

## **OAA Interim Executive Director's Report October 19 to November 15, 2012**

**Ocean Avenue Pedestrian Bridge** Alex Mullaney and I met with Captain Tim Falvey of the Ingleside Police Station to discuss improvements to make the pedestrian bridge safer and more attractive. Ideas include: evaluate the structural soundness of the bridge, clean-up graffiti on the structure, trim the surrounding trees so that sight lines are maintained, install security cameras, repaint the structure/replace the vertical rails, light the bridge walkway and the stairs, animate the open space along Ocean Ave. where the bridge is located by creating a small park/dog park area. The open space area should also be well landscaped and properly lighted. The Prop B streets bond may be able to provide funding for improvements to the bridge.

**Aftermath of the Ocean Avenue August 8 Fire** Avalon Bay Communities has donated \$5,000 to the OAA to assist business owners who were seriously impacted by the August fire. This brings the total amount to be distributed by OAA to \$15,000. The Ingleside Community Center/Presbyterian Church, headed by Rev. Gordon, raised about \$6,100 in addition to support the small businesses impacted by the fire.

**Mural Project** The San Francisco Arts Commission mural at the fire site, Capitol and Ocean, is nearing completion. I am working with the Arts Commission and the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development to help organize a dedication event for the mural. LWSHS students will be able to volunteer

**Tree planting and sidewalk garden projects** are being advanced by the OAA Street Life Committee. The number of trees to be planted is now at 23. We'll be working with Friends of the Urban Forest. The committee members are also organizing to install a few benches along the corridor in this fiscal year. Crezia Tano of OEWD came to the committee meeting on Tuesday, November 13 to help us plan our various projects. The committee has decided to establish a regular meeting day of the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

**Sidewalk maintenance** I am working with CleanScapes, we are trying to deal with the side streets adjacent to Ocean where rubbish collects and often blows back to Ocean. Tree maintenance continues. Arborist Now continues to prune trees in the corridor each week. They did a great job with the pine tree at Jules and Ocean last week. I am working with them to determine how the OAA will deal with the urban forest when DPW stops maintaining in the new year.

**Holiday decorations** installation will be Saturday, December 1, at 10:00 a.m. Lick-Wilmerding students will be participating; other volunteers are needed as well. Meet at 10am, at 613 Faxon, a warehouse space soon to be the home of Champa Garden Restaurant. Have a good Thanksgiving holiday, Dan Weaver