

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, January 6, 2021 Virtual Meeting via Zoom
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This is our third 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, to hear an update on current spending for the current budget by Tierrasanta Open Space Inspector Loren Boerboom, and to discuss issues of concern and/or recommendations for projects this year, etc. regarding the MAD.

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 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

- January 2021 Staff Report – Loren Boerboom
- Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance Assessment District Budget as prepared by the City’s Open Space Division for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) – Annual Assessment will appear on Property Tax Bills issued in October 2021 for all properties within the assessment district
- Letter from Helix Environmental dated July 15, 2018 “Biological Resources Letter Report for the Tierrasanta Trails Project” – this will be discussed at a future noticed meeting when City environmental staff member Laura Ball can attend. Although this was dated in 2018, it was not

previously made available to the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee. It appears to be an update/expansion/refinement of earlier reports by Helix.

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 619-685-1370
5. **Action Item/Discussion Item:** The final Proposed Budget for FY2022 for the Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance District including is attached. It includes changes based on input from the committee and has “final” numbers for expenditures etc for the year to day. The Committee is being asked to approve this final version of the Proposed Budget that will now go through review and approvals by City Council Committees and then on to the full City Council for adoption.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022: Attached is the final Proposed Budget for the FY2022. In January the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee Chair Deanna Spehn will virtually present the Proposed Budget to the Tierrasanta Community Council at its January 20, 2021 meeting. 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 budget issues that were discussed by the committee in considering the Proposed Budget for FY2022;

- There is no news about potential funding sources for implementation of the draft Tierrasanta Trails Plan, as requested by the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee. 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. At the request of Jennifer Schultz to Inspector Boerboom and the Chair for a copy of the most recent analysis by Helix Environmental for the Rueda Canyon trails, Chair Spehn asked Inspector Boerboom to ask the city’s environmental staff for the most recent analysis. Inspector Boerboom was given the attached letter from Helix dated 7-15-2018 that had not previously been reviewed by the Tierrasanta Open Space Committee or Inspector Boerboom. The letter is provided on this agenda so Committee members will have an opportunity to read it in advance of a future meeting when the city’s environmental staff can attend a meeting with our Committee.
- The Open Space Committee has strongly supported planting native trees to replace dead and dying non-native Eucalyptus trees and has encouraged updating the condition of the center islands and streets-right-of-ways in the community.
- Ongoing maintenance and repair of the Barbados Common Wall on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and a portion of Santo Road and Re-painting. Includes 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. MAD funds may only be used to provide a higher level of maintenance to the parks such as more frequent application of fertilizer, better quality of sand, more frequent maintenance, etc.
- Condition 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.

- 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.
- Recommendations of new sites for Mutt Mitts in the open space and parks were added
- Frequency of street sweeping in front of Tierrasanta Town Center on Tierrasanta Blvd. and in front of Serra High School was discussed
- The budget is increased each year no more than the Consumer Price Index – usually around 2%
- TOSMD Inspector Loren Boerboom requested 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

- Condos and apartments pay 2/3rds the fee for a single family home
- 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 areas within Murphy Canyon Military Housing that is maintained via the Assessment District are the center islands.
- The City reimburses the Tierrasanta MAD for the maintenance of all city parks in Tierrasanta based upon an amount per acre that is comparable to the amount spent on park maintenance in non-Assessment District communities. The MAD does not maintain any portion of Mission Trails Regional Park.
- The City reimburses the Tierrasanta MAD for maintenance of the landscaping at the Tierrasanta Library

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 next meeting date is Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom**

8. Adjournment

The public, 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 in the Spring of 2021. The proposed budget for the Tierrasanta Maintenance Assessment District and the other 54 Maintenance Assessment Districts in the City of San Diego will be adopted following City Council Committee review at a publicly noticed meeting of the San Diego City Council.