

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 April 6, 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, James Sanders and Rich Thesing*.

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. Presentation by Laura Ball, Biologist, City of San Diego Open Space Division; Status of Trails System and Environmental Study Status & Timeline and other matters related to Open Space in Tierrasanta including who sets policies on how to handle debris dams and fallen trees
2. Non-Agenda Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person on subjects under the jurisdiction of this committee)
3. Approval of February 3, 2016 Draft Minutes – see attached
4. Staff Report for April 6, 2016 meeting: Tree Trimming; Status of Service Road in Shepherd Canyon; Brush Management; Weed Control – Bob Smith
5. Update from Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons: James Sanders
6. Status of proposed changes to the Municipal Code and City Council Policies related to Maintenance Assessment Districts; and status of review and recommended changes to the Bylaws for the Tierrasanta Community Council as a planning committee – Deanna Spehn
7. Timeline of meetings for 2016: early review of proposed budget for next year including whether major projects should be considered for funding such as planting new trees; dealing with standing water issues caused by debris dams; and other capital project ideas
8. New Business – to be referred to a future noticed meeting of the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee
9. Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 – 7 pm Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
OPEN SPACE DIVISION
TIERRASANTA MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
April 6, 2016
Staff Report

Ongoing Projects/Completed

- **Tree Trimming** - West Coast Arborists continues to trim trees in various areas of the Open Space. They have finished the tree inventory of the Open Space Tree.

Open Space

- **Open Space Trails Plan** - Laura Ball Project Officer II, City of San Diego, Park and Rec. Department will provide an update on the Tierrasanta Trail plans.
- **Service Road Shepherd Canyon** - DG will be added on an as needed basis to control erosion.
- **Brush Management** -The Brush Management Unit has completed their scope of work for 2016. They are scheduled to return in 2018.
- **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.

Landscape Contract

- **Treebeard** - continues to provide services within budget.

Miscellaneous.

- Discuss and approve a landscape project in the Rights of Way in front of the shopping center on Tierrasanta Blvd. Project to include colored DG and a small area of water wise grass around the trees with drought tolerant ground cover.

Respectfully submitted,

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Draft Minutes for Wednesday, February 3, 2016 Meeting
 Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Voting members:	Present/Excused/Absent	
	February 3, 2016	November 4, 2015
Deanna Spehn* Chair	Present	Present
Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz* Secretary	Present	Present
Jerry Bierman	Absent	Absent
Lee Campbell	Present	Present
Teresa Clowes	Absent	Absent
Justin DeCesare* Chair, Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group	Absent	Absent
Roberta Froome	Present	Absent
John Hopper	Present	Absent
Dawn Lostritto-Nielsen*	Present	Absent
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:
Robert Smith, Tierrasanta Open Space Inspector
Sheldon Zemen, City Council District 7 representative for Scott Sherman
Ray Garcia, Sr., Parks and Recreation Department

Vendors, presenters, community members	
James Sanders	
Bob Lang	

The meeting convened at 7:03 p.m. Members and guests made introductions. A quorum was established. [15 voting members on the committee, 11 present]

Item 1: Non agenda public comment

Bob Lang reported that “leaks” continue to occur in the basin of the Restoration Area near Santo Road and Antigua Blvd. Deanna Spehn and Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz noted that natural springs occur throughout Tierrasanta. Could these be the source of the leaks? Ms. Spehn asked if the water could be tested. Russ May noted that an acoustic study could be conducted to determine

the source of the leak. It was agreed that the water should be tested, and the acoustic studies conducted.

Jennifer Cochrane Schultz and others noted that Clairemont Mesa Blvd. is being slowly undercut due to excessive rains and poor drainage capacity. Ms. Spehn reported that the clearing of concrete swales takes precedence in a year with anticipated El Nino activity.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Rich Thesing moved, and Betty Ogilvie seconded that the minutes be approved. Jennifer Cochrane Schultz and John Hopper abstained due to non-attendance.

Item 3: Staff Report for February 3, 2016 meeting

Refer to the staff report for further details. Briefly:

- Tierrasanta weathered well during the first round of the El Nino season. No major storm damage has been reported. Bob Smith has received a few calls to trim trees along the various canyon rims.
- Bob Smith recommended that we expand the inventory of trees to include those close to homes in order to reduce liability issues. This recommendation was approved.
- We await further word from Helix and the Open Space Division regarding the trails plan.

Item 4: Follow up Discussion on Red Pond/Dishwasher Pond

After an extensive debate it was decided to eliminate this item from the agenda until such time as we have new information that would make it both financially and environmentally feasible to reconsider the restoration of this wetland to pond status.

Item 5: Encroachment Issues

Bob Smith reported that interviews are in process for the selection of a dedicated code enforcement officer to deal with open space concerns.

Item 6: Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons

The Friends continued their work in Shepherd Canyon to remove palm seedlings and eucalyptus saplings. The successful installation of a second foot bridge south of Villarrica Drive was noted.

Item 7: New Business

There was no new business to report. The addition of James Sanders to the Open Space Committee will be considered at the next meeting.

Item 8: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.