

Rancho Bernardo Community Council
MAD Minutes
September 13, 2006

Call to order: 7:02 pm. In attendance: Alethea Altenbern, Steve Ewart, Robin Kaufman, Myrna Reese, Frank Auwarter, David Blitzblau. Staff in attendance: Joe Henderson, Cory Peterson. Excused members: Diane Peters, Kim Johnson. Guests: six members from Bernardo Gardeners Club, Donna Hartings from RB News Journal.

Approval of Minutes: Alethea would like to add why guests were in attendance at August meeting. Motion made to approve minutes with adjustment: Robin/Steve. All approved.

Staff Report:

- Pomerado/Rios Rd Tree Project: staff is preparing to get everything ready for final approval for trees/shrubs and non-invasive vines up to fence. Vines have been approved by streets division as long as they are non-invasive. No permit will be needed for this project. Meter installation would take two to three weeks after permit for meter is obtained and fees are processed. Backflow and two valve drip systems would be installed by our contractors and trees/shrubs/vines installed by Urban Corp. Approximately \$30-35,000 all inclusive for the project, including \$166 for permit, approximately \$12,000 for meter, \$6-7,000 for sprinklers, backflow and plants, approximately \$15,000 for fencing. All money comes from the MAD's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds specifically designated for such projects.
- Olive Tree Trimming: trimming was accomplished with a few days of minor traffic inconvenience.
- Bernardo Center Dr. Light Damage: Sundown Lighting & Electrical Company repaired damage to two lights hit by a car crossing the median west of the freeway overpass. No bill has been received yet. Without knowing who did the damage, MAD will have to pay for the damage.

Agenda Items:

-Residents of Oaks North Area Wanting to Discuss the Pomerado Medians:
Actually, these are six members of the Bernardo Gardeners Club who wanted to know about the project as well as contribute to the rest of the median. Members of the committee and staff gave them an update on the medians and that it is a work in progress, with much research going on at the present time. It has been

identified as a project in the Community Plan and Grant Project division is aware of it and looking for possible grants.

-Frank volunteered to head the subcommittee for the project and will be in touch with staff and others.

-Bernardo Gardeners offered assistance wherever needed. They meet the Third Thursday of every month, 1:30 pm at the RB Library.

-Discussion and Suggestions Regarding Trees/Shrubs/Vines on Pomerado/Rios Rd.

-Please see staff report for information on costs, etc.

-after much discussion Robin made a motion, seconded by Frank, to plant true pink jasmine vine, Indian Hawthorne shrubs, hot pink crape myrtle trees and fence improvement. Unanimously passed. Item will be brought to full Community Council at the September 28 meeting for final approval.

-Native Plants Along Sound Wall in Westwood Area: much discussion on the conditions of the plants. Water trucks do water once a month. Project established with the conditions that MAD would only be responsible for watering/maintaining IF a meter was installed. Until then, it would be up to the Westwood Club and residents to keep plants growing. MAD would keep branches off of sidewalk and pull weeds.

A letter was sent in July to Westwood Club and the Councilmembers office reminding them of the above agreement. No response. Robin suggested Alethea follow up by contacting club and Courtney Smith to see what they plan on doing to keep plants going.

-Sample of Log for MAD by Steve Ewart: Steve presented a well thought out log, similar to the one the Joint Traffic and Transportation Committee keeps. This will help keep record of current issues and their status as well as any issues that have been closed.

-Other Items: Alethea reported on how she and her husband were able to arrange painting of a utility box off of Rancho Bernardo Road by the Campana Villas HOA that was in need of painting. Residents can contact the individual utility companies and they will supply the paint and brushes.

-Adjourned: Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by Robin Kaufman