

Summary of Malvern Plaza Committee Meeting

Sunday, Aug 12, 2018

Attending were: Norma Galindo, Jane Cripps, Dale Sagona, Frank Sagona, Richard Roati, Cynthia Holmes, Suzie Husband, Bruce Bayly, Mike Weingarten, and Joan Thomas

Not able to attend, but offering their ideas and time via email and conversation were: Linda Alley-Sarnack, Mary Wolfe, and Heather Roberts.

Maintenance: The plaza is in basically good shape, with very few weeds due to limited rains this summer. Mike did some tree trimming a couple of months ago and they seem to be doing well. A volunteer Palo Verde is growing out of the roots left over from the tree that fell last summer. It's looking pretty good and should fill in the gap left by the fallen tree. We agreed that the fountain grass, an invasive species growing by the stop sign, needed to be pulled out by its roots. After the meeting, Richard, Suzie, Mike and Joan spent some time digging out this grass as well as some Bermuda grass and volunteer mesquite trees. They also attempted to string the lights higher in the trees.

Infrastructure

Joan and Suzie found graffiti on one of the table tiles recently but it came off pretty easily with a graffiti removal product.

The Little Free Library received another clear coat over its art work and lettering this past spring, as well as some new caulking to combat some slight warping/cracking noticed in one corner. Janice, our dedicated library steward, has had some difficulty keeping the library stocked over the past many months. Large quantities of books seemed to disappear overnight. We put a sign on the door, asking folks to take only 2-3 books per person, and Janice stopped adding books to the library. Since then, things seem to be better. Neighbors are contributing books quite willingly and there have been no more mass "takes". Many thanks go out to all who help keep this little library viable and healthy. Janice Welchert continues to be the LFL steward AND decorates the plaza, along with help from Frank Sagona. A big thanks to both of them was offered.

Although they haven't been used in awhile, the decision was made to keep the white stringed lights up in the trees with the expectation that they will be used this fall as decoration for evening events.

Activities/Events

Joan shared that we will continue to publicize Malvern Plaza events on Nextdoor, the BBVNA listserve, and the occasional newsletter. They can also be found on the Broadmoor-Broadway Village website under "calendar of events". Although not as reliable, sometimes we post flyers on the LFL door or in a folder located in the LFL. A discussion ensued over the idea of posting signs around the neighborhood similar to the ones put up to publicize our neighborhood meetings. Most people thought that this was a

good idea, however the time and energy needed to accomplish this task was daunting to many. A suggestion was made to let event organizers know of this idea and let them decide on an individual basis if they wanted to take on this task.

So far, we have the following events/activities scheduled;

- **Coffee & Conversation (3rd Thursday of every month)** hosted by Mary Wolfe and Joan Thomas, along with Suzie Husband. The time and location varies depending on the weather. Over the hot summer months, we have been meeting at Rincon Market at 9 am. There was some discussion about moving to Ombre Coffee, to support our neighborhood shop. Joan will stop by Ombre to see if we can reserve space in their small coffee area. If not, we will continue at Rincon during the hot months and at Malvern Plaza as it cools off.
- **Physics Bus Activities (9/23/18)** Organized by Bruce Bayly; the focus will be on elementary school aged children but all are invited to attend!
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- **Neighborhood Family Loop Walk (every Monday during the cooler months)** Organized by Heather Roberts; for Broadmoor families with young kiddos.
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- **Yoga in the Park (11/10/18)** Led by Linda Alley-Sarnack; a second session may be scheduled for the winter.
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- **Craft Fair (12/8/18)** Organized by Norma Galindo; Norma will need some help due to her injured foot. Volunteers and crafters are encouraged to contact Norma directly.
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- **Memorial Day ceremony (5/27/19)** Organized by Janice Welchert

Citrus Share (2/3/19 tentative date): Organized by Suzie Husband

Plant Share (3/10/19 tentative date): Organized by Frank Sagona, Richard Roati, Suzie Husband (and perhaps Justine Hernandez?) An invasive species "show and tell" may be included.

Other possible events/activities discussed that have not yet been firmed up (or need an organizer) include:

Japanese Flower Arranging; organized by Terry Quinn

Movie in Malvern; organized by Judd Ruggill & Heather Free (still looking for a movie projector screen to borrow)

Dinner Under the Stars; the suggestion was made to have a shared dessert table as a way of bringing folks from individual tables in contact with others at the end of the meal. The

dedicated organizers for this event in past years will be contacted to see if they are interested in doing it again this fall.

Ice Cream Social

Car Seat Safety Checks

Submitted by Joan Thomas; Malvern Plaza Committee Chair
