

POINT LOMA ASSOCIATION - *Beautification Committee Meeting* **February 10, 2009**

Members Present: Ron Brooks, Jodie Bruhn, Karen Davis, Cecilia Carrick, Stan Nadel, Dee Kettenburg, Klonie Kunzel, Betty Allman, Steve Allman, Debbie Hall, and Dave Brown.
Chair **Ron Brooks** opened the meeting at 8:05 AM at the San Diego Yacht Club.

Budget: **Jodie** reported that \$1,092.19 was spent last month and \$8,410.12 (34%) of our \$24,740 FY 2008-09 budget has been spent.

Discussion Topics:

1. **Correspondence:** The Mean Green Team recently spent their Friday cleaning up the area behind Sunshine Liquor on Voltaire Street. **Stan** reported that he sent a letter with photos to the owner of the building requesting that he or the building tenants maintain the landscaping in the future.
2. **Graffiti Strike Force:** **Cecilia** reported that four major graffiti problems have been resolved. A City crew took care of the graffiti on the Nimitz underpass. The old vacant Von's store was cleaned by a group contacted via Safeway.com. They plan to check the building once a week. Cabrillo Elementary school was also heavily tagged. The school coordinated cleanup and removed much of the graffiti in a timely manner. The fourth site was Bill Cleater Park, and **Cecilia** and **Betty** removed the graffiti at this location. On a positive note, the work of Kerri DeRossier and her family to choose, gain permits and prepare utility boxes so that artists can paint them is exceptional and deserves special thanks.
3. **Annual Dinner/Newsracks:** Word is that the modular units that will replace newsracks have been shipped and are probably now in San Diego waiting to be installed. If possible, the installation should be filmed and become a part of the annual dinner program. Ron will confer with Matt Awbrey.
4. **Membership Campaign:** **Patti** recently sent out an email to PLA Board members encouraging them to forward membership information to acquaintances. We also can send out this information by going to www.plaweb.org/membership.pdf.
5. **Underground Utility Lines:** **Steve** discussed the two ways to have utilities undergrounded – public pay and private pay. The public pay method requires waiting until your street is scheduled for undergrounding. Go to www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding/index.shtml, click on 'schedule', then click on 'Underground Master Plan' to determine when your street is scheduled. If you do not wish to wait, a handout is available (contact **Ron**) that discusses the private pay process.
6. **Point Loma Garden Club Philanthropic Grant:** **Debbie** reported that she learned of the availability of funds from the PL Garden Club Philanthropic Committee. She and **Stan** prepared a letter requesting funds for graffiti removal equipment and supplies. The committee decision is expected tomorrow. Additionally, **Jodie** will present a class on vegetable gardening at 11AM, Feb. 11 at the Portuguese Center.
7. **Painting Supplies:** The City is believed to have an abundance of paint for use in graffiti removal. **Cecilia** will attempt to obtain supplies if they can be stored at Soto St.
8. **Silvergate School:** **Jodie** reported that she contacted the principal of Silvergate School after an area which had been landscaped with 'red apple' succulent was removed and became covered in weeds. The principal quickly responded that the weeds would be removed by their gardener and that a girl scout group would maintain the area.
9. **Tennyson Water:** PLA has received a water bill from the City that is double what it has been in the past. **Jodie** contacted Moises who indicated that the area was now watered less than in the past. He indicated that there was a possibility that the water was being used by neighbors. He has subsequently turned the water off so that it cannot be used inappropriately.
10. **Street Sweeping:** For those who wish to know the street sweeping schedule, go to www.sandiego.gov/streetdiv/sweepschedule.shtml.
11. **Adopt-A-Highway:** **Ron** distributed information on Adopt-A-Highway for consideration. It is believed, however, that new applicants to this program have been suspended.

Project Reports:

Code Compliance: **Ron** reported the following:

- **Celeste** continues to work on the Owens Street house.

Correspondence: see above

Newsracks: see above

Catalina Ramp: The succulent garden is beautiful!

Tool Shed and Storage Building: Efforts are underway to store Concert Series equipment in the building.

Village Flower Project: no new information

Historical Marker: **Klonie** reported that the proposed contract from the Union Bank has been written. A few reviews are needed, but this phase of the process is near completion.

Benches & Debris Containers: no new information

Catalina Tree Project: no new information

Village Trees: no new information

Cañon Street Sycamores: no new information

Garden Awards: no new information

Tennyson Triangle: see above

Nimitz Triangle: In spite of rain, **Ed** and **Allen** were out repairing a broken sprinkler head this past week.

Talk about dedication!!!

Nimitz Median: no new information

Pork Chops: no new information

Dewey School: **Karen** reported that the area is heavily weeded. It will be moved up on the Friday schedule.

PL Entry Signs/Nimitz West: see above

Dana School: Ron will contact the Principal, Diane Ryan or VP, Scott Irwin, of Dana Middle School. The Mean Green Team will be moving on to other venues and will no longer be working at the Dana parking lot.

Graffiti: see above

Reminders:

- PLA Membership Meeting – First Friday each month, 2:15PM at the PL Community Bank
- PLA Board meeting – February 11 at the Bali Hai -- 7:30AM
- Peninsula Community Planning Board – February 19 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 Point Loma Garden Club's library display.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM. Please note that our next meeting will be 8AM, March 3, 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

February 13 Dewey

February 20 Nimitz West – Catalina Ramp – Nimitz East pick-up

February 27 Pork Chops – Nimitz pick-up

Check weekly e-mail reminder sent every Wednesday or Thursday.