

## **POINT LOMA ASSOCIATION - *Beautification Committee Meeting*** **May 5, 2009**

**Members Present:** Patti Adams, Jodie Bruhn, Karen Davis, Betty Allman, Celeste Trepte, Dorothy Lord, Kloni Kunzel and Lois Devlin.

Acting Chair **Patti Adams** opened the meeting at 8:05 AM at the San Diego Yacht Club.

Budget: **Jodie** reported that \$11,342 of our \$24,740 FY 2008-09 budget has been spent.

### **Discussion Topics:**

#### 1. Annual Dinner on May 19:

- **Ron** is preparing a certificate for the Garden Award that will be announced at the PLA Annual Dinner. **Betty** agreed to contact the Garden Award winner to ensure that they are aware of the award and invite them to the dinner. **Patti** stated that she and Dick Lareau will notify all other award winners.
- **Dorothy** pointed out that the Church of Ladder Day Saints is completing a very attractive landscaping project adjacent to Nimitz and Centraloma. It is too late for an award this year, but should be considered for next year.
- **Klonie** stated that she has been in contact with Noah Tefolla. He has indicated that the 'project is coming together'. He has been informed by the hotel that there are 2 screens and an audiovisual system in the banquet room so that he needs only to provide his DVD for the program. **Patti**, during her next meeting with the hotel staff, will verify that no AV problems should occur.
- All individuals delivering flower centerpieces can enter the banquet room at 5:30PM on May 19. The room will probably be in the setup process, and no one will be permitted to stay. Entry into the room for seating will not be permitted until 6:45PM. There is a parking lot on the North side of the hotel that is accessed via the park. The lot is not hotel property, but it is a short walk from the park to the banquet room. Delivery of centerpieces might be easier from this parking location.
- The raffle will be held during the Happy Hour and will be located outside the banquet room.
- **Celeste** recommended that Noah Tefolla, the Raffle Coordinator and the Annual Dinner Coordinator each receive a dinner certificate for two as a token of appreciation. Also, everyone was encouraged to get out the dinner message by putting out flyers and contacting friends and neighbors.
- The question arose as to whether there was space outside the banquet room to set up display boards. **Patti** will check out the situation when she meets with the hotel staff.

#### 2. Tennyson Triangle:

- **Karen** reported that Dr. Gary Rose has proposed planting Canary Island Pine trees on the Tennyson Triangle in a location that would shield the adjacent house. He stated that he would purchase the trees and hire Moises to plant them. He was encouraged to precede and simply keep us informed of his progress.
- **Jodie** reported that Moises has removed the hose and faucet at this site.

#### 3. Graffiti Strike Force: **Cecilia** provided the following report:

- The amount of graffiti seems to be decreasing in the Point Loma area. She was recently notified that, as a result of our and other efforts to document local graffiti, police arrested two young men. Perhaps the arrest and the decrease in graffiti are related.

#### 4. Westminster Church Utility Box: **Betty** reported that the Westminster Church paid for the services of a local artist to paint the utility box which is located on their Cañon Street property. It is nicely done and worth a trip to check it out.

#### 5. Fresh and Easy Site Development: **Celeste** reported the following:

- The Shelter Island Drug has, according to Gretchen Webster, signed a lease for space at this site.
- Negotiations are still underway with a yogurt company.

#### 6. Gage/Talbot Street Project: **Kerri** DeRossier and a group of her neighbors, have, for a few years, tried to find out how they can beautify the small pork chops at the intersection of Gage and Talbot. **Karen** reported that **Kerri** have talked with Drew Potocki and Matt Awbrey about obtaining necessary permits. Their plan is to remove asphalt and add rocks and succulents. The group plans to do all the work and maintenance. It was suggested by Drew that they might have better luck gaining permits if they worked under the PLA umbrella. The group has agreed to do this. It was proposed to add the Gage/Talbot project to the Beautification Committee list and add Kerri as a member of the Beautification Committee. The vote was unanimous in support of the proposal.

7. Projects Awaiting Action:

- Adopt-a-Highway – Nimitz corridor from Tennyson to Pork Chops (Ron)
- Meeting with Dana Middle School Associated Student Body advisor (Ron)
- Street furniture on Canon (Ron)
- O'Conner Family Bench (Ron)
- Sunset View Elementary wall needs paint (Karen)

**Project Reports:**

Code Compliance: no new information

Correspondence: no new information

Newsracks: **Patti** plans to talk with Matt Awbrey about the status of removing noncompliant racks.

Catalina Ramp: no new information

Tool Shed and Storage Building: no new information

Village Flower Project: The Mean Green Team trimmed plants this past Friday.

Historical Marker: no new information

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: see above

Tennyson Triangle: see above

Nimitz Triangle: The Urban Corps spread 2 truckloads of woodchips on the perimeter of the triangle at a cost of \$460. There were not enough chips to cover the entire perimeter. Atlas Trees has agreed to bring in an additional 2 loads of woodchips. The committee agreed that we could hire the Urban Corps to spread the chips at a cost of approximately \$260. **Karen** will make the contact.

Nimitz Median: no new information

Pork Chops: no new information

Dewey School: no new information

PL Entry Signs/Nimitz West: no new information

Dana School: The area, according to **Jodie**, has deteriorated badly since Mean Green stopped working at this site. No Mean Green action will be taken at this time. **Ron** plans to meet with the Associated Student Body Advisor regarding their taking over maintenance of the area. **Patti** suggested we consider working with this group in a Junior PLA capacity.

Graffiti: see above

Al's Garage: **Lois** stated that work on redevelopment of this property is expected to begin in June. She will attempt to obtain a rendering of the project for display at the annual dinner.

**Reminders:**

- PLA Membership Meeting – First Friday each month, 2:15PM at the PL Community Bank
- PLA Board meeting – May 13 at the Bali Hai -- 7:30AM
- PL Annual Dinner – May 19, 2009 at the Marriott Courtyard, Liberty Station

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM. Please note that our next meeting will be 8AM, June 2, 2009 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

May 8 Dewey  
May 15 Pork Chops  
May 22 Nimitz West/Point Loma Sign  
May 29 Cañon Path (park at Del Mar and Cañon)

*Check weekly e-mail reminder sent every Wednesday or Thursday – There is a possibility that the location might be changed!!*