**2018 Landscape Committee Report**

**Village Green Annual Meeting**

**February 3, 2018**

Good morning- I am Jeff Clark and I am the co-chair of the Landscape Committee.

The official role of the Landscape Committee is to advise and make recommendations to the Board concerning the preservation and maintenance of the common area grounds and to monitor the grounds-keeping activities of the landscape contractor.

This past year, the committee included as many as 12 volunteer members (please stand) who are dedicated to maintaining and improving our Urban Oasis in a way that is both environmentally and fiscally responsible while maintaining the historic integrity of the Village Green.

**The Landscape Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 in the Clubhouse. Our next meeting is February 12th. Mark your calendars.**

Some of the accomplishments this past year:

1. Assisted in reviewing and improving the VG Scope and Specifications for landscape maintenance that was instrumental in the selection process of a new landscape maintenance contract. Also visited properties maintained by companies bidding for the job and evaluated their work. Following the Board’s decision to select Greencrew, we welcomed the new company when they started in June.
2. Hosted two educational programs- *Bird Watch Walk* with LA Audubon Society and Tree Committee and *Native Plants for California Gardens* presented by VG horticulturist, Carol Bornstein.
3. Continued bi-annual walks with VG horticulturist Carol Bornstein (who consults on maintaining and restoring our landscape) that resulted in several proposals being passed by the Board to replant areas in need throughout the Green. More proposals for replanting other areas are on the way in 2018.
4. Worked collaboratively with the Tree Committee on approved projects and community events.
5. We are improving the system of communicating with the manager, horticulturist and landscape maintenance company to build an efficient and cooperative environment which ultimately benefits the look and health of the Village Green landscape.
6. We are developing and streamlining processes for identifying areas in need, writing proposals for the Board, and getting areas planted in a timely manner.

The Landscape Committee has many plans for 2018, including addressing irrigation needs, particularly for new plants and trees and to continue planting drought- tolerant CA natives where possible. If you are interested in the landscaping at Village Green and are creative with a positive, can-do attitude, please join us on the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Clubhouse.