

**City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department**  
**Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance Assessment District (TOSMD)**  
*also referred to as the Maintenance Assessment District (MAD)*

**Tierrasanta Open Space Committee**

Agenda for 6:30 pm Wednesday, November 4, 2020 Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
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This is our second Open Space Committee meeting via Zoom. Please be courteous to all in the meeting. The main focus for this meeting is to advise the Open Space Division of the Parks and Recreation Department at the City of San Diego on the proposed FY2021 budget and to hear an update on current spending for the current budget by Tierrasanta Open Space Inspector Loren Boerboom. Tonight the members will vote on recommendations for the budget year from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

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 [dspehn1@san.rr.com](mailto:dspehn1@san.rr.com) 858-565-4018), Jennifer Schultz, Jerry Bierman, John Hopper, Bob Lang\*, Dawn Lostritto Nielsen (Secretary), Russ May, Bob Muldrew, Betty Ogilvie, Mike Ogilvie\*, Elvie Plaskota, Dick Rees, James Sanders, Rich Thesing\*.  
(\*Indicates current member of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group)

City Open Space Division Staff: Loren Boerboom and Ray Garcia.

## Agenda

**6:30 pm** - Call the meeting to order and establish that a quorum is present

- Attachment: November 2020 Staff Report – Loren Boerboom
- Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance Assessment District Budget as prepared by the City’s Open Space Division for Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) – Annual Assessment appears on Property Tax Bill issued in October 2021

**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. **Chair Report** – Deanna Spehn

4. **Staff Report** See attached - Loren Boerboom [LBoerboom@sandiego.gov](mailto:LBoerboom@sandiego.gov) 619-685-1370

5. **Action Item/Discussion Item:** The Open Space Committee may make recommendations to City staff regarding potential changes to the current budget.

**Budget for next Fiscal Year:** Attached is the draft of the budget for the fiscal year from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. TOSMD Inspector Loren Boerboom is requesting input from the Open Space Committee on additions/changes/modifications.

In January the Open Space Committee will virtually present the draft budget to the Tierrasanta Community Council. The Open Space Committee is advisory to the Open Space Division of the City's Parks and Recreation Department and the proposed budget will go through several levels of review internally at the City before it is voted on by the full City Council in late Spring.

Below are the budget issues that are frequently raised during the annual review of the budget for the Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance District:

- There is no news about potential funding sources for implementation of the draft Tierrasanta Trails Plan. Estimated cost to design new trails and mitigate for the loss of habitat for current and proposed trails in the Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance District is in excess of \$400,000 not including the actual construction of the trails.
- The Open Space Committee has strongly supported planting native trees to replace dead and dying non-native Eucalyptus trees and has encouraged a updating the condition of the center islands and streets-right-of-ways in the community.
- Status of the Barbados Common Wall on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and a portion of Santo Road: Re-painting? Replacing caps on the concrete blocks due to damage and/or age?
- Status of local parks: Roadrunner Park (next to Jean Farb Middle School), Tierrasanta Community Park (11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.), Monserate Park (currently undergoing renovation), Villa Norte (next to Kumeyaay Elementary):

The Maintenance Assessment District maintains the city-owned parks in the Community and is reimbursed for standard maintenance by the City. The MAD maintains the sites using MAD funds by providing a higher level of maintenance to the parks: are there any recommended improvements for any of the sites?

- Status of the decomposed granite (DG) jogging trail in Shepard Canyon behind De Portola Middle School and the Tierrasanta Community Park? The jogging trail covers a major city pipeline that runs below and the trail is maintained by the using City funds, not MAD funding. Are there any areas along the path that need renovation?
- Status of Red Pond/Dishwasher Pond: There are longstanding concerns about the number of reeds growing in the pond behind De Portola Middle School and Tierrasanta Community Park. There is no change to date in the opinion that the environmental quality of the "reedy" pond is preferable in terms of the number of threatened and endangered species that are supported by the pond in that condition and the difficulty in getting a permit to remove the reeds. A small area of the reeds may be eligible for removal but the process may be time consuming and expensive.

- Do you know of sites for new locations for Mutt Mitts in the open space or parks etc?
- Frequency of street sweeping in front of Tierrasanta Town Center on Tierrasanta Blvd. and in front of Serra High School: should it be increased or is current frequency okay?
- Other sites for dog fountains similar to the one in Tierrasanta Community Park?
- The budget is increased each year no more than the Consumer Price Index – usually around 2%
- Other budget related issues to be discussed?
- TOSMD Inspector Loren Boerboom is requesting suggestions for sites to plant native trees and shrubs in Tierrasanta’s city owned open space? Our contractor would be responsible for watering the new plantings for the first year.

- NOTES:**
- The current budget for water is \$238,713 and for storm drains is \$2146 per year. The current budget for electricity is \$4461.90
  - The assessment per single family home is currently \$82.66 and \$58.44 per multi-family unit (condos and apartments pay 2/3rds the fee for single family)
  - The Navy, San Diego Unified School District and commercial sites pay a fee based on “equivalent dwelling unit” equivalencies where the acreage determines the total fee paid per site. The only area within Murphy Canyon Military Housing that is maintained are the center islands.
  - For the current fiscal year the Tierrasanta MAD receives the following reimbursements from the City:
  - The City reimburses the Tierrasanta MAD with \$383,205 for the maintenance of all city parks in Tierrasanta – the MAD does not maintain any portion of Mission Trails Regional Park.
  - City reimburses the Tierrasanta MAD with \$6040 for maintenance of the landscaping at the Tierrasanta Library

**6. Report** Update by Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons.

- 7. New Business:** Items may be added to the agenda for discussion – no action will be taken at this meeting unless they meet the urgency requirement for the Brown Act. Items may be added to a future agenda. **The proposed next meeting date is Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm via Zoom**

**8. Adjournment**

The public and the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group (TCC&PG) and other interested parties have opportunities to provide written or oral testimony on the proposed budget for the Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance District at San Diego City Council hearings during the budget process. **A presentation on the proposed budget will be made at the first meeting of the TCC&PG on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 by the TOSMD Chair and comments will be conveyed to the City’s Open Space Division.** The proposed budget for FY 2021 then goes through an internal budget process at the City to refine costs, etc., prior to a series of budget hearings at the City for all 55 Maintenance Assessment Districts in the City.