

POINT LOMA ASSOCIATION - Beautification Committee Meeting
July 6, 2010

Members Present: Ron Brooks, Jodie Bruhn, Karen Davis, Klonie Kunzel, Bruce Cook, Betty Allman and Cecilia Carrick.

Chair **Ron Brooks** opened the meeting at 8:10 AM at the San Diego Yacht Club.

Budget: **Jodie** reported that \$15,082 of our \$25,790 budget has been spent. This report will close out the 2009-2011 fiscal year. The proposed Beautification Committee budget for 2010-2011 is \$27,500 and has been submitted to the PLA Treasurer for consideration. **Jodie** will contact the new PLA Treasurer, Mary Montanus, to facilitate communication between Beautification and the PLA Board on budget issues.

Discussion Topics:

1. Jacaranda Tree at Ned Chambers' Office: A new Jacaranda Tree, provided by SDG&E with the help of Drew Potoki, was obtained and planted on Rosecrans at Fenelon, in front of Ned Chambers' office. The planting crew included **Ron Brooks**, **Jess Walker**, **Dave Brown** and **Karen Davis**. **Ron** has been providing regular watering with the water coming from Hartley Insurance. **Klonie** will talk with Brian Hartley to see if he would be willing to water the tree once a week over the summer – until winter rain begins.
The bench adjacent to the tree is damaged and considered a hazard. **Bruce** will remove and store it at our Soto St. storage building.
2. Hugh Story Memorial Rose Garden: We now have two new volunteers who have generously offered their time to help maintain the rose garden – Darin Hayden and Marilee Bankert. Both enjoy the park and enjoy gardening. A basic training class was provided to instruct them on the proper way to dead head roses. They will focus on dead heading and weed removal, and Mean Green will continue to provide fertilization and oversight of the garden. Permission was received from the Park and Rec. maintenance staff to bag and leave clippings at the garden.
3. Ed's Triangle (Median 4) – Proposed Landscape Project: **Kerri De Rosier** presented the proposed new landscape project to the PLA Budget Committee. Major problems were identified during the course of the meeting. The \$15K in grant funding provided by County Supervisor Cox could not be used for this project because these funds had previously been committed for tree trimming purposes. Additionally, ongoing maintenance costs, estimated at \$5K annually, would be a significant impact to the organization. These concerns will make it hard for the Budget Committee to recommend the project to the PLA Board. Kerri will look for ways to scale down the plans and will continue efforts to obtain funding from Councilman Faulconer.
4. Gus's La Playa Trail Mural: **Cecilia Carrick** and **Kerri De Rosier** presented Sean Wells, PLHS art teacher, with a plaque as an expression of our appreciation for the wonderful work done by him and his students on the mural project. A stipend of \$200 has been approved and will be given to the art department to replace materials used on the project out of existing stock and not reimbursed. Installation of the six plaques will require additional planning. To protect them from being damaged, **Bruce** recommended that they be placed in wooden frames with a Plexiglas cover. **Bruce** will obtain a cost estimate for framing. It was additionally suggested that consideration be given to locating the murals at more than one site or even install them in such a way that they can be moved and utilized at different sites or for different events. **Cecilia** and **Bruce** will look at options.
5. Point Loma Park: We have been unable to establish a date to work in coordination with All Soul's Church to clean up the park. Instead, Mean Green will work there on July 16 and invite interested members of the church to join us.

6. Pork Chops: **Ron** has contacted the City about the presence of a homeless encampment in the middle of the East Pork Chop at the corner of Nimitz and West Point Loma. Removal of the encampment will be pursued. Additionally, cuttings from the Pride of Madeira plants were placed at the site awaiting removal. **Ron** will try to find out if there is a department in the City who would remove the greenery.
7. Graffiti: **Betty** reported graffiti adjacent to the Tennyson Triangle. She and her team will attack the problem.

Reminders:

- PLA Board mtg – July 14 at the Bali Hai -- 7:30AM
- Peninsula Community Planning Bd Mtg –Third Thursday of month, 6:30PM at the PL Library
- Point Loma Summer Concerts – 6-8PM at Point Loma Park
 - July 16 Atomic Groove
 - July 23 Help! The Beatles Tribute Band
 - July 30 Jumping Jack Flash
 - August 6 The Screamin' Primas
 - August 13 The Mighty Untouchables
- Friday Night Liberty – August 6 starting at 5PM. Go to www.ntcpromenade.org/what.php for details.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM. Please note that our next meeting will be 8AM, August 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

July	9	Rose Garden
July	16	Point Loma Park (Catalina &Verona)
July	23	Dewey
July	30	Nimitz West

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