

Notes on 10/2/12 Streetscape Meeting

Attendees:

Evan Meyer, David Zuckerman, Bob Taylor, Iris Waskow, Kathy Solomon, and Roger Swanson

Trees:

- Kathy Solomon contacted the Tree People, but their rep, Caryn Bosson, decided to not support our efforts.
- Palms have been discussed in the past (for placement in medians), but there are a few issues with them:
 - Calif. Coastal Commission prohibits certain varieties and west side of Lincoln requires their review
 - Palms along Wilshire are felt to be a safety hazard since it is difficult to distinguish a human silhouette from the palms, particularly at night.
- Research on Nancy Powers comments in “Envisioning Lincoln”; her recommendations:
 - Flowering trees
 - Palm trees
 - Wide medians with plants and trees
- Criteria for selecting Lincoln trees
 - Visually attractive
 - Fast growing/mature trees
 - Carbon sequestration
 - Noise attenuation
 - Not deciduous
- Urban Forest Task Force
 - Implementation Task Force held their inaugural meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 26
 - Grace Phillips was elected Chair and Linda Piera-Avila was elected Vice-Chair
 - Grace, Tom Cleys and Lucien Plauzoles will form their species selection committee
 - Lincoln trees will be on their next meeting agenda on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Main Library
 - David Zuckerman, recently appointed to the UFTF, attended the meeting
 - Santa Monica municipal forest health was given a B+ rating by the USDA Forest Service (and Irvine got an “F”)
- AQMD grant paid for the 1,000 trees planted in Santa Monica in the last year

Murals:

- Find sites and just do it!

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- Novel Café will be first of many; site selection underway, including Bill's Liquor
- Artists have been approached
- Concepts well thought out with three current themes: nature, geometry, and space; suggested additional themes include ocean and Ocean Park specific landmarks
- Will seek support from Utrecht's and other paint suppliers
- Will review any potential City roadblocks in Oct. 12 meeting
- Will seek grants from City and other groups that support art projects
- Kathy, whose husband is a muralist, will help to coordinate a mural "jury" committee to review artist concepts
- Exeter, CA¹ mural links
 - <http://exeterpd.com/default.asp?lnk=murals&src=vis>
 - http://www.exeterchamber.com/mural_tour.html

Bike Racks:

- Pictures of Long Beach's arts district were shared
- Pictures of David Byrne's bike racks in NYC were shared and considered to be "unacceptable" for Santa Monica

¹ Exeter is a farm community east of Visalia in the San Joaquin Valley near the Sierra foothills