

POINT LOMA ASSOCIATION - Beautification Committee Meeting
December 4, 2007

Members Present: Ron Brooks, Karen Davis, Jodie Bruhn, Klonie Kunzel, Betty Allman, Ardetta Steiner, Celeste Trepte, Dorothy Lord, Cecilia Carrick, Patti Adams and Ann Silliman.

Chairman **Ron Brooks** opened the meeting at 8:08 AM at the San Diego Yacht Club.

Minutes Review: Minutes from the November 6 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Budget: **Jodie** reported that \$789.35 was spent last month and \$10,444.64 of our \$37,300 FY2007-08 budget was spent.

Discussion Topics:

1. Nimitz/Catalina On-Ramp: **Celeste** reported that a permit for the project has been OK'd. Mike Martin must complete the permit document and then we can pay the \$291 city fee for the permit process. According to Louis Conde (County Water and Sewer Department), there will be no county fee for the project. There is, however, a requirement for a 'traffic calming' plan that Mike Martin must submit and an additional permit required so that a lane of Nimitz Blvd can be closed during the time that the irrigation pipe is installed on the bridge. Mike's job cost is still not known. The plumber has yet to submit his bid because he is checking to determine if he has insurance coverage to work on the bridge. Moises has started trenching prior to placement of the irrigation lines on the ground portion of the project. **Jodie** will ask him to hold off on installing the pipes until Mike Martin completes his job of bringing the pipes across the bridge. **Klonie** noted that a check for \$3000 from the Point Loma Foundation will be delivered to Joe Watkins to offset part of the project cost.
2. Dewey School Water Bill: **Karen** reported that she spoke with Georgiana Becker, SDUSD Real Estate Specialist, and learned that our water fee would probably not go up. She should know for sure within a few weeks. She also spoke with their maintenance personnel about whether they were staffed adequately to take over the Dewey School landscape area. They indicated that if they assumed responsibility for that area, they would remove all plants and put concrete on top. She indicated that such an outcome was not acceptable. We will invite Georgiana to our next Dewey work day to show her what we do.
3. Dana School Maintenance: No new information at this time.
4. Windermere and the Soto St. Tool Shed: **Patti** reported that the Windermere staff was still interested in the painting project, but they wanted to focus their time on other projects. A contractor would wash, prep and paint the shed for \$1000, but the expense would have to be assumed by the PLA. After discussion, it was determined that our funds would be more appropriately spent on more visible projects. **Patti** will contact Park and Rec. to determine their interest in funding building maintenance.
5. Graffiti Control: **Cecilia** reported that she has not yet received graffiti reports from the PLA web site. Instead, she finds graffiti by driving around the community. A lot of graffiti was recently found on many signs and sign posts along Chatsworth and Evergreen. She painted out the graffiti that was on the sign posts. Additional graffiti was in the Marine Corps housing area – an area marked as private property. **Cecilia** will contact Clark Construction regarding the graffiti if it is not removed soon. Additional

graffiti was found on the soft canvas walls surrounding construction sites on Evergreen and Rosecrans. Although these are temporary walls, they often stay in place for months. It was suggested that the contractor be contacted in an effort to have the graffiti removed.

6. Point Loma Association Signs: **Jodie** presented a new PLA sign idea that she obtained from Sign Diego which had the PLA logo ('Point Loma Association' with the lighthouse) on top and the word 'PROJECT' on the lower half of the sign. She proposed that the signs be 18"X24" metal signs with green vinyl lettering on a white background. Cost estimates from 2 local shops were obtained and were \$78/ea and \$68/ea. After much discussion it was suggested that the word 'Association' be larger and 'Project' should be smaller. Jodie will decide the final proportions and will order 4 signs.
7. Post Office Newsracks: **Celeste** spoke with Matt Awbrey about the lack of action concerning the removal of newsracks. Matt agreed to obtain a list of all who have paid the fee so we can determine the legal status of remaining newsracks. **Ron** noted that before we obtain newspaper corrals such as the ones in the Gaslamp Quarter, the newspaper owners much agree to the arrangement. Matt will seek out the city employees that purchased the corrals for the Gas Lamp Quarter to determine the manufacturer.
8. Barnes Tennis Center: The ad hoc committee for landscaping issues has not yet been formed. **Karen** reported that, according to Steve Bickham the irrigation system has been repaired and now includes a bubbler at each palm tree. Three young palm trees were provide by Drew Potocki and have been planted.

Project Reports:

Correspondence: It was suggested that all businesses in the Village that do a nice job of adding holiday lights should receive a note of appreciation. Anyone noting such a light display should email **Ardetta** with the information. **Patti** noted that Prudential has added lights this year to match those on Old Venice.

Newsracks: (see above)

Tool Shed and Storage Building: (see above)

Village Flower Project: no new information

Al's Garage: no new information

Benches & Debris Containers: no new information

Catalina Tree Project: no new information

Village Trees: no new information

Cañon Street Sycamores: A 'captain' is needed for this area.

Garden Awards: **Ron** and **Betty** will check into a recommendation on McCall Street.

Tennyson Triangle: no new information

Nimitz Triangle: no new information

Nimitz Median: no new information

Pork Chops: no new information

Dewey School: (see above)

PL Entry Signs/Nimitz West: The cover over the electric outlet box was broken. **Karen** will contact Zed Electric to have it replaced.

Dana School: no new information

Graffiti: (see above)

Code Compliance: **Celeste** reported the following:

- A message from **Dee** was received concerning the dumping of old mattresses and

furniture at the vacant Von's parking area. She contacted Von's in an attempt to have them maintain the area since they still lease the property.

- The sandwich board style sign for a massage service is still at the corner of Rosecrans and Laning. The Code Compliance staff could not locate the sign. Efforts to have the signs removed will continue.
- **Betty** visited the new Fresh and Easy store in Chula Vista and reported that she found it attractive and likable. The local Fresh and Easy store will be finished with construction about the 1st of February and should open in March.
- A large number of 'Singles.com' signs have been placed around the community. According to Code Compliance, anyone can remove these signs.

Reminders:

- The deadline for the winter PLA newsletter issue is December 10. Please contact Kerri De Rosier at kdsdero@sbcglobal.net.
- **All Beautification Committee Members are invited to join the Mean Green Team for Morning Coffee at 10:30AM, Friday, December 14 at Ron's home -- 3872 Liggett Drive. Coffee will be served rain or shine!**

Old Business:

- **Ardetta** reported that the Airport Authority is holding a meeting on December 13, 6-8 PM at the Portuguese Hall. All are encouraged to attend.

Roses and Radishes: A rose goes to Zed Electric's new office on Catalina Blvd.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20AM. Please note that our next meeting will be 8AM, January 8, 2007 at the San Diego Yacht Club Board Room. To place items on the agenda, e-mail **Ron** at brooks1@cox.net.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Davis
Secretary

Mean Green Team Calendar

Dec 7 Pork Chops
Dec 14 Village Tree Trim and Spruce Up (10:30 at Ron's)
Dec 21 Dewey
Dec 28 Nimitz Triangle/ Barnes area cleanup
Jan 4 Dana, Tennyson

Check weekly e-mail reminder sent every Wednesday.