

**POINT LOMA ASSOCIATION - Beautification Committee Meeting**  
**February 5, 2008**

**Members Present:** Ron Brooks, Karen Davis, Jodie Bruhn, Betty Allman, Celeste Trepte, Dorothy Lord, Cecilia Carrick, Stan Nadel, Patti Adams, Lois Devlin, Bill Klees, Ann Silliman and Ed Streicher. **Guest:** Marjo Miller.

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

Minutes Review: Minutes from the January 8 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Budget: **Jodie** reported that \$1908.47 was spent last month and \$13,358.86 of our \$54,800 FY2007-08 budget was spent.

Community Contact List: SDPD Community Svc. Officer David Surwilo has replaced Officer Jim Heppell who has retired.

Inspiration: *"People from a planet without flowers would think we must be mad with joy the whole time to have such things about us."* –Iris Murdoch

President's Report: Bill reported the following:

- **Patti** met with Matt Awbrey and Councilman Faulconer concerning the newsrack issue. \$8000 in funds has been set aside by Councilman Faulconer for 2 corrals. His office is obtaining bids for the corrals with the hope that purchase and placement will be complete before the PLA dinner.
- Chatsworth Blvd. in front of PLHS will be resurfaced.
- An effort is underway to establish a PBID (Property Owner Business Improvement District) in the PL Village. A majority of property owners must approve the PBID for it to go into effect. A vote will be held by May, and then the issue must go on the City Council docket for final approval. Councilman Faulconer is in full support of this effort. With PBID status, grants can be obtained for community improvement projects.
- The LaPlaya storm drains have been problematic and need to be addressed.
- The Nichols St. fence as an issue has gone on for years without resolution. Norm Magneson has followed this project from the beginning. Two property owners made an agreement with the city, and they are not following through with the agreed terms. The end result may be that the city will have to sue them to obtain compliance.

**Discussion Topics:**

1. Nimitz/Catalina On-Ramp: **Celeste** reported that Mike Martin should complete the water hookup today. Kerri DeRosier agreed to take pictures of work in progress. The chain-link fence on this property has been addressed with Matt Awbrey. There are trees hanging over and destroying the fence. Additionally, there are homeless enclaves on the Nimitz side of the fence. Matt contacted City Streets Dept., and they have agreed to remove the encampments and reduce the amount of greenery on the slope. Once that is complete, the hope is that they will also repair the fence. The lower point of the project has no water and is being planed as a drought tolerant landscape using succulents. Total Green Landscape/Moises Sanchez will clear the greenery from the area in preparation for planting. One bid for the drought garden has been received, and a second bid is being sought from Michael Buckner. The Buckner plan is expected in about 2 weeks. Special thanks go to Matt Awbrey and City Councilman Faulconer for their helpfulness in cutting through red tape. [Post Meeting

Note: The water hookup by Mike Martin is now complete.]

2. Fresh & Easy / Peet's Coffee: **Celeste** noted that all curbs are now in and the dead trees removed at this Catalina work site. A major landscape plan will be implemented to include 24" boxed Jacaranda trees. The stores are due to open in early April.
3. New Rosecrans Starbucks Construction & Tree Removal: It has been noted that PLA planted Jacaranda trees, located on Rosecrans between Carleton and Shelter Island Drive, were removed to make way for construction of the new Starbucks. **Karen** spoke with Drew Potoki and learned that when trees are removed due to construction, a landscape plan must include replacement of the trees or some remediation. He will check into the plans for this site to determine if trees will be replaced.
4. Graffiti Control: **Cecilia** reported that a small number of individuals seem to be producing 80% of the graffiti found in the Point Loma area. The moniker 'DOC' is repeatedly seen in a wide swath of the community along with a second name that is written out. These 2 individuals seem to be working together. In an effort to determine how better to deal with the graffiti, Linda Lafond in the SDPD Storefront Office was contacted. Referral was made by Linda to Sergeant Sharon McNair on the Juvenile Services Team. From there, referral was made to Officer Peggy Anderson of the Western Div. Juvenile Service Team, but contact has not yet been made with Officer Anderson. In addition, contact was made with Norma Medina, head of the Vacant Properties Graffiti Control Program and Officer Brian Huitt who is interested in giving this committee a talk on how communities fight graffiti. **Cecilia** is taking photos of the graffiti prior to removal and is recording the date, time and location of the graffiti with the intent of eventually forwarding the photos and information to Officer Anderson. She also noted that the best way to remove graffiti is to use Krud Kutter, which can be purchased at Frazee Paint stores or can be obtained from her, followed by wiping the area with fine mesh steel wool and finally by a towel. She will prepare an article for the next PLA newsletter instructing everyone on how to handle graffiti.
5. Homeless Encampments on Nimitz West: **Ed** made contact with the SDPD Community Service office concerning the extensive homeless encampments along the Nimitz West work site. His contact stated that they would increase police surveillance in the area. In addition, cleanup of the encampments was requested. **Ed** plans to check the area later in the week to determine if there has been any action taken. **Stan** addressed the philosophical concerns relative to how we handle the personal effects left at these encampment sites. The recommendation offered was to contact the SDPD task force set up to deal with these situations and let them arrange for removal of the encampments and trash.
6. PLA Web Site – plaweb.org: **Ron** reported that anyone having input into the web site can either contact him or contact Martha Phillips directly at [mjpsandiego@aol.com](mailto:mjpsandiego@aol.com).
7. Chair for March 4 Meeting: Jodie will act as Beautification Chair at the next meeting in Ron's absence.
8. Story Family Truck Maintenance: Routine maintenance was charged to the truck budget item. Concern was expressed that the truck will not go on forever yet it has become a valuable part of transporting gear and refuse.
9. Navy Gate Tree Project: Marjo Miller attended the meeting to express community concerns about the trees removed at the Navy Gate. It was anticipated by the residents in the area that Torrey Pines would be planted as replacement trees. **Patti** contacted CAPT Patton via email and found him to be very responsive. The Navy will replant trees on the north side of the base but not along Catalina. The plan also includes replacing a chain link fence with wrought iron fencing. Along Catalina, the

plan is to put in attractive shrubs. Marjo emphasized that the community would like to partner with the Navy in the future if a situation should arise to make that possible.

**Bill** added that CAPT Patton will be relieved of his current position in July. The PLA will work to continue the positive relationship with the Navy that has been experienced under CAPT Patton's current leadership.

10. Hugh Story Memorial: **Karen** reported that the city has requested that future maintenance of the memorial be addressed – specifically who will do the maintenance and how will it be funded. Options could include simply turning over maintenance to the city, providing funds to the city or providing maintenance ourselves. The Memorial subcommittee has recommended that the PLA consider providing the maintenance. It is requested that the Beautification Committee support a recommendation that \$1000/yr be placed in the Beautification budget for the purpose of memorial maintenance. The largest single cost item would be \$300 to seal the concrete annually. The greenery area is small (8' x 16') and could either be maintained by the Mean Green Team or by Total Green Landscape. The proposal passed and will be forwarded to the PLA Board for consideration.

### **Project Reports:**

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

- A large number of singles dating service signs have popped up again.
- There is an increasing number of sandwich boards in the Village. Letters have been sent out when these are observed.
- The problem of excessive signage by Robert Antoniadis and his real estate business was addressed by **Patti**. She attended the PL/OB Realty Assoc. meeting with the intent of discussing the problem with Mr. Antoniadis, but he was not present. She provided a copy of the ordinance to the realtors. **Patti** spoke with Robert at length on a later date. He was not in agreement with our concerns, but he did promise to try to be more attentive to the issue. He was given a membership application and has joined the PLA. On a recent weekend, his signs were just as ubiquitous as before.

Correspondence: No new information

Newsracks: (see above)

Tool Shed and Storage Building: No new information

Village Flower Project: no new information

Historical Marker: **Klonie** emailed in her report noting that Dick Lareau is developing drawings for a marker that would be placed near the Union Bank. Once completed, the drawings will be presented to Union Bank for approval.

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.

Catalina Tree Project: no new information

Village Trees: no new information

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

Garden Awards: Input has been received for the next award.

Tennyson Triangle: no new information

Nimitz Triangle: no new information

Nimitz Median: A pine tree fell over after a recent rain and has been removed.

Pork Chops: Plantings are now complete.

Dewey School: no new information

PL Entry Signs/Nimitz West: no new information

Dana School: no new information

Graffiti: (see above)

Barnes Tennis Center: no new information

**Reminders:**

- Peninsula Community Planning Board Election – March (5 new board members)
- Village Fair – Sept. 13, 2008 (Liberty Station or Village?)
- Annual Dinner – May 20 – please consider silent auction donations
- Five new individuals will be nominated to serve on the PLA Board. Contact Patti if you are interested in being nominated.

**Roses and Radishes:** A rose goes to The Point Loma Garden Club display in the rotunda of the Point Loma Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30AM. Please note that our next meeting will be 8AM, March 4, 2008 at the San Diego Yacht Club Board Room. To place items on the agenda, e-mail **Ron** at [brooks1@cox.net](mailto:brooks1@cox.net).

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Davis  
Secretary

**Mean Green Team Calendar**

February 8 Dewey

February 15 Village (Ed not available to drive truck)

February 22 Nimitz West/Tennyson/Dana

February 29 Pork Chops

*Check weekly e-mail reminder sent every Wednesday.*