

POINT LOMA ASSOCIATION - Beautification Committee Meeting
January 5, 2010

Members Present: Ron Brooks, Jodie Bruhn, Karen Davis, Cecilia Carrick, Dorothy Lord, Betty Allman, Bruce Cook, Marlene Herndon and Celeste Trepte.

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

Budget: **Jodie** reported that \$7,961.49 of our \$25,790 budget has been spent.

Discussion Topics:

1. Tree Trimming Schedule: Due to city budget constraints, having Point Loma street trees trimmed will be an expense born by the community. The PLA Budget Committee has requested that we submit a 3 year revolving tree trim schedule including a cost estimate by the end of this month. The first step will be to identify the trees that we wish to maintain and apply a projected trim cost to each tree based on size. **Karen, Ron** and **Cecilia** will meet 9AM January 7 to begin mapping out and cataloging our tree inventory.
2. Barnes Youth Tennis Center Community Work Day: The Barnes cleanup was a major success with a major amount of work done by ~50 volunteers and the Sunrise Landscape staff. The job is not yet complete. Piles of greenery still need to be shredded and mulch needs to be spread. An additional work day is scheduled for January 9 at 9AM. Volunteers from PLA, Barnes and the Rock Church are being encouraged to join the effort. Please contact **Karen** at 222-3055 if you have questions.
3. Beautification Awards Nomination Form: The newly designed form was distributed at the meeting. Any nominations are due NLT April 30.
4. Code Compliance Issues – Celeste:
 - Progress is being made by Mike Wisnieski, City Code Compliance, to remove illegal racks. Six Compass racks are gone, and work has begun to remove adult newspaper racks. Illegal racks should be out by the end of this week. Thank you Mike!! (Post meeting news from Celeste – 9 adult publication newsracks have now been removed).
 - The new drug store outlet, Pt. Loma Cabrillo Drug, at the Point Loma Market Place is now open. The signage is particularly attractive.
 - The Dolphin Hotel is looking shabby. An attempt is being made to contact the owner.
 - The Comfort Inn has a new wall surrounding the pool. It is hoped that improved landscaping will follow.
 - **Cecilia** reported that permission to paint a mural on their exterior wall has been received from the owners of Gus's building. Kerri De Rosier notified the art and history departments at PLHS that they may proceed to plan a design that would be submitted for approval.
5. Graffiti Update: **Cecilia** reported that there has been a rash of graffiti in many areas to include the old Von's, the library, Nimitz walls, and Voltaire buildings. An attempt is being made to contact Von's since it is now double fenced. The good news is that a source of cheap paint has been found.
6. Rock Church Invitation: The Rock Church has invited us to attend their "Do Something" celebration on January 23 to honor volunteers. The invitation will be forwarded to all Beautification Members. Please contact **Ron** if you plan to go so that the PLA group can plan to sit together. Also, please note that an RSVP to Susan

Kennedy is needed prior to Jan 23.

7. Grant Writing Project: Kerri De Rosier coordinated a meeting between OBCDC and PLA to discuss their previously approved plan to landscape the Nimitz (Ed's) Triangle. The OBCDC members are willing to step away from this project due to lack of funds. Their interest is now on other sites. They will offer advisory support. Kerri and Stan Nadel will work on a new plan to include obtaining grant money to fund this project.
8. PLA Benches/Trash Receptacles: **Bruce** reported that a Jacaranda came down in the most recent storm and bent one of the PLA benches. He will attempt to make repairs.
9. Hugh Story Memorial Rose Garden: Phase II of the NTC Park is now open to the public. The Hugh Story Memorial Rose Garden is all planted, but the memorial plaque, as with the sub memorial plaques, has not been installed. Efforts are underway to set a dedication ceremony date which is now projected for late March. Also, the roses are in need of their annual winter trim. **Karen** is working with Park and Rec to obtain permission so that the Mean Green Team can do the job.

Reminders:

- PLA Board meeting – January 13 at the Portuguese Hall (Bali Hai is closed for remodeling) -- 7:30AM
- Peninsula Community Planning Bd – Third Thursday each month, 6:30PM at the PL Library
- PLA Annual Dinner – May 27 at the Kona Kai

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM. Please note that our next meeting will be 8AM, February 2, 2010 at the San Diego Yacht Club Board Room. **Jodie** will sit in for **Ron** as chair, so to place items on the agenda, e-mail **Jodie** at jabruhn@cox.net.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Davis
Secretary

Mean Green Team Calendar

January 8	Pork Chops/Ed's Triangle (meet at Pork Chops)
January 9	Barnes Tennis Center Cleanup
January 15	To Be Announced (Rose Garden if permitted)
January 22	Village Tree Trim
January 29	Dewey
February 5	Dana School

Check weekly e-mail reminder sent every Wednesday or Thursday – There is a possibility