

POINT LOMA ASSOCIATION - Beautification Committee Meeting
May 6, 2008

Members Present: Ron Brooks, Jodie Bruhn, Karen Davis, Celeste Trepte, Patti Adams, Ann Silliman, Betty Allman, Bruce Cook, Cecilia Carrick, Stan Nadel, Dee Kettenburg, Ed Streicher and Klonie Kunzel. **Guest:** Officer David Surwilo.

Chairman **Ron Brooks** opened the meeting at 8:05 AM at the San Diego Yacht Club.

Minutes Review: Minutes from the April 1 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Budget: **Jodie** reported that \$755.83 was spent last month and \$46,934.75 of our \$54,800 FY2007-08 budget was spent.

Inspiration: "In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." Margaret Atwood

Additions/Corrections:

- Community Contact List: add Officer David Surwilo – surwilo@pd.sandiego.gov
- Member List: add Debbie Hall – debinfit@aol.com

Discussion Topics:

1. Fiscal Year 2008-09 Proposed Budget: **Jodie** distributed a copy of the proposed budget for the fiscal year which begins in June 2008. Input was provided by committee members and reviewed by **Jodie, Ron** and **Karen**. The total adds up to \$31,740. This proposal was forwarded to PLA Treasurer, Joe Watkins, for budget committee review and recommendation to the PLA Board.
2. Beautification Committee Table Reservations: **Ann** reported that table reservations received from committee members have been submitted. Enough people responded to fill 2 tables.
3. Beautification Garden Award: The garden award at the annual dinner is being presented to Nancy Peckham, but she will not be in town for the presentation. Michael Buckner will be at the dinner and will receive the award on her behalf.
4. Silent Auction – Hugh Story Memorial: **Dee** has received 24 items to be auctioned with funds received going toward the memorial. Today is the last day to submit donations for the auction.
5. Display Tables at the Dinner: **Celeste** has contacted all individuals who are preparing a display table to determine need for easel and tables.
6. Catalina Ramp: **Celeste** reported that the project is complete.
7. Guest Discussion: **Officer David Surwilo** is the only Community Relations Officer for the Western Division and, along with Linda LaFond (retiring on June 10), has an office at the police storefront at 3750 Sports Arena Blvd. The Western Division area is very large, so the support provided frequently involves phone numbers or other information to help individuals navigate the system for problem resolution. He plans to attend Beautification Committee meetings at least every other month.
8. Graffiti Strike Force: **Cecilia** reported that areas around Correia Middle School, Voltaire Street and Bill Cleator Park have been heavily tagged. She forwarded photos of the graffiti to the principal at Correia and learned that the school was heavily tagged over the weekend. Cleanup of the community is ongoing.
 - It was also noted that *I Love a Clean San Diego* will, on May 17, host a cleanup of the area beneath the Pacific Highway along the bike path to Ocean Beach. The focus will be on trash and graffiti removal. Contact Natalie Roberts (619-291-0103

x3014 or nroberts@cleansd.org) if you would like to participate. For additional information and directions, go to www.ilacsd.org/calendar and click on "cleanups", then click on May 17 within the calendar.

- **Cecilia** noted that there were two tagging episodes which had been reported to the police. When she tried to followup, the tagging episodes could not be located in the records. Officer Surwilo recommended that anytime you make a call into the police, ask for an incident number. This 11 digit number serves as a tracking device. Additionally, he recommended that graffiti reports be sent to Officer Bryan Hewitt, bhewitt@pd.sandiego.gov with photos, time, date and description included. He further noted that Point Loma has seen a spike in graffiti. To gain control of graffiti, it is important to remove the graffiti as soon as it goes up. He provided the following phone numbers which could be helpful:
 - graffiti control hotline: 619-525-8522
 - free paint: 619-527-5419
 - Urban Corps graffiti hotline: 800-829-6884
- The first Tuesday of every month there is a Neighborhood Watch Meeting at 6:30PM at the Western Division, 5215 Gaines St. The meeting tonight will include a discussion on Crime Analysis.

Project Reports:

Code Compliance:

- **Celeste** reported that SD Code Compliance notices regarding the Rosecrans Cleaners sandwich board at 1878 Rosecrans have been ignored for three months. **Celeste** contacted Mike Wisnieski at Code Compliance yesterday and will continue to follow this problem.

Correspondence: no new information

Newsracks: Further action on this ongoing saga will wait until next month.

Catalina Ramp: The Mean Green Team worked at this area last Friday. Moises was notified that weeds would need spraying and that a few plants would need to be replaced.

Tool Shed and Storage Building: no new information

Village Flower Project: no new information

Historical Marker: **Klonie** reported that efforts regarding the marker are progressing.

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: **Robert Jackson** recommends 3046 Freeman St., the home of Dick and Dianne Grafton.

Tennyson Triangle: no new information

Nimitz Triangle: **Ed** reported that this area would need fertilizer.

Nimitz Median: The area is looking good and colorful.

Pork Chops: no new information

Dewey School: no new information

PL Entry Signs/Nimitz West: The electricity to the lights and irrigation system is out.

Karen has contacted Matt Awbrey for help getting repairs done, but in the interim, the irrigation system is being turned on manually. Officer Surwilo offered phone numbers that could be helpful: 619-527-7500 to report street lights that are out, and 619-236-5500 to call when there is a faulty electrical system.

Dana School: no new information

Graffiti: (see above)

Barnes Tennis Center: no new information

Reminders:

- La Playa Trail Assn. – May 13, Peninsula Community Service Center, 2:30PM
- PLA Board meeting -- May 14 at the Bali Hai -- 7:30AM
- Peninsula Community Planning Board -- May 15, 6:30PM, library
- I Love a Clean San Diego – San Diego River Park cleanup, May 17, 9AM to noon
- Annual Dinner May 20 – contact the web site for additional information
www.plaweb.org

Roses and Radishes: A bouquet goes to Point Loma Nazarene University for their entry corridor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20AM. Please note that our next meeting will be 8AM, June 3, 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

May 9 Nimitz Triangle
May 16 Dewey (Ron out of Town)
May 23 Dana/Tennyson/Nimitz West
May 30 Pork Chops (Ron out of Town)

Check weekly e-mail reminder sent every Wednesday.