

Monthly Newsletter – July 2006
Board of Directors - Manager - Committees
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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.

The summer months are proving to be a very busy period for the Association with major projects continuing on the Green. The Board recognizes that some of these projects may create a temporary disruption for homeowners. However, we ask for your patience through this process. The end result of these projects will only enhance the value of our property and improve the esthetic beauty of our Village Green community.

Notes from the Manager

As reported by Robert Bonfiglio, Property Manager - Bids were submitted to BOD for approval for tree pruning, dead tree removal and Ct. 5 sewer repair. Planting materials for new landscape on Rodeo Rd. side of the Clubhouse is being ordered. Also, a new motor for the HVAC for the office area will be installed 7/20 and the Gas Co. will inspect the unit on 7/21. Renovation work on Garage Cts. 2, 3, 15 will begin on 8/21. The re-piping project is scheduled to begin on 8/28 in Ct. 11 and Ct.13. General Pump has inspected the well pump and concluded that VG can purchase a new line pump or purchase a submersible pump. Painting project and landscaping/irrigation project are ongoing.

Allied-Barton Security Services Incident Reports

Reports included: On 6/23 Security called City Tow to remove a car parked in Ct. 13. This was done in accordance with VG parking rules. On 7/2 a resident requested assistance for a victim who had fallen on the floor. Security called LAFD. On 7/9 LAPD responded to call from Ct. 14 regarding suspicious activity. On 7/9 a resident in Ct. 4 reported her car and 2 other cars had been broken into. LAPD was called. On 7/9 a resident in Ct. 4 reported drug deals occurring on the perimeter of Ct. 4. Security made a report to LAPD. On 7/16 in Ct. 5 Security noticed graffiti writing on garage door, side of garage building and on the ground in front of a patio unit. Maintenance was called. On 7/16 Resident in Ct. 9 reported 2 African-American teenagers took a mountain bike from in front of her unit. On 7/16 a resident in Ct. 17 reported leaving her door open while washing clothes and her purse was missing from her unit. On 7/18 resident in Ct. 11 reported not being able to park in handicap space because another car was parked. Security determined that the other car also had a handicap sticker.

Committee News and Reports

Budget and Finance Committee (Chair: Alice Haggerty, 1st Thursday 6:30 p.m.) – The Committee discussed items from BOD meeting: costs for renovating landscape, earthquake insurance, use of overtime, possible costs for renovation of Clubhouse, interior plumbing project.

Court Council (Chair: Kathryn Carr, 1st Wednesday 7:00 p.m.) – Barbara Washington, Board Liaison reported Board approved adding another Security Officer to the 1st shift. Ct. Rep changes were announced – Ct. 2 Priscilla Browner, Alternate, Ct. 16 Carolyn Middleton, Representative, Edmarine Moore, Alternate. Committee Report Highlights: Marjorie Ellis reported that the Cultural Affairs Committee was not meeting in July and August. Nat Hutton reported that there was a large attendance at the June meeting of the Safety Committee due to recent burglaries. Committee is still reviewing the Emergency Preparedness Plan. Ct. Rep concerns: Marjorie Ellis reported a concern about trucks filled with trash parking in front of her unit. This is city property and parking is allowed for 72 hours. Muriel Dickerson said a broken window has been covered with cardboard for a long time. A Work Order for

repair should be submitted because window repairs are the responsibility of VG. Jim Walton said salt from an ice-cream freezer was dumped on a tree near Ct. 7 and other Reps reported similar incidents occurring after picnics on the Green. It was recommended that a reminder be placed in the Highlights, calling attention to how salt is a potential damage to trees. Jean Gaignard reported Security stopping children from skateboarding on VG property. VG rules regarding bicycling and skateboarding was reiterated. Comments were made regarding VG's position of being family friendly as opposed to being so liability conscious. Marjorie Ellis asked about the legality of large inflated bouncers on the Green for children's parties. It is the owner's responsibility to have a rider on their condo insurance prior to the event.

Cultural Landscape Report Committee (Co-Chair Ted Lumpkin, Sara Loe, 4th Monday 7:00 p.m.) – Committee is concerned that Manager's schedule for trimming and putting all shrubs into shape could seriously impact CLR's efforts to maintain VG's historic landscape. It was agreed that a group of CLR members would survey VG and select the most overgrown areas to survey for mini CLR in order to guide the work.

Grant Committee (Chair: Susan Edwards, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 8:00 p.m.) – Committee experimented with a virtual meeting taking place over several days with members logging in at the beginning. Robert Nicolais reported that the Landmark Committee will be requesting the BOD approve of taking a survey of owner support for the Mural Room Project. Committee discussed what background information and description of the project might be included in the survey. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Landscape Committee (Chair: Lorraine Secor, 2nd Monday 7:30 p.m.) – Cynthia Singleton, BOD Liaison reported that the CLR proposed plant plan was not approved by the Board because of the cost. An expanded committee plan for the replacement of plants in front of the Clubhouse needed to be submitted to BOD. She also reported that the well pump was not working and VG again is using expensive city water to irrigate. Committee continues to search for planters which will compliment those in the Clubhouse patio in order to complete the renovation. There are still concerns regarding the lack of watering in the common area beds by TruGreen. The central rose garden is in very poor condition.

National Historic Landmark (Chair: Robert Nicolais, 2nd Tuesday 7:30 p.m.) – The Clubhouse Project with recommendation of the CLR and Tree Committees was tabled by the BOD. The Board approved a separate Landscape Committee proposal. Committee continues to discuss how the Landmark Committee can work best without burdening members with extra meetings and how to work best with other committees. Carob trees and CEQA - It was reported that parts of the CA Environmental Quality Act that requires any governmental agency that takes an action on a historic/cultural site to consider the historic aspects of the site. CEQA may help VG get the City to re-plant Carob trees.

Parking Enforcement Committee (Pauline Carroll, Reba Glover, Christopher Harris) – The next PEC Hearing will be held on August 12th.

Tree Committee (Chair: Gordon Brooks, 3rd Monday 7:30 p.m.) – Deborah Harris, BOD Liaison said she has not be able to establish effective communication with the management office. She is interested in securing a copy of the tree contractors' contracts. Committee is seeking status reports on replanting of two Evergreen Pears and two outstanding memorial trees. Also, the Committee needs to know if and when dead trees will be removed so they can be properly documented beforehand.