Dishwasher Pond
5. Encroachment issues and status of hiring Code Enforcement Officer to handle City Owned Open Space encroachments
6. Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons
7. New Business – to be referred to a future noticed meeting of the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee
8. Adjournment

Next meeting: March 2, 2016 – 7 pm Tierrasanta Recreation Center
11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Draft Minutes

January 6, 2016 Tierrasanta Open Space Committee Meeting

The meeting of the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee was convened by Chair Deanna Spehn at 7:02 pm in the Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. A quorum was present consisting of Deanna Spehn, Lee Campbell (7:09 pm), Roberta Froome, Russ May, Bob Muldrew, Betty Ogilvie, Mike Ogilvie and Rich Thesing. Also present were Tom Huffman (Helix Environmental), Bob Lang, James Sanders (Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons), Bill Winans and Sheldon Zemen (City Councilmember Scott Sherman). City staff Bob Smith and Ray Garcia were present. Not present were Jennifer Schultz, Jerry Bierman, Teresa Clowes, John Hopper, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Dick Rees and Justin DeCesare.

1. Non-agenda public comment: Bob Lang passed around pictures showing the impact of the recent rainfall on Shepherd Canyon. Chair Spehn reminded members of the committee and the public that it is not appropriate to send emails to the committee members with comments about matters that will be discussed at an upcoming meeting of the Open Space Committee. All discussions among committee members should take place in public so that if/when a vote takes place all members are privy to the same information.
2. Approval of November 4, 2015 Draft Minutes: It was moved by Betty Ogilvie, seconded by Thesing and approved 8-0 to approve the minutes as submitted.
4. Presentation by Tom Huffman from Helix Environmental on Red Pond (a.k.a. Dishwasher Pond) – please see attached written report from Helix. Huffman walked the committee through the report. Comments made at the meeting by Huffman beyond what is in the written report is as follows:
 - It is definitely possible to get the permits required to return the pond to its original condition, but it will be a lengthy and expensive process.
 - Any enlarging of the pond would require the acquisition of property to mitigate the expansion because immediately adjacent to the pond is “habitat.”
 - Any inquiries to city staff on options for the pond would trigger charges on our Tierrasanta Open Space District funds
 - When a pond gets shallow then cattails will start to take over. After cattails will come willow trees replacing the cattails.
 - The Regional Water Quality Control Board would probably like the fact that the pond has converted to cattails because cattails form a natural filtration system that trap pollutants
 - Regarding the silting of the pond that contributed to the over abundance of cattails: some ponds have a sediment detention basin placed upstream from the pond that traps the silt and then is cleaned annually
 - Bob Smith asked the City’s Dirk Smith who coordinates the cleaning of the City’s stormwater channels/swales, etc., if Tierrasanta could “piggyback” on the federal and state permits for that program and Dirk said “no” it cannot be done.
 - If we turn off the water ultimately the area will convert to willow trees
3. The Staff Report was presented by Bob Smith, the Tierrasanta Open Space Inspector/Grounds Maintenance Manager, City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department Open Space Division.

Ongoing Projects/Completed

- **Tree Trimming** - West Coast Arborists continues to trim trees in various areas of the Open Space. Committee members expressed appreciation for the extra effort to have the arborists in the community to assess which trees need to be trimmed/removed, and to have the work done before the El Nino storms that are expected in March/April/May.

Open Space

- **Open Space Trails Plan** - On October 22, 2015 staff met with Representatives from US Fish and Wild Life, Cal Fish and Wild Life, and walked numerous trails from the trail plan. In the next few weeks, city staff anticipates receiving additional comments from these Resource Agencies and will respond to the comments. The proposed trail plan for Tierrasanta would then be finalized and presented to the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee for input, etc., prior to adoption.
- **Palm Removal** - The palm removals from Shepherd Canyon by West Coast Arborist and Blackhawk Helicopter was a success. Eighteen 40-yard dumpsters were filled! Bob Smith was very happy with the work done by Treebeard, West Coast Arborists and Blackhawk Helicopters on this project.
- **Helix Environmental Plan Dishwasher Pond** - Tom Huffman from Helix Environmental will present the Dishwater Pond Restoration study and answer questions.
- **Brush Management** -The Brush Management Unit has completed their scope of work for 2015. They are scheduled to return in March of 2016.
- **Invasive Weed Growth Removal** - Kelly and Associates will be removing invasive weed growth (Fennel, Mustard, and Eucalyptus Sprouts) from the north and east sides of Shepherds Canyon beginning in November.

Landscape Contract

- Treebeard continues to provide services within budget.

Miscellaneous.

- Roadrunner Park – Completed. Committee members were encouraged to stop by Roadrunner Park to check out the installation of boulders, etc., to stop the ongoing vandalism in the park from drivers doing wheelies, etc. Treebeard also applied anti-graffiti materials on the boulders. Bob Smith also had Treebeard remove the Russian thistle in the area.
5. Meeting day and time and other administrative matters re: the committee: Spehn asked if there was any interest in changing the date/time of the monthly meetings. Committee members agreed to continue meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center.
 6. Encroachment issues: there are 10 candidates for the open Code Enforcement Officer to handle complaints about encroachment in city open space in Maintenance Assessment Districts; interviews will be held at the end of January.
 7. Status of trails system and environmental study status and timeline: this was discussed as part of the staff report (see item 3 above).
 8. Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons: James Sanders reported that eucalyptus cleanups continued during the Friends' monthly Saturday cleanups in November, December and January. They also installed a boardwalk in the north side of Shepherd Canyon.
 9. New Business: none
 10. Adjournment: Spehn adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7 pm in the Tierrasanta Pool Building



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 PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
 OPEN SPACE DIVISION
 TIERRASANTA MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
 February 3, 2016
 STAFF REPORT

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Open Space

- **Open Space Trails Plan** – Helix continues to update the biology report. They are updating the report to address clarifications from the Resource Agencies as well as updating some of the maps as well as internal comments from Open Space.
- **Helix Environmental Plan Dishwasher Pond** - Tom Huffman from Helix Environmental presented the Dishwasher Pond Restoration study on the January 6th Open Space Meeting.
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- **Would like to add Open Space trees that are close to homes in the Tierrasanta Open Space to the West Coast Arborists tree inventory.**

Respectfully submitted,

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