

POINT LOMA ASSOCIATION - *Beautification Committee Meeting* **June, 2009**

Members Present: Ron Brooks, Bill Klees, Patti Adams, Jodie Bruhn, Karen Davis, Betty Allman, Celeste Trepte, Dorothy Lord, Kloni Kunzel and Dee Kettenburg.

Chair **Ron Brooks** opened the meeting at 8:08 AM at the San Diego Yacht Club.

Minutes Review: The following discussion point was missing from the May minutes: **Jodie** reported that Carolyn Kutzke has offered to provide a work crew to clean up the Poe/Nimitz traffic triangle and then ask landscape professional Peggy Jenkinson to make recommendations about possible drought tolerant plantings. It was then offered to Ms. Kutzka that Beautification might be able to arrange to water the plants until they are established.

Budget: **Jodie** reported that \$13,740.75 of our \$24,740 FY 2008-09 budget has been spent.

Discussion Topics:

1. PLA Board Report: **Bill** provided the following report:
 - There will be an important Point Loma Town Hall meeting concerning the San Diego Airport's Future. This is our opportunity to get answers and provide input relative to the current major plan to modify the airport. Please come and bring your friends and neighbors.
Date: Wednesday June 3, 2009
Time: Open 5:30PM with Program starting at 6PM
Location: Corky McMillin Event Center @ NTC Promenade, Liberty Station (2875 Dewey Rd)
 - On July 1, the next PLA fiscal year will begin and newly elected board members will assume their role. There is a need for a new membership chair and a new vice chair for the PLA Board. **Ron** will serve as chair of the Beautification Committee for one more year.
 - The most recent Park and Rec. Committee meeting was attended by a large number of people from the peninsula area who are very angry about the removal of benches at Sunset Cliffs Natural Park. Efforts to replace the benches have already begun.
2. Nimitz (AKA Ed's) Triangle: Wood chips to finish the triangle will be delivered by Atlas Tree Service once a good quality chip becomes available. The Urban Corps will then be paid to spread the chips. Another problem at the triangle is a broken water line. Mean Green will schedule a work day to fix the water line and clean the area.
3. \$5000 Donation: Beautification recently received \$5000 from a generous but anonymous donor. Ideas for use of the funds quickly centered on a plan to plant bougainvillea and succulents on the Catalina exit ramp side of Nimitz Blvd to reflect the plantings on the opposite side of Nimitz. **Jodie** will seek a plan and bid from Moises Sanchez.
4. Tennyson Triangle Water Bill: The most recent water bill was again well above historic rates. The water spigot at the site has been removed, so unauthorized use should no longer be possible. **Jodie** has sent an email to Moises to determine if he has any ideas about what might cause this problem.
5. Graffiti Strike Force: **Betty** indicated that the amount of graffiti in the Point Loma area still seems to be down. New graffiti, some even located adjacent to Con Pane, has been found and then removed. In a recent conversation, it was learned that "Julio" was one of the young men arrested for tagging. He was responsible for a great deal of damage throughout the peninsula and the city.
6. Dana School Clean-up: Mean Green will schedule a one time clean-up after school is out on June 15. **Ron** plans to talk with the principal to see what options are available for long term maintenance of the site. An effort to refurbish the landscape and remove the dead plant materials would be a major endeavor. Perhaps the Urban Corps could be enlisted in support of a major project. It was also noted that there are numerous weeds on the periphery of the Cabrillo Elementary property. **Bill** will talk with the principal about this site.
7. Signage for the Truck: The idea of obtaining a sign that could be put out on the truck whenever we are at a work site was offered for discussion. Many options at various cost points were mentioned. The original concept of a wood sign was from **Cecilia**. It was determined that **Cecilia** should obtain a price and concept for presentation to the committee.
8. Annual Dinner Followup: **Ron** shared a thank you note from Dorothea Laub to Beautification for the wonderful centerpieces at the dinner. Additionally, **Celeste** reported that she and Elise Striecher sent thank you notes to Noah Tefolla for his wonderful presentation at the dinner.
9. Code Compliance: **Celeste** reported the following:

- Several of the numerous news racks adjacent to Winchell's Donuts are empty and probably not in compliance with regulations. **Ron** offered to send an email to Robert Vacchi (Code Compliance) to see if something could be done to remove non-compliant racks.
 - It was noted that the Silvergate School landscape appears to have many weeds and may not be getting water. Jodie offered to make contact with school representatives regarding landscape maintenance.
10. Fresh and Easy Site Development: **Celeste** reported the following:
 - The new pharmacy adjacent to Fresh and Easy will be called Point Loma Cabrillo Drug. An early fall opening is projected.
 - Negotiations are still underway with a yogurt company.
 11. Celeste in the News: A copy of the Union-Tribune story featuring **Celeste** and the Point Loma Association was provided. This excellent story was the result of the Union-Trib contacting Matt Awbrey about community volunteers. He forwarded the interested writer to **Patti**, who directed the writer to **Celeste**. Nicely Done!
 12. Gage/Talbot Street Project: Drew Potocki is the city POC for determining necessary permits. The project is on hold awaiting Drew's findings.
 13. "What PLA Does" Document: A need has been identified to have a document/flyer that can be given to individuals explaining the purpose, activities and history of the PLA. Please send your ideas to **Ron**.
 14. New Mean Green Members: Al Baber and Susan Tully are the newest members of our Mean Green Team.
 15. Nimitz/Poe: As promised, the area has been cleaned and a layer of mulch spread. Recommendations for drought tolerant landscaping are pending Carolyn Kutzka's return to town.
 16. Register cell phones for Reverse 911 Emergency Notification: Go to the following web site to register: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/oes/ready/>
 17. 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 (Bruce)
 - Sunset View Elementary wall needs paint (Karen)

Reminders:

- PLA Membership Meeting – June 5, First Friday each month, 2:15PM at the PL Community Bank
- PLA Board meeting – June 10 at the Bali Hai -- 7:30AM
- PLA Newsletter Deadline – June 3 – forward input to Kerri DeRossier

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM. Please note that our next meeting will be 8AM, July 7, 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

June 5 Nimitz Triangle ---- AKA Ed's Triangle
 June 12 Dewey
 June 19 Dana School
 June 26 Pork Chops
 July 3 NO MEAN GREEN ACTIVITY

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