

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 October 5, 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, 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. Non-agenda public comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)
2. Approval of July 6, 2016 Draft Minutes
3. Approval of September 7, 2016 Draft Minutes
4. Staff Report for October 5, 2016 meeting – Bob Smith
5. Announcement of review of proposed budget for FY2018 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee. An announcement of this meeting and the opportunity for public comment in advance of the committee voting to make a recommendation on the FY 2018 budget will take place at the November 2, 2016 meeting and reported at the November 16, 2016 regularly scheduled meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group. The Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group will vote on a recommendation for the FY 2018 budget at its November 16th meeting.
6. Status of the leaky valve on the East Shepherd Canyon Trail: work was scheduled to begin on Monday, October 3rd. – Bob Smith will report on status
7. Status of trails system & environmental study status and timeline. When will the document being worked on by Laura Ball and the Wildlife Agencies be complete? – Bob Smith
8. Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons
9. Discussion and recommendations for inclusion / removal of allocations on the FY 2018 budget

10. New Business – to be referred to a future noticed meeting of the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee

11. Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 3, 2016 – 7 pm Tierrasanta Recreation Center - 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.



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PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
OPEN SPACE DIVISION
TIERRASANTA MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
October 5, 2016
STAFF REPORT

Ongoing Projects/Completed

- **Tree Trimming** - West Coast Arborists continues to trim trees on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Tierrasanta Blvd. and also in various areas of the Open Space.

Open Space

- **Open Space Trails Plan** - Staff is preparing responses to questions asked by the agencies after their site visit on October 22, 2015.
- **Service Road**- Treebeard will be adding DG and making improvements to the service road in Shepherds Canyon.

Landscape Contract

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

Miscellaneous.

- On Monday, October 3, 2016, The Water Department will repair the leaking relief valve in Shepherds Canyon.
- Important City Phone Numbers: Code enforcement (619) 236-5500, Environmental Services, (858) 694-7000, Park & Recreation (619)525-8213, Storm Water (619) 235-1000, Street Division (619) 527-7500 and Police Non-Emergency (619) 531-2000 or (858) 484-3154.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Smith, Grounds Maintenance Manager
 Open Space Division / MAD's Park and
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City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department
Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance District (TOSMD)
DRAFT Tierrasanta Open Space Committee MINUTES
 7 pm at Tierrasanta Recreation Center – 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
 Wednesday, July 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 (MAD).

Attendance:

Voting Members: Deanna Spehn* (Chair), Lee Campbell Dawn Lostritto-Nielsen*, Bob Muldrew, Betty Ogilvie, Mike Ogilvie*, James Sanders, and Rich Thesing*.

Absent: Jerry Bierman, Teresa Clowes, Roberta Froome, John Hopper, Russ May*, Dick Rees, Jennifer Schultz*, [* indicates current member of Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group]

City Staff: Bob Smith; Council Representation to District 7 Scott Sherman; Sheldon Zemen; and Community member: Bob Lang

7 pm Chair Deanna Spehn called the meeting to order; Quorum was present; No introductions needed as everyone knew each other; Agenda review. Chair Spehn asked that a public art application be added to the agenda since the Committee would not meet again until September.

1. **Non-Agenda Public Comment:** limited to 3 minutes per person on subjects under the jurisdiction of this committee but not on the agenda

Bob Lang:

- Numerous Tierrasanta trails have been degraded by erosion. Recommended trail maintenance become a priority in the upcoming open space budget. The recent application of decomposed granite (DG) on the East Shepherd Canyon Maintenance trail was most welcomed, but approximately 50 yards more of DG is needed and inquired if there is a plan or schedule for additional DG.
- The water level in Dishwasher Pond has dropped more than two feet below the spillway level. Reed bases are now exposed. Lang would like to see a Dishwasher Pond Community work day in early October to clear debris and pull dead reeds. The water level should be down an additional two or three feet by then.
- With the exception of a three week period in March, the base of the blue Water Dept. fixture on the Maintenance Path has leaked water continuously for seven months. Now moss is growing.
- Additional doggie bag dispensers are needed along the Maintenance Path down in the canyon because of the number of entrances to the canyon. Dog poop can be found along the trail.

Lee Campbell:

- Campbell is helping the Tierrasanta Foundation with electrical for the upcoming Old Time Rock and Roll event. He found out that outside events can no longer plug into the electrical and are to provide a generator if electricity is needed.

Sheldon Zemen:

- The condition of the fields has not been signed off yet so there is no definite date when the playing fields will re-open. Kevin Cook retired and had not signed off on the project before he left.

2. **Approval of the Draft Minutes** for the May 4, 2016 Meeting – trailed to next meeting
3. **Election of Secretary** for a 2-year period beginning May 2016
Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto volunteered to be Secretary. Betty Ogilvie moved to appoint Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto as secretary, and Deanna Spehn seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. **Staff Report** for July 6, 2016 meeting – Bob Smith (see attached)

In addition to staff report (attached), Bob would like to replant areas on Tierrasanta Blvd and Clairemont Mesa Blvd medians to include yellow lantana and Raphiolepis. Nielsen said she'd like to see Raphiolepis variety used which would not require future pruning and to look at a dwarf variety.

Split rail fencing on Clairemont Mesa Blvd in front of the Recreation Center. Some of is falling apart and needs to be replaced. Deanna said the original railing was placed because people would walk down the hill from the Recreation Center creating a hazard from jaywalking across Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Replacement would be round fencing as found on the trails. The committee found this acceptable.

5. **Potential bylaws changes** for Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group that would impact this committee. The following is the section of the draft bylaws for the planning group that were scheduled to be discussed on Tuesday, July 5th prior to a proposed vote on the draft bylaws on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

b) Committees/Subcommittees

The Tierrasanta Community Council may establish standing and ad hoc committees/subcommittees when their operation contributes to more effective discussions at regular planning group meetings.

(i) Standing Committees. Pursuant to the purpose of the Tierrasanta Community Council as identified in Article II, Section 1, the planning group has established the following standing committees:

a) Community Development Committee, consisting of nine (9) members, five (5) members of which shall be voting members of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning

Group, which meets as required to review discretionary projects and provides written recommendations ~~on same~~ to the Tierrasanta Community Council.

~~b) Tierrasanta Election Committee, which meets as required to draft the Standing Order of specific election procedures for the election cycle and provides this to the Tierrasanta Community Council for approval.~~

c) Tierrasanta Open Space Committee, also known as the Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance Assessment District Committee, consisting of thirteen (13) members, seven (7) of which shall be voting members of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group, which meets as required to provide advice and counsel to the Open Space Division of the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of San Diego.

(ii) Ad Hoc Committees. Ad hoc committees may be established for finite period of time to review more focused issue areas and shall be disbanded following their review.

a) Tierrasanta Election Committee, which meets as required to draft the Standing Order of specific election procedures for the election cycle and provides this to the Tierrasanta Community Council for approval. The Chair and members of the Election Committee shall be approved by the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group.

(iii) Committee Composition. Committees shall contain a majority of members who are: members of the planning group, ~~or who previously served as members of the planning group and who have completed mandatory training on Council Policy 600-24.~~

Non-members, who are duly appointed by a planning group to serve on a committee, may be indemnified by the City in accordance with Ordinance No. ~~O-17086~~ O-19883 NS, and any future amendments thereto, provided they satisfy any and all requirements of the Administrative Guidelines.

(iv) Recommendations. Committee recommendations must be brought forth to the full planning group for formal vote at a noticed public meeting. In no case may a committee or committee recommendation be forwarded directly to the City as the formal recommendation of the planning group without a formal vote of the full planning group.

6. **Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons** - James Sanders

May 14 - Clean up East Shepherd Canyon - East End. 9 volunteers removed 600 feet of pipe and numerous same eucalyptus saplings.

June 11 - 15 volunteers removed large Acacia west of Dishwasher pond.

July 9 - Upcoming clean up will focus on upper East Shepherd Canyon removing Algerian Sea Lavender, Palms trees. Meet 8:00 a.m. Check Facebook page for additional details.

Added item: **Public Art Application**. Girl Scout Troop 3185, 3334 and independent Girl Scouts applied to paint the utility box in front of DePortola Middle School. Bob Smith received approved to paint the box as long as the locks were not painted. Deanna Spehn made a motion to add the application to the agenda; Betty Ogilive seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Betty Ogilive made a motion to approve the application, Rich Thesing seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. **New Business:** None

8. **Adjournment** – 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 7, 2016. 7:00 p.m.
Exhibit from July 6, 2016 Meeting

Tierrasanta Maintenance Assessment District
Field Closure Schedule for Summer 2016

De Portola Middle School	Closed Monday, July 18 – Friday, August 19, 2016
Tierrasanta Community Park	Closed through Friday, August 12, 2016 – subject to City of San Diego determining when the construction in the park is deemed complete
Tierrasanta Elementary School	Closed Monday, July 25 – Friday, August 26, 2016
Serra High School	Closed through Friday, August 5, 2016
Farb Middle School	Closed Monday, July 18 – Friday, August 12, 2016
Kumeyaay Elementary School	Closed through Friday, July 15, 2016
Vista Grande Elementary School	Closed through August 5, 2016

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Minutes for September 7, 2016 Meeting**

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Attendance

Voting members:

Deanna Spehn* (Chair),	P	Bob Muldrew	P
Dawn Nielsen* (Secretary)	P	Betty Ogilvie	P
Jerry Bierman	A	Mike Ogilvie*	P
Lee Campbell	P	Dick Rees	A
Teresa Clowes	A	James Sanders	P
Roberta Froome	A	Jennifer Schultz	A
John Hopper	A	Rich Thesing*	P
Russ May*	P	*Tierrasanta Community Council Members	

Friends of Tierrasanta Canyon: John Norris
City Staff: Bob Smith and Ray Garcia

Meeting Agenda / Minutes

7:05 pm Chair Deanna Spehn called the meeting to order and established that a quorum was present, followed by introductions of those present and agenda review.

12. Non-agenda public comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

Bob Lang:

- Thanks to Bob Smith and Treebeard Landscaping for repairs to the eroded areas of East Shepherd Canyon Maintenance Path. Brush was cleared two weeks ago and fill was laid last week in the path portion west of Dishwasher Pond.
- Thanks to Bob Smith for arranging the visit by city environmental biologists on August 23rd. They looked at Dishwasher Pond and two downstream areas from stream crossings which flood due to debris dams.
- Leaking from the blue fixture has increased and is on the agenda tonight. Image attached.
- Dishwasher Pond. Two months ago, the pond was evaporating at its usual rate and was not being filled. On 7 July surprisingly, direction was given to fill the pond. Since then the pond has been filled periodically to about one foot below the spillway overflow level. In two months, approximately one acre-foot of water has been added to the pond in the evaporate - fill cycles. The reeds remain healthy and the opportunity to kill some of them and clear some debris from the pond has been lost

for this year. Recently some people made a mess of the reeds adjacent to the spillway. Image attached.

- Request the Open Space Committee ask the City to conduct a meeting regarding Dishwasher pond. Earlier this year, the Open Space Committee decided to table the pond issue pending further developments in view of possible significant costs. In the Helix letter report of 8 December 2015, Helix "highly recommended" that a pre-application meeting be held with all the regulatory agencies to determine feasibility (for a possible pond reclamation effort).
- Requests the Committee invite Councilmember Sherman to visit the pond and maintenance path.

James Sanders thanked Bob Smith for quickly taking care of a storm water cover he found.

13. Approval of July 6, 2016 Draft Minutes – no action – will be voted on at the October meeting
14. Staff Report for September 7, 2016 meeting – Bob Smith
See attached.
15. Announcement of review of proposed budget for FY2018 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee. An announcement of this meeting and the opportunity for public comment in advance of the committee voting to make a recommendation on the FY 2018 budget will take place at the November 2, 2016 meeting and reported at the November 16, 2016 regularly scheduled meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group.
16. Status of the leaky valve on the East Shepherd Canyon Trail
Bob Smith reported it has been realized there is a leak around the blue fixture next to the service road in East Shepherds Canyon and will be fixed.
17. Status of trails system & environmental study status and timeline
City of San Diego is preparing draft response to US Fish and Wildlife, Army Corp of Engineers and California Fish and Wildlife.
18. Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons; John Norris reported:
 - July 9 - Friends worked on upper East Shepherd Canton, clearing Algerian sea lavender, palms, and eucalyptus.
 - August 13 - Friends removed Acacia.
 - September 21 - Friends will be part of I Love a Clean San Diego Coastal Cleanup.
19. New Business – to be referred to a future noticed meeting of the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee: No new business.
20. Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 2016 – 7 pm Tierrasanta Recreation Center - 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Attachment 1: Staff Report for September 2016



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
OPEN SPACE DIVISION
TIERRASANTA MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
September 7, 2016
STAFF REPORT

Ongoing Projects/Completed

- **Tree Trimming** - West Coast Arborists continues to trim trees on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Tierrasanta Blvd. and also in various areas of the Open Space.
Workers working on Shepherd Canyon off of La Cuenta.
Large eucalyptus died at the corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd / Santo Rd. Master Arborist identified eucalyptus borer. West Coast cut the tree down.

Open Space

- **Open Space Trails Plan** - Staff is preparing responses to questions asked by the agencies after their site visit on October 22, 2015.
See #6.
- **Service Road**-Treebeard Landscaping began trimming the brush on both sides of the service road in Shepherds Canyon. Treebeard will add DG and make improvement to the service road in Shepherds Canyon.
Trimming is to width of 8 feet wide and is done once per year. Work completed in phases 1, 2, 3, and 4 until improvements completed.

Landscape Contract

- **Treebeard Landscaping** - continues to provide services within budget.
Bob Lang:
 - *Is it possible for pre-1991 trails to have maintenance while the no-maintenance policy-until-trail-plan-is-approved is in effect?*
 - *Additional doggy bag dispensers to be placed mid way on East Shepherd Canyon.*
 - *Location markers to be placed in canyon for reported injuries.*
 - *Restoration of reed control measures in Dishwasher Pond.*
 - *Removal of debris dams downstream of canyon stream crossing to avoid flooding of the crossings.**Rich Thesing suggested that dispenser height be lowered for those who cannot reach current height.*

Miscellaneous.

- On Saturday, August 13, 2016, San Diego Canyonlands and the Friends of Tierrasanta

Canyons Cleared out a large patch of Acacia on the Antigua hillside in East Shepherd Canyon. *See Friends of Tierrasanta Report.*

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- *Handed out City of San Diego Memorandum dated July 20, 2016, on Tierrasanta Scour Pond - PPA 489305-I.O. 24006695 for review. – See attached. There is no proposed start date for the project if it is funded by the County of San Diego Vector Control Division.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment 2: Photographs from BobLang



Leaking near blue fixture



Reed Damage