

POINT LOMA ASSOCIATION - *Beautification Committee Meeting* **December 2, 2008**

Members Present: Ron Brooks, Jodie Bruhn, Karen Davis, Cecilia Carrick, Stan Nadel, Patti Adams, Bill Klees, Celeste Trepte, Dorothy Lord and Betty Allman.

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

Minutes Review: Minutes from the November 4 meeting were reviewed.

Budget: **Jodie** reported that \$2,702 was spent last month and \$6,841.26 of our \$24,740 FY 2008-09 budget has been spent. Please note that the \$7,000 Long Term Maintenance Reserve was removed from our budget so that the overall PLA budget would balance.

Additions/Corrections to Community Contact List:

Keli Koontz – point of contact for Walters Management (grounds staff at Liberty Station)
Rock Church – new POC is Terry Lund
Park and Rec. – Andy Guyer to retire in early 2009
McMillin Co. Representative – Beth Binger

Discussion Topics:

1. Story Truck: The truck required repair after the last work party. Thanks to **Ed Streicher, Steve Allman** and **Alan Lord**, the truck made it to Al's Garage where a new starter was added.
2. Holiday Light Project: Thanks go to **Dee** for coordinating the effort to put new red holiday bows on the Nimitz Median trees. Additional lights and decorations on the Nimitz and North Harbor signs will be put up by **Bob Sherman** – just as soon as he finishes his Polar Express float! Look for lighted deer and a tree to be added to the Nimitz sign site. Unfortunately, we will not have lights on the Voltaire overpass this year because our electricity source is no longer available.
3. Newsracks: Word from Matt Awbrey is that the modular units that will replace newsracks in front of the post office are currently being manufactured.
4. PLA Board Report: **Bill** reported the following:
 - Contact was made with a representative of the OB-CCDC Board who stated that cleanup of the landscaped 'eye brow' near the Nimitz Triangle has been budgeted. It is hoped that the job will be complete by the end of the year. All members of the board are now volunteers.
 - A scout seeking to obtain his Eagle Scout rating wishes to put in a kiosk at the Mendocino & Green entrance to the Point Loma Native Plant Garden. His first job is to raise needed funds for the project. He will present his proposal to the PLA Board next week as part of his fund raising effort.
 - The next proposed construction phase of the site around the new Fresh and Easy store was voted down 8-2 by the PCPB. Parking would seem to be the problem. Gretchen Webster will attend the next Beautification Committee meeting and will solicit our input.
 - The annual PLA dinner (May 19, 2009) is moving forward with Dorthea Laub as chair and with **Klonie, Jodie & Karen** providing assistance. **Patti** reported that entertainment will be by Noah Tefolla (Wonderland) who is donating his services. Included is a 20 minute video.
5. New Mean Green Team Member: Our newest team member is **Judy Berger**. Welcome!!
6. Graffiti Strike Force Report: **Welcome home Cecilia from your trip to Peru!** Her month long adventure included educational efforts and duty as a relief pathologist at a rural hospital serving the poor. Within 1½ hours of her return to San Diego, word is that she was painting out graffiti off the Nimitz underpass walls.
7. Dewey – A letter to City Schools: **Karen** reported that SDUSD accepted our request for relief from our annual \$200 water bill. Records of moneys and volunteer hours spent at Dewey will be maintained so that we can request relief again next year.
8. La Playa Trail Monument: **Patti** reported that the La Playa Trail Association is continuing efforts to resurrect the six original monuments that were initially placed in 1934 to mark this historically significant trail. Go to www.laplayatrail.org for additional information. Dick Lareau continues developing drawings of proposed monuments to replace those that have been lost. New members are needed – especially business members.
9. J.O.E.'s Coffee Shop: After months of repair effort following wreckage caused by a 'drive in' customer, J.O.E.'s Coffee is again open for business. A 13 member contingent of Mean Greenies helped celebrate the rebirth after the last Friday work party.
10. Liberty Station Review: **Ron** reported the following:

- BAE Systems will be the last major new construction planned for the office district.
- The Tin Fish Restaurant is open for dining & Corvette Diner is planned to open in summer of 2009.
- Phase II of NTC Park is progressing and should be complete next summer or fall.
- The Harbor Drive bridge is being retrofitted for earthquake safety.
- The Navy continues to hold the title to the boat channel.
- The New Americans Museum is offering a Jewish History exhibit which will run from Dec. 3rd through February.

Project Reports:

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

- Contact was made with the owner of the billboard near the Dolphin Motel. There is a year yet to go on the current contract before a decision will be made.
- Winchell's Donut shop on Rosecrans continues to be an unsightly property with weeds, trash and the look of general disrepair. The property manager, who was contacted, indicated that the property would be cleaned up by the weekend.
- Barnes Tennis Center is showing little sign of improvement on the side adjacent to Nimitz. **Betty** indicated that she would touch base with the Director of Operations to determine plans.

Correspondence: no new information

Newsracks: see above

Catalina Ramp: The succulent garden is growing great. Watering will be discontinued – thus saving money.

Tool Shed and Storage Building: no new information

Village Flower Project: Moises has replanted the planter boxes in the Village at no additional cost to PLA.

Historical Marker: see above.

Benches & Debris Containers: no new information

Catalina Tree Project: Moises and crew planted three jacaranda trees at this Catalina site for \$10/tree.

Village Trees: There are no longer funds in Drew Potocki's budget for tree trimming except for emergency situations. It was recommended that Mean Green develop a plan for keeping low level growth under control.

Cañon Street Sycamores: no new information

Garden Awards: no new information

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: see above

Dana School: no new information

Graffiti: see above

Reminders:

- PLA Membership Meeting – December 5, 2:15PM at the PL Community Bank
- PLA Board meeting – December 10 at the Bali Hai -- 7:30AM
- Peninsula Community Planning Board – December 18 at the PL Library – 6:30PM
- PL Annual Dinner – May 19, 2009 at the Marriott Courtyard, Liberty Station

Roses and Radishes: A bouquet goes to the great looking remodel of *Koehler Kraft* on Shelter Island.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM. Please note that our next meeting will be 8AM, January 6, 2009 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

December 5 Village trees
 December 12 Nimitz Sign (Plan surprise BD party – John Ellis)
 December 19 Dewey
 December 26 No Planned Activity
 January 2 Pork Chops

Check weekly e-mail reminder sent every Wednesday.