

**POINT LOMA ASSOCIATION - Beautification Committee Meeting
January 8, 2008**

Members Present: Ron Brooks, Karen Davis, Jodie Bruhn, Klonie Kunzel, Betty Allman, Celeste Trepte, Dorothy Lord, Cecilia Carrick, Patti Adams, Dee Kettenburg, Dave Brown, Lois Devlin and Bruce Cook.

Chairman **Ron Brooks** opened the meeting at 8:07 AM at the San Diego Yacht Club.

Minutes Review: Minutes from the December 4 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Budget: **Jodie** reported that \$1005.75 was spent last month and \$11,450.39 of our \$37,300 FY2007-08 budget was spent.

Community Contact List: SDPD Community Svc. Officer Jim Heppell is retiring. OB Community Dev. Corp. Exec. Director Curt Lutz will be leaving his position.

Inspiration: *I've made an odd discovery. Every time I talk to a savant I feel quite sure that happiness is no longer a possibility. Yet when I talk with my gardener, I'm convinced of the opposite. –Bertrand Russell, philosopher* (Sent to us by Lee Lipsey)

Discussion Topics:

1. Nimitz/Catalina On-Ramp: **Celeste** reported that Matt Awbrey is away from his office for at least one more week and has been unavailable to assist with this project. We still do not have a permit for the project in hand. Mike Martin still must complete the permit document before we can pay the \$291 city fee for the permit process. She will continue working with Mike to complete the permitting process and to obtain an itemized list of costs to complete the project. Moises has installed the irrigation system bubblers for his part of the irrigation project. **Jodie** has inspected the area and reported that the bubblers looks very good. Moises has also placed piles of compost in the area ready to spread. **Celeste** additionally noted that the chain link fence on this property is leaning badly due to the weight of 2 large acacia trees which are lying on top of it. The tree canopy is largely on the opposite side of our work area and spreads all the way down to Nimitz Blvd. The canopy is dense enough to hide one or more homeless encampments. Suggestions for the problem included planting vines on the fence to hide it, cut away enough of the canopy to discourage the homeless, or remove the acacia trees all together. **Celeste, Jodie and Karen** will attempt to meet with Mike Martin to obtain a recommendation.
2. PLA's new Project Sign: **Jodie** reported that she has obtained four new signs and that they are stored in the Soto St. Tool Shed. A picture is in the newsletter.
3. Pinkberry in Point Loma: Pinkberry is an upscale chain of frozen dessert restaurants headquartered in L.A. They are considering whether they want to locate one of their stores next to the new Fresh and Easy store on Catalina Blvd. If you would like to learn more about them, contact info@pinkberry.com. If you would like to contact them to encourage them to locate here, their address is 868 Huntley Dr., West Hollywood, CA 90069.
4. Graffiti Control: **Cecilia** reported that she still has not yet received graffiti reports from the PLA web site. The old Von's building has become a target of graffiti. **Cecilia and Betty** plan to team up to get it painted out. In addition, a considerable amount of graffiti around Dana School has been cleaned up. The box across from Sail Ho did not clean well and will require painting.
5. PLA Web Site: **Patti** reported that Martha Phillips has agreed to coordinate the update of the PLA web site. Much information on the site, especially related to Beautification, is old. If you have information or photos for the web site, provide it first to **Ron**, and Ron will pass it on to Martha at mrpsandiego@aol.com. **Dave and Betty** have been taking photos of our various projects for that purpose, and the new web master is Paul Grimes. View the site at plaweb.org.
6. Post Office Newsracks: The list of newsrack owners who have paid the fee is not yet available. **Betty** will contact Robert Vacchi in Code Compliance to obtain the list. It was noted that many of the newsracks are now empty – a violation that could result in removal. City Councilman Faulconer's office is talking with several vendors who might supply corrals. The City would be responsible for installing the corrals and has discretionary funds to do so. **Betty** will send a photo of Chigago corrals to Councilman Faulconer's office.
7. Navy Gate Tree Project: **Dee** reported on neighbor concerns about trees removed from Navy property on Catalina Blvd. between Garden Lane and Cederbrae. Ten trees were removed a few months ago presumably because they were in poor health and due to fire abatement. At the time, the expectation was that the trees would be replaced with Torrey Pines. Recent communication between Marjo Miller and a Navy representative now suggests that the Navy will not plant new trees at this site. **Patti** has worked on this project in the past and agreed to address the issue with the Navy.
8. Barnes Tennis Center: **Karen** reported that the Mean Green Team cleaned up trash and some weeds on this site recently. It was observed that there are new bubblers at many of the Palm trees but not near the tallest ones. The concern is that if they receive no water, these palms will struggle during the dry season. She will contact Steve Bickham to address this issue.

9. Historical Monument in the Village Proper: **Klonie** talked about the desire to place a La Playa Trail Monument marker on Rosecrans Blvd. in the Village. The current problem is to find an acceptable location. The Union Bank has been contacted in an effort to locate it in that block. No decision has been made at this point. There originally were eight markers placed along the trail but only three remain. One is located on the Navy submarine base and one is in the Rosecrans median near Midway Drive. The third marker is located at the foot of Presidio Hill.

10. Point Loma Foundation: The PL Foundation is considering the feasibility of PL Village lighting projects, curb pop outs, fountains and art work.

Project Reports:

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

· Angler's Choice and Sporty's have sandwich boards in front of their businesses. Code compliance was contacted.

· The landscaper for the area around the new Fresh and Easy store on Catalina Blvd. was offered Jacaranda trees. They have now requested 24" boxed trees for this purpose. They were informed that we could obtain trees but not of that size.

· **Dave** addressed the reoccurrence of grossly excessive signage placed by Robert Antonelli to advertise his real estate business. The signs are placed on public property and are up for about 4 hours on Saturday and Sunday. **Dave** photographed 8 signs in a small area near Kellogg Beach on a recent weekend. Code regulations specify that all such signs must be on private property – never public. **Dave** will contact Robert Vacchi at Code Compliance for assistance, and he plans to attend the Point Loma/Ocean Beach Realty Association meeting to address concerns.

Correspondence: **Ardetta** will contact Pinkberry to express our support for having them locate a store in Point Loma. She will additionally write to Robert Vacchi in Code Compliance requesting a copy of the newsrack vendors that have paid their fees.

Newsracks: (see above)

Tool Shed and Storage Building: **Patti** made contact with City representatives and learned that they do not wish to put up money to paint the building. No further action on this issue is planned.

Village Flower Project: no new information

Al's Garage: no new information

Benches & Debris Containers: Someone is needed to work with Councilman Faulconer's office or Code Compliance to acquire a permit for the placement of a bench and trash can on Cañon near the Post Office. We will wait for Matt Awbrey to return prior to taking action.

Catalina Tree Project: no new information

Village Trees: no new information

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

Garden Awards: **Ron** announced that Nancy Peckham's home has received a garden award. The new landscape design was done by Michael Buckner.

Tennyson Triangle: no new information

Nimitz Triangle: no new information

Nimitz Median: no new information

Pork Chops: Total Green Landscape has begun planting in empty sections.

Dewey School: **Karen** reported that the annual water bill has been determined to be \$200 and has been paid. The rate will remain the same from year to year.

PL Entry Signs/Nimitz West: The electric outlet box has been repaired.

Dana School: The irrigation system is working, and the area looks great.

Graffiti: (see above)

Reminders:

· Village Fair – Sept. 13, 2008 - · Primary Elections – February 5 - Annual Dinner – May 20

Roses and Radishes: A rose goes to Point Break Cafe flower boxes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23AM. Please note that our next meeting will be 8AM, February 5, 2008 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

January 11 Dewey

January 18 Soto Street

January 25 Tennyson or Nimitz West

February 1 Pork Chops

Check weekly e-mail reminder sent every Wednesday.