

## SUMMARY OF MALVERN PLAZA COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016

Attending were: Richard Roati (Arroyo Chico), Vonnie Timm (Arroyo Chico), Jenniffer Funk-Weyant (Croyden), Margaret Johnson (Exeter), Rita Toland (Devon), Barbara O'Brien (Exeter), Suzie Husband (Malvern), Mike Weingarten (Arroyo Chico), and Joan Thomas (Arroyo Chico).

Though not able to attend but participating in spirit and offering their support and ideas via email were: Justine Hernandez (Stratford), Judd Ruggill (Stratford), Elizabeth Salper (Stratford), Linda Alley-Sarnack (Arroyo Chico), Damian Baca (Stratford), David Province (Tucson Blvd), Mary Wolfe (Exeter), Laura Conover (Devon), Heather Free (Exeter), Janice Welchert (Devon), and Terry Quinn (Devon).

Discussed were:

**Maintenance:** The plaza is looking good but the weeds and trees are really growing due to the rains. Also a tree fell in the Plaza recently due to the rain soaked ground. Richard reported that the Urban Forestry group will be meeting this Saturday and Sunday (8/12 & 8/13) from 8 - 11 am to trim things up in the plaza and along the Arroyo Chico and Treat walkways. A dumpster has been ordered.

**Infrastructure:** Everything looks good. Joan reported that one of the LFL doors had cracked recently but Ryan Brown repaired it and all is well now. We discussed Janice's idea of adding a "toy compartment" to the LFL structure (which Ryan has agreed to build). It will go directly under the book box and be used to house toys and games for use in the plaza. All were supportive of this plan. It was suggested that a note be attached to the box requesting that the toys and games be used in the plaza.

**Activities:** We noted that anyone is free to use the plaza for an activity that they organize on their own, without going through the Malvern Plaza committee. However, the list below reflects the activities that the group discussed and are neighborhood activities that probably should be tracked by the committee, if for no other reason than to prevent date conflicts. Also be aware that Joan and Mike maintain the neighborhood umbrella, and can lend a couple of their own for the tables, as needed. They are also willing to provide an electrical extension cord from their yard if power is needed for an activity. Just contact Joan and Mike in advance to arrange these.

Below are the activities discussed and their volunteer coordinators:

**Edible Plant Walk and Talk** - Suzie Husband (Suzie will talk with Justine to see if she will co-lead)

**Citrus Share** - Suzie Husband

**Plant Share** - Richard Roati and Suzie Husband (possible date 3/5/17)

**Tots in the Plaza** - Laura and Aubrey Conover (per text with Rita during the meeting!)

**Coffee and Conversation** - Mary Wolfe (?)

**Craft Fair** - Jenniffer Funk-Weyant cannot firmly commit at this time. A co-leader is a necessity (possible date 12/10)

**Holiday Decorations Swap/Share Meet** - Needs a coordinator; little pre-work needed for this aside from publicity.

**Group Bike Ride Downtown** - David Province

**Yoga in the Plaza** - Linda Alley-Sarnack

**Japanese Flower Arranging** - Terry Quinn (cannot commit now; considering Spring 2017)

**Movie in Malvern** - requested by the group...Judd Ruggill and Heather Free are considering...

**Pokemon Go Teen & Tween Gathering** - Elizabeth Salper (not yet firmed up)

**Musician Jam Session** - lots of interest; needs a coordinator to proceed

**Book Club** - needs a coordinator

We also discussed the idea of another Porchfest, not a Malvern Plaza committee event, but everyone loved it and would like to see it repeated. Justine and Heather's names came up as the makers and shakers of this event....Perhaps they can fill us in on any possible plans for another BBVN Porchfest?

We also discussed encouraging another Noche Dinner in Malvern. Again, an event that occurred outside of the committee, and received high marks from the folks who attended.