

City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department
Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance Assessment District (TOSMD)
Tierrasanta Open Space Committee
Tierrasanta Recreation Center • 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Agenda for 7 pm Wednesday, August 1, 2018 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.

Members: Deanna Spehn (Chair), Jennifer Schultz, Jerry Bierman, John Hopper, Dawn Lostritto-Nielsen* (Secretary), Russ May*, Bob Muldrew, Betty Ogilvie, Mike Ogilvie, Dick Rees, James Sanders, Rich Thesing. City Open Space Staff: Loren Boerboom and Ray Garcia (*Indicates current member of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group).

Agenda

7 pm Call the meeting to order and establish that a quorum is present

1. Non-agenda public comment. Limited to no more than 2 minutes per subject.
2. Agenda review: addition and/or removal of agenda items.
3. Approval of the Draft Minutes for the June 6, 2018 TOSMD meeting.
4. Staff Report – Loren Boerboom (see below)
5. Discussion and recommendation to the City Open Space Division of the Parks and Recreation Department regarding the addition of wood chips in the playground area at Roadrunner Park. Loren Boerboom will have samples at the meeting.
6. Action item: consider meeting on an every other month basis with August and December “dark.” Potential schedule for meetings with the understanding that a special meeting can always be called:
January – March – May - July
September – budget discussion for next fiscal year
November – approve proposed budget and forward to Tierrasanta Community Council
7. Discussion and recommendation to the City Open Space Division of the Parks and Recreation Department regarding the installation of stairs and a railing or just a railing at the downslope approach to Dishwasher Pond: Avenida Playa Veracruz at Corte Playa Encino.
8. Discussion and recommendation regarding the need for trail repairs to the trail between Via Playa de Cortes and Avenida Playa Cancun. The heavily used trail starts across the street from the Chinese Community Church on Via Valarta. A long run formed on this trail beginning at least 5 years ago and is deep enough now that hikers are required to walk single file in that area. Can city staff investigate whether the installation of berms would repair this much-used trail?
9. Discussion and recommendation to the City Open Space Division of the Parks and Recreation Department to expend funds to hire Helix Environmental to determine whether or not permits would be required to breach the sediment berm at the site of the potential Scour Pond Project.

Note: at this point the community has not been informed that the County of San Diego has funded the Scour Pond Project. Can City Staff please advise on who determines whether a permit is required when a project takes place in city owned open space, and why the community would have to use its funds to gather technical information to “advise” the city on its permitting requirements.

10. Discussion of future agenda items including revisiting, at the request of Bob Lang and Warren Lew, the status of Red Pond/Dishwasher Pond at a future meeting to discuss interest by the committee to 1) request that the City meet with the regulatory agencies to discuss whether the federal and state agencies would in fact require environmental analysis and permits for the removal of the reeds and restoration of the pond to its former status; and 2) proceed with one or more efforts to generate the funds (grants, donations, special assessment). Please see attachment: December 2015 Dishwasher Pond Restoration - Feasibility Analysis prepared by Helix Environmental with estimated costs. The Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance District does not have funds available to implement the tasks itemized below (taken from the December 2015 letter from Helix) which means that either grants would have to be sought, donations made to the project, or a special assessment levied on local property owners within the Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon community including residential, commercial, schools and the military. A vote by the property owners would have to be taken to impose a special assessment at an estimated cost 10 years ago of \$55,000 for the City to conduct the balloting. The estimates below are based on December 2015 costs.

Table 1 ANTICIPATED TASKS AND COST ESTIMATES		
Task No.	Task	Estimated Cost
1	Construction Plans	\$10,000
2	Maintenance Plan	8,000
3	General Biological Survey	1,800
4	Least Bell’s Vireo Protocol Surveys	3,800
5	Jurisdictional Delineation	2,500
6	Biological Resources Technical Report	10,000
7	Cultural Resources Survey and Technical Report	7,000
8a	Site Development Permit Consultant Fees	15,000
8b	Site Development Permit Fees to City DSD	50,000
9	CEQA Document Consultant Fees	15,000
10	Regulatory Permits from USACE, RWQCB, and CDFW	20,000
11	Regulatory Permit Fees	3,600 ¹
12	Wetland Mitigation Plan	8,500
13	Implementation of Wetland Mitigation	150,000- 200,000 ²
Total		305,200-355,200

¹ Assumes \$2,300 project fee for RWQCB (assumes 100 ft by 100 ft area of work in the pond) and approximately \$1,300 fee for CDFW..

² Mitigation fees are difficult to estimate, and depend on a variety of factors, including land cost, grading, future management, etc.

RWQCB = Regional Water Quality Control Board (a state agency)

USACE = United States Army Corp of Engineers

CDFW = California Department of Fish & Wildlife

City DSD = City of San Diego Development Services Department

11. Adjournment.



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
OPEN SPACE DIVISION
TIERRASANTA MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
August 1, 2018
STAFF REPORT

Landscape Maintenance

- Treebeard continues to provide landscape maintenance services in a timely manner and within budget.
- Gopher holes have been filled at Vista Grande Elementary School field.
- Fertilization, aerations, watering, and rest have helped to prepare the turf for fall sports and activities.
- All joint-use fields and public parks are green and ready to go!

Tree Maintenance

- Trees have been safety pruned along Santo Rd center medians and right-of-ways.
- Tree trimming and safety pruning continues at various locations including Open Space overlooks and cul-de-sacs.
- Broken eucalyptus branches have been removed from the open space area next to Vista Grande Elementary. Other trees there were safety pruned as well.
- Three sycamore trees were removed at the Tierrasanta Public Library in preparation of upcoming construction to expand this building.
- Eucalyptus trees have been pruned in the open space just behind Tierrasanta Community Park in preparation of the new light installation.
- Tierrasanta Sports Field Lighting Phase II: Work will likely take place this August or September. No new information available at this time.

Open Space Canyons

- Dishwasher Pond water has been maintained at an adequate level.
- Mulch has been added to several Open Space overlooks and cul-de-sacs.
- Unexploded ordnance signs are being assessed and replaced as needed.

Miscellaneous

- GET-IT-DONE is a valuable tool for reporting many City issues. This form of reporting helps the issue get referred to the correct department to address. I encourage everyone to become familiar with GET-IT-DONE which is available on the City homepage at www.sandiego.gov or available as an application for smart phones.
- Tierrasanta Recreation Center air conditioning installation is currently underway.
- ADA compliant ramp with guardrails to access the Hex Building has been installed in Tierrasanta Community Park.

- Purchase Order for the Roadrunner Park slide has been received. New parts order and installation will be scheduled soon. This slide has been closed for a couple of months.
- Engineered Wood Fiber product (wood chips) is needed at Roadrunner Park to maintain safe surface levels. Proposals for adding new material, as well as removing and replacing with all new material will be presented to the committee on August 1st.
- A 20-foot section of block wall was built to replace/reinforce a section of the Barbados Wall, which was failing near De Portola Middle School. This project was completed before school begins on August 27th.

City Telephone Numbers

- Code enforcement (619) 236-5500
- Environmental Services (858) 694-7000
- Parks & Recreation Department (619) 525-8213
- Storm Water (619) 235-1000
- Street Division (619) 527-7500
- Police Non-Emergency (619) 531-2000
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DRAFT MINUTES

7 pm Wednesday, June 6, 2018

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.

Attendance:

Members:

Deanna Spehn (Chair), Absent

John Hopper, Present

Russ May*, Present

Betty Ogilvie, Absent

Dick Rees, Absent

Jennifer Schultz, Present

Jerry Bierman, Absent

Dawn Nielsen* (Secretary), Present

Bob Muldrew, Present

Mike Ogilvie, Absent

James Sanders, Present

Rich Thesing, Absent

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Loren Boerboom and Ray Garcia, City Open Space Staff

Sheldon Zemen, Liaison for Councilmember Scott Sherman, District 7

Elvie Plaskota, Tierrasanta Resident

7 pm Call the meeting to order by Dawn Nielsen.

Everyone introduced themselves.

Quorum was not met.

1. Non-agenda public comment.

Nielsen reminded members that since the change in the Tierrasanta Community Council (TCC) bylaws, more than 1/2 of the Open Space committee needed to be from the Community Council. Currently only 2 of the 12 members are on the TCC.

Bob Lang:

Update on Fresh water leak in East Shepherd Canyon. Leak began September 17, flowing steadily through March 18, then decreased. Water investigator from City of San Diego declared it a fresh water leak in March 18 due to witnessing rising water in the valve access tubes after pumping them out. A different investigating team said source was inconclusive. Flow had decreased significantly after March. Water table in west end of canyon had gone down. No flow now in stream crossing at Bridge #1. Communication to Bob Lang on June 4, stated that water had been tested May 31 indicating it was "90% stream water" and concluded flow is caused by spring/ground water activity.

Scour Pond. Lang contacted the storm water personnel. Investigator who said no areas were threatened, so no action. Efforts to talk to the supervisor have been unsuccessful. Month long phone tag.

Dishwasher Pond water level is down about one and a half feet due to evaporation.

Items for possible discussion:

Circulated photo of area for possible installation of steps and/or railing at the open space entrance to East Shepherd Canyon off Avenida Playa Veracruz at Corte Playa Encino. Existing (authorized) trail is very steep with loose dirt and small stones. Impassible when wet.

Would like committee to look at obtaining a permit(s) to clear debris dams and storm water sediment from natural streambeds in Tierrasanta canyons, including opening the channel from the scour pond south of Antigua Blvd.

Jennifer Schultz: There is a continuing water leak across the Villarrica Association. The HOA has spent around \$60,000 trying to solve the problem. Looking to elevate for City assistance.

James Sanders: Reported that water was shut off at Villarrica Way Trailhead due to leaks. It has not been turned on and water is needed for planted trees. Boerboom will check on status.

Sheldon Zemen: A constituent asked him about the possibility of installing a portable restroom at the Clairemont Mesa Drive trailhead at Mission Trails Regional Park. It was suggested that he contact the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizen's Advisory Group. Rich Thesing and Betty Ogilvie are the Tierrasanta Community Council's Representatives and Nielsen will forward him contact information.

Elvie Plaskota: Long standing concern with ground cover in play area at Roadrunner park. It has splinters and rough edges and not appropriate for children, whereas other City park areas are not. She also voiced concern about the slide that has not been fixed. Ray Garcia outlined background of ground cover and who at the City of SD is responsible for those recreation areas. He will check with what has been done at Pepper Grove Playground in Balboa Park. Report back in August.

John Hopper: iNaturalist app helps to identify the plants and animals around you. Take a photo on your phone and it will be identified.

2. Agenda review: addition and/or removal of agenda items - None

3. Staff Report – Loren Boerboom

See report below

4. Action item: Members determine Next Meeting.

Consensus - Next scheduled meeting on July 4th will be canceled. Instead will circulate staff report. If a crucial issue arises, a meeting can always be called. Schedule next meeting for August 1, 2018. City staff said they could make August meeting. Suggestion was made for meetings to be held every other month instead of monthly (with December and August dark.)

5. New Business - None

6. Adjourn 7:50 pm