

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 1, 2017 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\*, Jerry Bierman, Lee Campbell, Teresa Clowes, Roberta Froome, John Hopper, Dawn Lostritto-Nielsen\* (Secretary), Russ May\*, Bob Muldrew, Betty Ogilvie, Mike Ogilvie\*, Dick Rees, James Sanders, Rich Thesing\*.

City Open Space 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. Time Certain: 7:05 pm - Presentation by Brad Goettee, City of San Diego Code Enforcement including on problems in the Tierrasanta community
3. Approval of draft minutes for the January 4, 2017 meeting of the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee
4. Staff Report for the January 4, 2017 meeting including discussion of damage to Roadrunner Park, storm damage in Tierrasanta and an update on work along the trail in Shepherd Canyon by Water Utilities staff – Bob Smith
5. Report from Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons
6. New Business – to be referred to a future meeting of the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee
7. Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 – 7 pm  
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Draft Minutes for City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department  
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Chair Deanna Spehn called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1. Non-agenda public comment: Bob Lang shared his thoughts on the status of the utility path in Shepherd Canyon, the overgrowth in Red Pond, and general “health” of the area.

Sheldon Zemen, staff to City Councilmember Scott Sherman, noted that there are lots of potholes in the community and that it would be helpful if local residents would report the potholes to the city through the new online application available at [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov)

Several committee members noted that the community also has a high number of sidewalk areas that are damaged and need repair, several of which have already been reported to the city with no action yet to repair. Sheldon said he would follow up on the status of the damaged sidewalk areas and report back to the committee.

2. Laura Ball, City of San Diego, updated the committee on her discussions with the Resources Agencies (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Fish and Wildlife Department) regarding potential adoption of the proposed Tierrasanta Trails Project and status of the project since her last meeting with the community in April 2016. Laura met with the Resource Agencies in August 2016 at which time the city was informed that a full natural resources management plan would be required for the Tierrasanta community. Writing such a plan would be expensive and time consuming. Discussions continued and Laura will re-write the document, adding some specific information requested by the Resources Agencies, and the re-submitted document will be a resources management plan for the trails system itself rather than the entire open space area in the Tierrasanta community. The maintenance plan will specify management of sensitive species located immediately adjacent to the paths/trail system. During the discussions with the Resources Agencies, it was noticed that small portions of a couple of trail segments were apparently on private property. Easements were sought but not granted by all the affected property owners. This means that certain specific segments of the trails will have to be re-routed and the private property areas stripped of the trail segments.

There was also discussion about potentially installing some steps in a very steep area of the canyon behind Vons where the alleged encroachment on open space had taken place.

3. Discussion of possible placement of outdoor fitness training equipment such as pull up bars, dip bars, etc., in Tierrasanta at selected locations to be identified. A local resident had made a suggestion to Jennifer Schultz regarding this matter. When asked, Laura Ball said that the addition of exercise equipment along the paths would likely slow the permit process and that to her knowledge the Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) in the City of San Diego does not contain active recreation facilities like that. The Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) staff at the City and staff at the federal and state Resources Agencies would have to provide a formal opinion on whether the installation of such equipment would be a compatible use in the MHPA and what, if any, biological impacts would have to be mitigated in the management plan for the area. There was general consensus among those present that the community does not want to slow down the progress being made now on completing work on the Tierrasanta trails project.

No vote was taken on the subject.

4. Staff Report for the January 4, 2017 meeting including status of serious damage to the canyon behind Avenida Playa Cancun – Bob Smith presented his staff report and there was discussion by those present about the status of the pond, trails and open space in general, with specific discussion on the good work being done to have the trees trimmed prior to the storms predicted.
5. Report from Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons – John Norris reported on the most recent canyon cleanup, noting that they friends of Tierrasanta Canyons have been joined over the last four or so monthly work days by young people who have helped with the cleanups, and that the Friends hosted the Treebeard workers to lunch recently to thank them for all their help with the volunteer cleanups. John Norris also noted that Bob Smith has been very helpful during the scheduled work Saturdays.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Draft minutes prepared by Deanna Spehn



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TIERRASANTA MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT  
February 1, 2017  
STAFF REPORT

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**Ongoing Projects/Completed**

- **Tree Trimming** - West Coast Arborists will be trimming trees on the Right of Ways on Santo Road, and areas of the Open Space. Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> had an emergency with a leaning 80ft. Eucalyptus tree on Rueda Drive.

**Open Space**

- **Open Space** - Brad Goette Senior Zoning Investigator II, will be attending the February 1, 2017 Open Space meeting, to discuss the encroachments in the Tierrasanta Open Space.
- **Service Road**- Treebeard will be adding DG, and making improvements to the service road in Shepherds Canyon during the month of March, weather permitting.

**Landscape Contract**

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

**Miscellaneous**

- The field lighting project at the Tierrasanta Community Park, left the Tierrasanta Little League Field in terrible condition. Team Project with Area Manager Kelly Wood, Manager Bob Smith, and Treebeard will put in a new baseball infield for the Tierrasanta Little League.
- Road Runner Park was vandalized by someone driving through the wood barriers and doing donuts on the turf.
- On Saturday January 14th, the Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons cut Eucalyptus trees in the west end of Shepherd 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,

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