

Monthly Newsletter – January 07  
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Notes from the Board

*Approved Board Meeting Minutes are posted on the board by the Clubhouse door.*

*Board Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse.*

Please don't forget to attend the annual meeting of the Village Green Owners Association which will be held on Saturday, February 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Baldwin Hills School, 5421 Rodeo Road. In order to allow the business meeting to begin on time, **check-in for the purpose of establishing quorum will begin at 8:00a.m.** You are encouraged to check-in and/or, drop off your proxy between 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. The meeting will begin once a quorum is established.

Notes from the Manager

As reported by Robert Bonfiglio, Property Manager – We are working with the Blaine Hardware Co. on manufacturing the window (casement) handles. This company has worked with other historic sites needing to replace exact hardware that is no longer made. Two hundred trees are to be trimmed in 2007 and either the arborist or TruGreen will prepare the list of trees to be removed. Paint removal from the maintenance yard should be completed by end of January. Went out for bids to clean all roofs (residential and garages). We want this work done before the rains come.

Platt Security Services Incident Reports

Reports included: On Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> a resident in Ct. 7 reported a woman screaming and cursing. Security checked the residence and no one was home. On Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. Security was checking the laundry room in Ct. 7 and saw water coming from the sewer pipe. Maintenance was notified. On Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> a resident in Ct. 9 reported a suspicious person in a Toyota Camry parked off property looking at VG property with binoculars. The subject was gone when Security arrived. On Jan. 7 a resident in Ct. 11 reported a kid's jumper set up. Security advised the resident that they needed management's permission to set up a jumper. On Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> a resident in Ct. 1 reported a theft from their garage. Security saw no signs of forced entry. A report was taken.

Committee News and Reports

**Court Council** (Chair: Kathryn Carr, 1st Wednesday 7:00 p.m.) – Guests attending the meeting gave special reports: Reba Glover explained the secret ballot procedure for the upcoming election. Residents do not have to wait until the Annual Meeting to turn in their ballots. Reps. were urged to vote so that a quorum can be reached. Robert Nicolais provided information about the Town Hall Meeting on the Mural Project to be held Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The project is on the Election ballot. Drew Furedi distributed a flyer describing the Rules and Responsibilities of a VG Neighborhood Watch (NW) Court Captain. Bd.Liaison Barbara Washington was absent and Nat Hutton presented the Liaison Report: Sixteen buildings were painted in 2006; a Parking Committee resolution concerning ticketing on Coliseum and Hauser was tabled; the Reserve Study has been completed He also encouraged Reps. to view the rose garden that was planted in Ct. 10. Chair.Kathryn Carr, paid tribute to Barbara Washington for the dedicated service she provided to Court Council as BOD Liaison. Barbara was thorough in all

explanations of controversies, followed through on all items raised, and brought back distinct explanations for all problems. Cultural Affairs Committee report: Black History program date has been changed from Feb. 4 to either Feb. 18 or 25, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Flyers will be distributed. Know Your Neighbor: Carolyn Middleton, Ct.15 is scheduling a second Know Your Neighbor with Ct. 16 for Jan. 14.

**Cultural Landscape Report Committee** (Co-Chairs: Ted Lumpkin, Sara Loe 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 7:00 p.m.) – Calif. Preservation Commission Foundation Conference will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> and will present a Mobile Workshop at VG. The need for a statement of philosophy of Landscape Maintenance based on National Park Service landscapes was discussed. Fred Wilson reported that garage Ct. 14 was still being inventoried. The Committee has an urgent need for a CAD input operator and Robert Nicolais will submit the name of an interested individual to the Chair.

**Grant Ad Hoc Committee** (Chair: Susan Edwards, every other Monday 8:30 p.m.) – Discussion on how to present the mural project at the Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Town Hall meeting. Robert Nicolais reported he has nothing further on the Mills Act. Cistern Project (Prop O), Susan Edwards is trying to get information and place it on the VG website. Committee will look at Susan Edwards' report on Cataloging and Archiving and will make additions. New Housing Paradigms, the Committee discussed how to get a complete evaluation of VG including. CCHE: Prop 40: \$122 million is available. Committee set up a working group for a project Grant for the Mural Room project.

**Landscape Committee** (Chair: Lorraine Secor, 2nd Monday 7:30 p.m.) – Bd. Liaison Cynthia Singleton reported on getting mulch into the Green because our mulch source cannot deliver at this time due to a broken machine. She also discussed the new election rules and their impact on the CC&R's. Committee ratified plan for Clubhouse patio plant renovation. On garage area plant damage, it was decided to wait until April for plant recovery to see how plants are performing. Committee members Laurie Liles, Jeffery Mintz, and Fred Wilson volunteered to prune the central rose garden. Questions/concerns from Landmark Committee: Habitat of birds at the Green and the proper time to prune trees so birds are not destroyed; description of VG as a wildlife habitat location.

**Safety Committee** (Chair: Drew Furedi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 6:30 p.m.) - Neighborhood Watch: Amy Noble and Denise Brady reviewed the NW packet and will seek approval so it can be distributed to Court Council. First NW get together for NW captains will be scheduled soon by Denise Brady. Amy and Denise will introduce NW at the Annual Meeting on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Progress on lighting survey update was discussed. Favorable comments on Platt Security have been overheard from VG residents. The visibility of the car with its lights is good.

**Tree Committee** (Chair: Gordon Brooks, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:30 p.m.) – Rodeo parkway and other perimeter trees: Letter was mailed to Paula Daniels at the City of Los Angeles Office of Public Works. Similar letters were mailed by chairs of the Landmark and Landscape Report committees making an appeal to the City to replace the parkway and perimeter Carobs with the same species because Carobs are part of VG historic landscape design. Dan Jensen was asked if a more disease resistant variety had been cultivated. There was none, to his knowledge. Courts 8/9 and 9/10 – mini CLR: Discussion on the original Barlow design for the landscape triangles these courts border and the changes in tree cover and landscaping made in these areas by Winan's a mini CLR is being created to generate data upon which decisions can be made to restore these areas which have been particularly effected by tree removals. Young tree protection: Committee unanimously approved a resolution requiring a plastic tree guard be placed around the base of all newly planted trees to protect them from damage by landscape maintenance activity.