

Ocean Avenue Association  
Executive Director's Report  
January 16, 2014 to February 20, 2014

**“The City of San Francisco in Coordination with the Ocean Avenue Association, invite you to two upcoming events for the Ocean Avenue Corridor Design Project”**

John Dennis, DPW project manager and Lily Langlois, Department of City Planning citywide projects planner, are organizing a walking tour and meeting. The walking tour will be on Saturday, March 8, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It will start at the Fog Lifter Cafe. The public workshop will be held as part of the Street Life Committee on Wednesday, March 12, 6:00 p.m. at Lick Wilmerding High School, 755 Ocean, Room C. OAA's 15 Year Plan, ideas for streetscape improvements for Ocean Avenue from Manor Drive to San Jose Avenue will be addressed.

**Arborist Now Tree Maintenance** OAA's tree maintenance program is moving ahead at a quick pace and should be completed by the end of June.

**Ocean-Phelan Garden Situation** I have received assurance that the garden and its irrigation system will be repaired or replaced when the bathroom building project is completed. It is now 2 months late.

**Balboa Park Station Area** Robert Muehlbauer, Balboa Park Station CAC chair and I met with DPW Director Mohammed Nuru to ask for help in maintaining the Balboa Park station area at a higher level. Some 12,000 BART and 22,000 Muni riders use the station area daily. It's the entrance to our neighborhood. For many years, the level of cleaning and maintaining the public right of way and the buildings and grounds has been substandard. The derelict condition of the station area reflects badly on the Ocean Avenue corridor. Mr. Nuru agreed to increase the level of cleaning DPW provides and to work with us to improve the area.

**Rite Aid Store Conditions** This 17,300 sq ft space has been empty since 2009 when the store closed and Walgreens took over the lease. That lease, at \$40,000 per month, will continue until 2019. Working with OEWD, I prepared a letter asking Walgreens regional managers to meet with me to see if it is possible for them to fix up the space with more windows and/or subdivide it so that smaller businesses could lease space. Residents and merchants have pointed out that with this space empty, the stores beyond it to the West have much less foot traffic and business. Others have complained that the property owner/leaseholder refuse to subdivide the space.

**SF Shines Ocean Avenue** Our first business facade improvement grantees, Ming Kee Restaurant and King's Cafe, will be getting awnings for their newly re-opened businesses in Ken Moresi's rebuild. A nice article about Ken's loyalty to his tenants after the fire is in the February *The Ingleside Light*.

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