



CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Mission Hills Neighborhood Council

Beautification & Cultural Affairs Committee

Topic: Xeriscape and Hardscape Devonshire St. for Pedestrians
LOCATION: Rancho Maclay Nursery 14280 Paxton (at Arleta Ave.)
DATE: Tuesday 21 July 2009
TIME: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Minutes

6:30 P.M. - Call to Order

Attendance: Margaret Oakley, Jim Kallas, Al Piantanida, Lamar Shelby, Ramiro Cisneros, Laura Cisneros, Nick Hulea, and Yolanda Anguiano

I. Welcome by Yolanda Anguiano, Committee Chair

What is the Devonshire St. Pedestrian path Beautification Project?

A motion passed in August 2007 to xeriscape the sidewalk path along Devonshire St between Arleta and Woodman Ave. which many people use to exercise. This project was to include all surrounding affected communities such as stakeholders from Arleta, Pacoima, Panorama City, and Granada Hills. This sidewalk lies in both CD6 and 7. As noted on their district map layout, their boundaries intersect in the middle of Devonshire St.

The project will bring in community support and enhance it as well. No other type of installments will be used such as benches will be added since the sidewalk should only be used for its purpose which is for pedestrians and cyclist usage only. Lastly we discussed installing lights to prevent plant robberies and to enhance safety. For the light fixtures to run on solar mobile transmission would be ideal. In kind donations will be sought out from various sources.

II. Introductions

The committee has gathered a sustainable landscape artist from Dinner Table Gardening (DTG), Nick Hulea 3d artist, Trejo landscape owner Ramiro Cisneros who has the new Maclay Rancho Nursery on Paxton and Arleta Ave, property owned by Mr. Hank and Arleta advocates from the Neighborhood Council and the Community Watchdogs led by Al Piantelida.

III. Presentations

Ramiro Cisneros for Tajo Landscape: Maclay Rancho Nursery

Margaret Oakley for Dinner Table Gardening (DTG)

Nick Hulea, Fine Arts BA

DTG explained the type of native plants that can be used such as buckwheat, manzanita, penstemon margarita, sage, plus others. The plants that will be required will have to be self sustainable after a year and assist our ecosystem by nourishing diminishing species of beneficial insects like butterflies. By displaying education information plaques beside each type of plant the sidewalk will be seen as an ecological restoration site. The drip irrigation system is

ideal for a project such as this. After one year only natural water from the season's rain be needed.

Trejo landscape will be donating their maintenance services and staff to install a low cost system.

Nick Hulea will make a short term and long term rendered sample to demonstrate to the application panel.

During the next committee meeting we will have a presentation on the needed equipment, labor, and vote on the plants that will be used for the project to commence formulating a budget.

IV. Community Beautification Grant

Al Piantanida as part of Arleta Watchdogs will be the head of the organization when requesting funding through the Beautification Community Grant.

Yolanda Anguiano will be the project manager on behalf of the BCA committee.

The application is due on October 20, 2009. We will be notified in mid January 2010 whether we will be beneficiaries of a up to \$10K matching grant.

Improvements must be finished within 9 months starting February 2010 and must be completed by November 2010.

This project plans to commence construction in September 2010, planting in October 2010, the grand opening should be scheduled before the end of the October.

VI. Next meeting: TBD

Public Comments: Comments on topics not on the agenda: All who attended commented on their excitement on working on this project because it will enhance the community and prove to be an example of reducing our carbon footprint.

Announcements Workshops on the grant will be taking place Yolanda is to attend the workshop at Studio City Library 12511 Moorpark St., Studio City 91604 on August 18th at 6pm till 7:30pm, info can be obtained by calling 213-978-0226 or www.cbgrant.org

Adjournment 7:34PM