

Ocean Avenue Association
Executive Director's Report
December 14, 2012-January 17, 2013

Ocean Avenue Streets Bond Allocation I have talked to the OWED staff and will meet with Mohammed Nuru this month to discuss the use of the allocated funds for Ocean Avenue. I am going to propose that OAA receive a small allocation to cover the tree planting project costs and for support to carry-out our 10-year Street Life planning project. Other resources can be dedicated to improving pedestrian conditions along Ocean between Phelan-Geneva and the new Tony Sacco Ocean Avenue entrance to the BART Station. OEWD staff has proposed a plan to fund the proposed Ingleside Library Park Garden.

Spring Spruce-Up The spring tree planting is set for Saturday, March 9. OAA and volunteers from the neighborhood, Friends of the Urban Forest, Lick-Wilmerding and possibly DPW will be planting 26 trees. The cost for the removal of 10 trees and the planting of 26 trees is about \$10,000. Maintenance staff from Clean Scapes will do the required weekly watering during the first two years; their labor costs are not in the budget since they will do this watering as part of their regular work schedule. We have applied to the San Francisco District Attorney for a grant of about \$3,500 and will be asking DPW to contribute the remaining funds.

Benches and Bike Racks Henry Kevane and I met with Andrew Robinson at Yerba Buena CBD and reviewed their bench and bike rack designs. We were very impressed with the designs and asked if OAA could order some of these benches and bike racks. He said he'd check but sees no reason why we could not.

Ocean Avenue Pedestrian Bridge Ingleside Police Station Captain Tim Falvey has asked DPW's Urban Forester, Carla Short, for some pruning of trees and hedges that block visual access of the bridge at both ends. This has not happened yet. Falvey also said he will increase patrols around the bridge now that the Spring semester has started. No word yet from Raymond Lui about the structural evaluation of the bridge.

2013 Arborist Now Tree Maintenance Proposal OAA's arborist proposes a basic maintenance budget that is the same as 2012, \$19,000. In addition the cost of pruning the palm trees will be \$3,400. They also highly recommend that pruning and chain and tackle work be done for the Ocean-Phelan Community Garden big eucalyptus at a cost of \$4,250. Both DPW and the Water Department have declined to pay for/do this work. I will be discussing the proposal with Arborist Now. They are also putting together a spreadsheet listing all of the trees that we are maintaining in our urban forest.

Ideas from the Street Life Committee At this month's committee meeting some interesting ideas were proposed for Ocean Avenue.