

POINT LOMA ASSOCIATION - Beautification Committee Meeting
December 1, 2009

Members Present: Ron Brooks, Jodie Bruhn, Karen Davis, Cecilia Carrick, Stan Nadel, Patti Adams, Dorothy Lord, Judy Garrett, Betty Allman, Dave Brown, Bruce Cook and Celeste Trepte.

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

Budget: **Jodie** reported that \$6,509.49 of our \$25,790 budget has been spent. Great concern was expressed that although we spend committee budgeted funds carefully, when a major expense does occur, the funds may not be there. The committee determination was that **Patti**, at the next PLA Board meeting, will request that \$20K be identified in the budget as Beautification Reserves to cover future large expenditures such as tree trimming.

Discussion Topics:

1. Barnes Youth Tennis Center Community Work Day: The project date is Saturday, December 5, 9AM to noon with a picnic to follow the cleanup. As reported last month, the cleanup of the site between Nimitz Blvd. and the Barnes Center is progressing as a collaborative effort between Barnes Tennis Center and their volunteers, Rock Church volunteers and PLA Beautification volunteers. We additionally have received City support from Anthony Evans, Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer, who is informing homeless people that they must move their personal belongings out of this area. An impressive amount of preliminary landscape work (palms trimmed) has already been done by Sunshine Landscape (owned by a Rock Church member). The landscaper will again be present on December 5. **Cecilia** will coordinate the lunch providers who will be set up inside the Barnes buildings. Currently, Los Primos Mexican Restaurant has offered to provide food, and Chik-fil-a Restaurant has expressed interest in supporting a community event. PLA volunteers plan to meet on Friday, Dec. 4 at Soto St. to assemble tools for the effort, and then again at 8AM on Saturday morning to move the tools to the Barnes work site. All volunteers are asked to park in the Barnes parking lot at the end nearest the work area. The fence will be taken down for the day to enable easy access to the work area.
2. Nimitz Ramp Damage: A wayward car crashed into the fence adjacent to our most recent project site at the Nimitz onramp. **Jodie** has been in touch with various City offices in an effort to recoup, from the greenery assailant, the cost to replant the bougainvillea and tree that were smashed. The fence has already been repaired by City workers, and Moises has been asked to replace the plants.
3. Nimitz West Wood Chips: About 2 months ago, we were the recipient of 4 very large piles of wood chips that were originally meant to be placed around the base of our trees. After 2 workdays and a few sick workers, only one of the piles had been flattened. **Cecilia**, Beautification's very own contractor extraordinaire, resolved the problem by hiring a bobcat and driver to flatten the piles in one painless afternoon. (No volunteers were injured by the bobcat.)
4. Code Compliance Issues – Celeste:
 - Mike Wisnieski of City Code Compliance has removed 5 empty 'Compass' newsracks along Rosecrans between Nimitz and Talbot and is working toward removal of other noncompliant racks. Thanks go to Mike for his ongoing efforts and to **Ron** for preparing a list of empty racks around the community.
 - The Point Loma Market Place will soon have a drug store outlet, yogurt shop and a dry cleaner. Permits have been granted and construction is under way.
 - Efforts to improve the space around Gus's on Rosecrans have developed into a dynamic project. The Point Loma HS Art Dept. has expressed interest in painting a mural honoring history related to the La Playa Trail, the Kumeyaay Indians, Chinese and Portuguese residents. **Cecilia** and **Patti** will work together to get necessary approvals and permits.
5. Beautification Update: **Lois Devlin** has requested removal from membership. **Judy** will

prepare a thank you note.

6. Safety Vests: Eleven new safety vests have been purchased and will have the PLA logo printed on the back prior to distribution.
7. Grant Writing Project: Kerri De Rosier, as part of a grant writing class, is using improvement of Ed's Triangle as a case study. Toward that end, a meeting will be held on Dec. 2 between members of the PLA and OBCDC to determine what past efforts have been made to landscape the area. The hope is that this project will result in a grant that will enable the project.
8. PLA Trash Receptacles: **Bruce** has developed a protocol to rehab PLA's trash receptacles in a more cost effective manner. The job would include scraping, sanding, cleaning, priming then painting them with rustoleum paint. He will contact scout leaders to determine if there is interest in adopting this as a scout community service project.
9. Graffiti Update: **Cecilia** reported that graffiti is again on sites along Nimitz. Graffiti cleanup is slated for Friday.
10. Urban Forester Job Threatened: It was recently learned that the Urban Forester position, which is currently under the City Streets Department, is on the list of jobs that could be eliminated. The listings, which could be accepted as is, modified, or totally rejected, may go before the City Council as early as tomorrow. In view of the tremendous benefits that Point Loma has received from having access to the Urban Forester, it was recommended that a letter be sent (now email) to Councilman Falconer and to Mayor Sanders requesting that the Urban Forester position be retained.
11. Tennyson Triangle Water Bill: The most recent bill showed a 24.3% cost reduction for the same time period last year.

Reminders:

- PLA Membership Meeting – First Friday each month, 2:15PM at the PL Community Bank
- PLA Board meeting – December 9 at the Bali Hai -- 7:30AM
- Peninsula Community Planning Bd – Third Thursday each month, 6:30PM at the PL Library
- Newsletter input to Kerri NLT December 11

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM. Please note that our next meeting will be 8AM, January 5, 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 4	Soto Street – (tool prep team/graffiti team)
December 5	Barnes Tennis Center Cleanup
December 11	Pork Chops & Nimitz Triangle
December 18	Dewey School
December 25	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>

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