

POINT LOMA ASSOCIATION - Beautification Committee Meeting
February 2, 2010

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

Acting Chair **Jodie Bruhn** opened the meeting at 8:02 AM at the San Diego Yacht Club.

Budget: **Jodie** reported that \$10,099.22 of our \$25,790 budget has been spent.

Discussion Topics:

1. Tree Trimming Schedule: In order to determine a reasonable tree trim schedule, tree trim bids are needed. **Karen** has requested bids from 4 companies for trimming the 104 jacaranda and gold medallion trees in the Village. One bid has been received, and two more have been promised. Once three bids have been received, a schedule and recommendation will be submitted to the PLA Budget Committee. It is hoped that the Village trees can be trimmed this year.
2. Tree Trimming – Pork Chops: **Jodie** received a bid of \$380 from Total Green to thin out the Ficus trees at the Pork Chops. The group voted to accept the bid.
3. Portuguese Festa: **Debbie** reported that this year is the 100th anniversary of the local Festa. The planners of the Festa have invited local civic groups, including the PLA, to participate in the Festa parade. After discussing the invitation, all agreed that we would like to participate. Our uniform would include our Mean Green shirts and the green vests. It was also suggested that we carry shovels. **Debbie** will coordinate the effort. The Festa is on May 23.
4. Code Compliance Issues – Celeste:
 - The latest information from Mike Wisnieski, City Code Compliance, relative to illegal racks is that he will soon have a list of everyone who has paid to have their racks on the sidewalks. Those not paid can then be removed. It was suggested that Mike be considered for a Neighborhood Award at the PLA Dinner due to his strong code compliance support.
 - Another recommendation, this time for a signage award, would be Pt. Loma Cabrillo Drug for their very attractive sign at their new PL Marketplace site.
 - It was noted that the advertisement on the bus bench at the PL Marketplace has been removed. There is litter in the area, and this problem has been brought to the attention of the Marketplace manager.
 - Homes recommended for garden awards were at 621 San Elijo and a newly landscaped home on Albion.
5. Barnes Youth Tennis Center – Future Maintenance: All the clippings have been shredded, but more mulch piles need to be spread. The date for future mulch spread efforts has not yet been set, but will include volunteers from Barnes, the Rock Church and the PLA.
6. Beautification Awards Nomination Form: Anyone wishing to place a nomination for an award can find the form on the PLA web site (plaweb.org). Nominations are due NLT April 30.
7. Hugh Story Memorial Rose Garden: Dedication of the memorial is set for 10AM, March 19. Councilman Faulconer and County Supervisor Greg Cox, along with Mrs. Story, will speak at the memorial. **Karen** will contact Beautification members to assist in setting up chairs. **Bruce** offered his truck to help get the chairs to the event.
8. Graffiti Update: **Cecilia** reported little has changed and that there is still a lot of graffiti.

9. Ed's Triangle – Proposed Landscape Project: **Kerri De Rosier, Ron, Cecilia, Stan** and **Karen** have had meetings with members of the OB Community Council and the City Planning Dept. to determine if there are any plans by any other group to landscape this site. None were found. The proposed PLA long term plan is to plant the area with native plants. **Kerri** and **Stan** will pursue grants where appropriate, and **Karen** will pursue an updated landscape plan.
10. PLA Benches/Trash Receptacles: **Bruce** reported that he has straightened the Rosecrans bench which was damaged after the recent storm. He believes it is safe.
11. Point Loma Park/All Soul's Cleanup Plan: **Marlene** is coordinating an All Soul's Church plan to clean up Point Loma Park. Their effort is expected to start after Easter. PLA will provide them with tools and safety vests as needed.
12. Annual Dinner Centerpieces: **Ron** will again coordinate the Beautification Committee creation of 35-40 centerpieces for the PLA Annual Dinner. The plan is to use succulents, prepare them one Saturday at Soto Street, and then store them until the dinner. Depending on how they look, they may be sold at the dinner.
13. Tennyson Backflow Testing: **Patti** received a notice regarding required testing and has made the necessary contacts to get the testing done.
14. PLHS Environmental Club: Members of the PL High School Environmental Club contacted **Jodie** to find out if there were projects that their group could do. Of 4 suggestions that they might pursue, they selected tree planting on Shelter Island. Contact was made with the Port Authority arborist to see if this project is feasible.

Reminders:

- PLA Board meeting – Feb 10 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
- Dedication of Hugh Story Memorial Rose Garden – 10AM, March 19
- Portuguese Festa Parage – May 23
- PLA Annual Dinner – May 27 at the Kona Kai

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM. Please note that our next meeting will be 8AM, March 2, 2010 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 5	Nimitz West
February 12	Dana School
February 19	Pork Chops/Ed's Triangle (meet at Pork Chops)
February 26	Dewey/Rose Garden

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