

**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.
MINTUES 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)	P	Roberta Froome,	P	Mike Ogilvie*,	P
Dawn Lostritto-Nielsen*(Secretary)	P	John Hopper,	P	Dick Rees,	
Jerry Bierman		Russ May*,	P	James Sanders	P
Lee Campbell		Bob Muldrew,	P	Jennifer Schultz*,	P
Teresa Clowes		Betty Ogilvie,	P	Rich Thesing*.	P

*Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group members

City Staff: Bob Smith and Ray Garcia.

Sheldon Zemen representing Councilmember Sherman.

James Sanders, John Norris representing Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons.

Rex Wharburton representing Tierrasanta Tennis Club.

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)
Rex Wharburton representing Tierrasanta Tennis Club. He would like to have the eucalyptus trees on the north end of the tennis area trimmed or removed. Smith said he would schedule a crew to conduct the work.
2. **Approval of July 6, 2016 Draft Minutes**
Thesing made a motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2016. Betty Ogilvie seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: Ayes: 7 Nos:0 Abstain: 4 (Froome, Hopper, May, & Schultz due to absence. Motion approved.
3. **Approval of September 7, 2016 Draft Minutes**
May made a motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2016. Betty Ogilvie seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: Ayes: 8 Nos:0 Abstain: 3 (Froome, Hopper, & Schultz due to absence. Motion approved.
4. **Staff Report for October 5, 2016 meeting** – Bob Smith
See attachment.
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. – *See Staff Report under Miscellaneous.*
May had a question regarding green box and pipe coming in from bottom of canyon. Smith: This is aerator bubbling equipment to add oxygen to the water to keep it from getting stagnant.
7. Status of trails system & environmental study and timeline. When will the document being worked on by Laura Ball and the Wildlife Agencies be complete? – *See Staff Report under Open Space*
8. Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons
James Sanders: Saturday, September 3, 2016, 41 people participated and filled a 40 cubic yard dumpster with acacia from the area off of Antigua. Although some acacia is still there, a lot of progress was made. The cleared area will fill with grasses. Next clean up is October 8, 2016, in East Shepherd Canyon. The Friends will have representatives at Oktoberfest.
9. FY 2018 Budget. Discussion and recommendations for inclusion / removal of allocations on the FY 2018 budget
Chair Spehn asked if anyone had ideas they'd like to start discussing in order to give city staff time to research and analyze. The suggestions from Bob Lang from last meeting do not affect the budget. Spehn asked what do people need for meeting? Suggestions included laptop to pull up maps, Budget analyst to help understand categories. Smith indicated there might be a slight change in format.
Schultz:
 1. **Updating tot lots.**
Spehn said the concern with tot lots is that if they are updated, then must also bring up to ADA code which is very costly. For instance, the estimate for updating tot lot at Via Monserrate was \$150,000. This requirement does not occur if tot lots are repaired. Four tot lots in Tierrasanta: 1. Roadrunner Park, next to Farb Middle School, 2. Villa Norte, next to Kumeyaay Elementary School, 3. Recreation Center, next to Pool. 4. Via Monserate Park, next to Vista Grande Elementary School.
Smith said work is being planned for Via Monserate tot lot in 2017. Committee was interested in seeing plans for tot lot. Smith said he would get a copy.
 2. **Barbados wall on Clairemont Mesa Blvd.** *Wall is deteriorated and needs repair. Spehn: Wall was painted 18 years ago and at that time the estimate was \$40,000; cost to replace was \$100,000. Major problem with the wall is that it lacks structural integrity as it was built with no rebar. One area is bulging and will need to be repaired. Previous MAD coordinator got addressess of all homes who backed up to wall.*
Smith: Brought a map to review and mark for 911 emergency locations. Map was given to James Sanders and John Norris.
Question was asked if we expect an increase in the Maintenance Assessment District fund. Smith said it is tied to Consumer Price Index.
Also said fence was replaced with rounded fence style at Recreation Center along Clairemont Mesa Blvd; looks good.
10. New Business – to be referred to a future noticed meeting of the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee *None*
11. Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 3, 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
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.
Currently working in business area of Tierrasanta on right of ways. Finished in Open Space area of Shepherds Canyon. Received positive feedback from residents.

Open Space

- **Open Space Trails Plan** - Staff is preparing responses to questions asked by the agencies after their site visit on October 22, 2015.
*City Staffer Laura Ball has drafted a trail plan to address agencies' concerns regarding long term maintenance and management. Response is currently being reviewed internally. Once approved, it will be sent to the agencies for their approval before sending to City Development Services Department (DSD).
Bob Smith indicated that today an additional issue was discovered that requires investigation regarding a service road that cuts through 4 properties on East Shepherd Canyon between Santo and Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Checking to see if it pre-dates 1991. Discussion to invite Ms. Ball to January 2017 Open Space Committee meeting. Committee thought this to be a good idea.*
- **Service Road**- Treebeard will be adding DG and making improvements to the service road in Shepherds Canyon.
Smith has received good feedback about decomposed granite addition.

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.
Completed yesterday, October 4th. Leak was due to 90° coupling, about 5 feet down. It has been fixed and filled back up, although still needs to concrete and add blue cover.
- 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.
- *Schultz asked about removing old galvanized pipe on City land on hillside by Calle Mariselda. Smith said he did not want homeowners to remove pipe due to possible*

injuries. If there's pipe, email Smith, who will contact Treebread. The pipes were put in when the building occurred and was only used for 60 days.

- *Encroachment Issues: Smith said City has a new compliance officer for Open Space and committee should invite him to attend meeting to explain process. Committee agreed to invite him for a meeting early next year. Smith said new officer is actively working on encroachment issues. La Mirada: owner has agreed to take down fences. Fruit trees in open space: Letters were sent to property owners.*
- *Froome asked if there were any plans to plant in Open Space? Smith said for the medians on Tierrasanta Blvd, plans were to add dwarf ballerina and yellow lantana. On the corner of Santo and Antigua, additional plants could be added on the north side. Discussion then focused on use of natives in various open space areas of Tierrasanta and the success of plantings. Question was asked regarding the size of trees planted. Smith said usually 15 gallons are used, which transplant better than the 24 inch box size.*
- *Spehn said Atlas did a tree survey for the City of San Diego and placed a value on every tree. This assessment helps to determine where to plant trees and what is the existing tree canopy. Tierrasanta had 13% canopy, which is not as good as 60% ideal. Trees were defined as 8 feet and taller and included chaparral as it met the criteria. Does not include Palm trees.*

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Smith, Grounds Maintenance Manager
Open Space Division / MAD's Park and
Recreation Department