

## Summary of Malvern Plaza Committee Meeting

Sunday, August 6, 2017

Attending were: Norma Galindo (Croyden), Mary Wolfe (Exeter), Suzie Husband (Malvern), Rita Toland (Devon), 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 and conversations were Justine Hernandez (Stratford), Judd Ruggill (Stratford), Elizabeth Salper (Stratford), Linda Alley-Sarnack (Arroyo Chico), Kathryn Busby (Stratford), and Barbara O'Brien (Exeter).

Discussed were:

**Maintenance:** The plaza is quite green right now after the excellent monsoon rains but this has contributed to excess weeds and tree growth. It was recommended that we check with the Urban Forestry committee to see if they can organize a weeding and pruning time in the near future. Also, another tree fell in the Plaza, a Palo Verde along the curb near Mike and Joan's wall. Technically, this is their property and responsibility. Richard Roati, Suzie and Sean Husband, Mike and Joan worked to cut and remove the tree. Mike and Joan will replace it in the fall.

The Christmas lights in the trees left over from the Dinner Under the Stars event are starting to fall down and have required some effort to keep them in place. The lights are nice to have up for future events but there is a thought that they may need to come down in order for the trees to be pruned efficiently. Joan will speak with Ann Pattison to see if there is going to be another ice cream social this month. If not, probably the lights may come down for now.

### Infrastructure

Everything looks good. Rita recommended putting another polyurethane protective coating over the paint job of the Little Free Library. Joan will take care of this when it gets cooler.

We also discussed how to advertize our events and activities with flyers in the plaza for those neighbors who are not linked into Nextdoor or the listserv. Rita will look into small message boards that might work for our space.

### Activities

We discussed the fact that anyone is free to use the plaza for an activity, picnic, or even a personal party 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. Joan and Mike also maintain the neighborhood umbrella, and can lend additional umbrellas of their own for the tables, as needed. They are also willing to provide an electrical cord from their yard if power is needed for an activity. Just contact Joan and Mike to arrange these. Mikenjoan24@yahoo.com

Below are the activities discussed. Most have volunteer coordinators.

**Edible Plant Walk and Talk** (Justine Hernandez & Suzie Husband) Sun. 8/6/17; 7:30 - 9:30 am

**Yoga in the Park** (Linda Alley-Sarnack) Sat. 11/4; 9 - 10:30 am

**Bugs for Kids (& Adults)** (Kathryn Busby); TBA

**Coffee & Conversation** (Mary Wolfe & Joan Thomas)

**Group Bike Ride to the Downtown Art Murals** (Mike Weingarten) Date & Time TBA

**Halloween Eve Walk** (Joan Thomas) Mon 10/30/17

**Holiday Decorations Exchange** (Mary Wolfe & Barbara O'Brien) Sat 12/2/17; 1-3 pm

**Craft & Art Fair** (Norma Galindo) Sat 12/9/17

**Citrus Share;** Volunteer coordinator still needed; date & time to be announced

**Plant Share** (Suzie, Justine, Mary....Frank, Richard?) Sun 3/18/18?

**Edible Plants Part II** (Justine, & Suzie?) Date and time TBA

**Memorial Day Commemoration in the Plaza** (Janice Welchert) Mon 5/28/18

**Movie in Malvern** (Judd, & Heather ?) Date & Time TBA

**Physics & Math Bus** (Mike to contact Bruce) Date & Time TBA

**Dinner Under the Stars:** We assume that the past coordinators of this event (Oscar, Elizabeth, Carina, etc) will organize another dinner given its popularity. Date & Time TBA

\*\*\*\*\* For Dinner under the Stars, Mary suggested that the three tiled tables in the plaza be reservation for older neighbors who are unable to cart their heavy supplies to the plaza. Also, she volunteered to coordinate and help cook for a table of older neighbors who would be unable to do so themselves but would like to attend. Also talked about providing rides to neighbors. This feedback was passed along to Margaret Johnson at the 8/7 Board meeting who will share it with Oscar.

Other ideas: Volunteer Days; Field Trips, Family Potluck at Reid Park rented pavillion; Children's activities.

Submitted by Joan Thomas, Chair Malvern Plaza committee (8/9/17)