

Monthly Newsletter – November 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 Board of Directors voted to adopt the Election Rules at the November meeting. On behalf of the Board, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Notes from the Manager

As reported by Robert Bonfiglio, Property Manager – Two additional dead trees and 2 hazardous trees to be removed before end of year. The next phase of tree pruning has begun. Construction work is complete on Garage Ct. Renovation in Cts 2, 3, 15. Painting of Bldg. 3 is complete and Bldg. 73 which is next is last for 2006. Removal of old paint stored in the Maintenance Yard will begin in early Dec. Landscape trimming continues. BOD has approved the Well preventative maintenance program recommended by General Pump Company. The submersible pump was installed several weeks ago. The temporary water service provided by DWP for the Well will be removed on 11/27. Re-Pipe Project in Cts 11 and 13 has been completed.

Platt Security Services Incident Reports

Reports included: On 11/17 a resident in Ct. 17 reported 4 or 5 young African American men hanging out and smoking marijuana near her residence. Security checked the area and found no sign of the men. On 11/20 a resident in Ct. 4 reported an older woman had fallen on her patio and had struck her head. Security responded and observed LAFD paramedics preparing to transport her to the hospital.

Committee News and Reports

Communications Committee (Chair: Susan Edwards, 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.)

VG Web Site – Now has a new Photo Gallery with contributions from several residents. Since June the site has been receiving about 500 visits per month. The top 3 most visited pages on the website include, “About the Village Green”, “News & Events”, and LA Community”. While more than 90% of visits to our site come from the U.S., in October, we had visits from users in Ghana, Taiwan, Japan, France and Russia.

Court Council (Chair: Kathryn Carr, 1st Wednesday 7:00 p.m.) – Bd. Liaison Barbara Washington reported that Platt Security will begin duty at VG on 11/13. Residents will be provided with contact information for Platt Security. The VG Emergency Plan will be presented to the BOD on 11/28. Safety issues raised included increased traffic in Ct. 16 area especially bicycles and go-carts and additional lighting in Ct 10. It was reported that there is a hole in the fence in Ct. 17 and people are walking through onto the Green. The holiday season is a good time for a “Know Your Neighbor” get together. Charlotte Asberry reported on a successful gathering in Ct. 9 including the attendance of Mrs. Chen who is 103 years old with her caretaker. Committee also discussed concerns expressed about the current pruning by TruGreen. Chair Kathryn Carr encouraged Reps. to visit new people in their Cts. and to share with them the CC Mission Statement and the Statement of Functions and Purpose of CC.

Cultural Affairs (Chair: Molly O’Brien, 1st Wednesday 5:30 p.m.) – Committee would like to thank the BOD for approving the Halloween Party hayride, manager Robert Bonfiglio for facilitating this event, and Harold (Count Dracula) Graves for safely escorting our guests. Over 40 children and almost as many adults attended. Our thanks also to Freddy Wilson, Sue Sullivan and Lucy Freed for their contributions.

Plans are underway for the second Motown Holiday Party with a D.J. on December 9th. As in the past we welcome all VG employees as well as residents who would like to attend.

Design Review (Co-Chairs Kathleen Louw, Francie Moore, 1st Monday 7:30 p.m.) – Committee unanimously elected Christian Daniels as DRC Chair. Based on resident feedback DRC is working on simplifying and refining the existing building paint color palette.

Grant Ad Hoc Committee (Chair: Susan Edwards, every other Monday 8:30 p.m.) – Committee discussed unfinished business: Mural Project Survey and how to present the project at a proposed Town Hall meeting. Also, discussed placing an article in the January Highlights. Mills Act – Robert Nicolais reported he has done nothing further on this matter. Cataloging and Archiving - Committee will look at Susan Edwards' report and make additions. CCHE Prop 40 – Susan Edwards had copies of the Planning and Project grant applications.

Landscape Committee (Chair: Lorraine Secor, 2nd Monday 7:30 p.m.) Clubhouse front plantings have been installed. Some expressed concern about the monotone color at present, but as soon as the heuchera becomes established, it will produce bright red color. It was agreed that the committee should develop an historic palette for plants from the 40's and 60's. Planters for the Clubhouse patio plant renovation have been found and will soon be installed. Discussion was held regarding Landscape Architect Tom Lockett's report that some of the pruning which took place was too harsh for the health of some plants and should be modified immediately. Blue fescue has been chosen as ground cover under the new flowering pear trees in front of Bldg. 68, Ct. 13.

National Historic Landmark (Chair: Robert Nicolais, 2nd Tuesday 7:30 p.m.) – Mills Act update will be put off for a while. Mural Room Project – Information fliers need to go out in early January and a Town Hall type meeting held later in January before the annual meeting. Carob Trees – It was reported that nothing more has been done but that this is still a live issue. Robert Nicolais expressed concern that Tom Lockett's report seemed to pay no attention to historic aspects and Secretary of the Interior's Standards and suggested meeting with Lockett to explain the Standards.

Tree Committee (Chair: Gordon Brooks, 3rd Monday 7:30 p.m.) – Bd. Liaison Deborah Harris described the final budget allocations involving trees. She reported that the BOD does not want to replace the dying and missing Carobs on the Rodeo parkway with Carobs and to find an acceptable substitute. Committee priorities for the next year were discussed and after proper research and generation of "mini" CLR's the replanting/rehabilitation of the triangles adjoining Cts. 8/9/10, the Sycamore alle and the Olive allee behind the Clubhouse were identified as worthy projects.