

# VILLAGE GREEN

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

## HIGHLIGHTS

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### NEWS FROM THE BOARD *Compiled by Patrick Comiskey*

Forty-two people attended the Board Meeting held March 26, 2024, including seven Directors, Management representatives, and invited guests. (Manager Sherri Giles and Director Claire Knowlton were absent.) The meeting was almost entirely devoted to infrastructure projects and their funding.

#### ELECTRICAL UPGRADE TRIAL, PHASE TWO

Facilities Manager Linda Pollari led with an overview of the electrical upgrade project and a proposal to continue the pilot program recently completed in Building 91.

The presentation included reports from electrical engineers Celestin and Jeanne Hariton of Hariton Engineering, electrical contractor Chris Chase of Triple C, and architects Kimbro Frutiger and Liz McClean from Architectural Resources Group, specialists in historic restoration. Tim Guest, who resides in Building 91, also gave an account of how the work affected daily life in the building.

The crew replaced and upgraded the interior wiring of the entire building, installing new electrical panels and a new multi-meter vault and conduit at the end of the building. It took six weeks to complete the work; each individual unit took about 1 week. The new system will accommodate the power upgrade the Green receives in the future, but for now is receiving power at the same level as every other building on the property.

The next phase is to conduct trials on other building types. The resolution before the Board was to expand the trial to Bldg. 1 (a type 1 building) and Bldg. 88 (a type 8 building) at a total cost not to exceed \$275,000. It was passed

unanimously. The Board also passed a resolution allowing management to hire a temporary project coordinator for these jobs.

#### COURT 8 WATER PIPE REPLACEMENT

The Board allocated funding to replace the Court's original supply line at a total cost of \$128,350.

#### MAINTENANCE FUNDING PASSED

The Board approved funding for the painting, insulation, and carpentry repair for buildings 10, 11, 26, 40, 56, 60, 75, 76, and 84, at a total cost of \$441,752. □

### CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE VILLAGE GREEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board needs one more Director to reach nine members.

- Do You Want to Make a Difference?
- Do You Want to Serve Your Community?
- Do You Have Valuable Skills You Can Contribute?

If so, Please Consider Throwing Your Hat in the Ring!

If you are interested in the role, please send a brief letter or email to [management@villagegreenla.net](mailto:management@villagegreenla.net) to declare your intentions, stating why you think you would be a good fit.

**Deadline for entry is Friday, April 12. Candidates will be reviewed and selected at the April 23rd Board Meeting.**



# MANAGEMENT REPORT *Compiled by Sherri Giles & Linda Pollari; edited by P.J.C.*

## **ELECTRICAL UPGRADE PROJECT:**

A resolution to continue with the electrical upgrade was approved earlier in the meeting.

## **BUILDING PAINTING & INSULATION:**

Funding resolutions for painting, carpentry and insulation were brought before the Board for approval for ten buildings (see Board Report). They were selected for, in order of priority, cracked stucco, peeling paint, discolored and faded paint, and damage to patio walls and gates. Work will begin mid-March.



## **GARAGE RESTORATION & PAINTING:**

Courts 3, 7, and 11 are slated for garage restoration. It was determined that the foundation of one garage building in Court 3 might merit repair and not replacement; a new proposal for this work was recently completed.

## **CHIMNEY & CUPOLA PROJECT:**

The designs approved at the last Board meeting have been installed on Building 60, 56, and 81.

## **SERPENTINE WALLS:**

Contractor Craig Troxler has contacted a structural engineer to create new plans for the walls' repair, as required by the LA Department of Building and Safety. The engineer's proposal is anticipated by the week of March 25th. An onsite meeting with Troxler, LAOHR architect Lambert Geissinger, and VG Management is being scheduled after Easter weekend to review past work on the walls. □

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Please join us for a deep dive into the history and legacy of Sugar Hill, an historic West Adams neighborhood that was a nucleus for African American culture in mid-century Los Angeles.**

This double header event will be of special interest to those who love history, architecture, urban planning or believe in community spirit.

June 15: Lecture & Discussion, VG Clubhouse, 10am - 12pm

June 29: Guided Walking Tour of Sugar Hill, 10am - 12pm

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## **GKS SECURITY REPORT: February 28 to March 20, 2024** *Edited by Patrick Comiskey*

### **NOISE DISTURBANCE, Court 2, February 28, 4:50pm.**

Multiple residents reported a dog barking throughout the day. Officer noted a dog through a downstairs window of a residence, but no one was home at the time.

### **VEHICLE BREAK-IN, Garage Ct 2, February 29, 1:50pm.**

A contractor reported that someone had broken into his Toyota truck and had stolen his phone.

### **ODOR OF MARIJUANA, Court 16, February 29, 8:21pm.**

A resident reported the odor of marijuana in her unit and suspected her upstairs neighbor. Officers could not detect the smell.

### **CLOTHES MISSING, LAUNDRY ROOM, Court 6, March 6, 7:00pm.**

A resident reported that her clothes had been taken from a washing machine in the Court 6 laundry room.

### **TRESPASSER, East Circle, March 7, 8:06am.**

An officer observed a person looking inside a Mercedes Benz parked on the property. When queried, the person ignored the officer. The person proceeded to Court 16 and was observed looking into an apartment window. When asked to leave, the person became verbally abusive before leaving the property.

### **INTRUDER, INDECENT EXPOSURE, Court 17, March 11, 9:15pm.**

A resident reported finding a young male in her bedroom who exposed himself. She called 911 and the intruder left. It's believed that the same person entered another resident's open garage while she was listening to a program in her car and attempted to open the car door. The resident was able to drive away; the intruder left the premises. LAPD were summoned to report the incident. According to reports, the intruder has a face tattoo of a marijuana leaf.

### **ATTEMPTED BURGLARY, Court 8, March 12, 10:30am.**

A tenant returning home found her gate and window open; bars on both windows and door prevented entry.

### **RESIDENT IN DISTRESS, Court 2, March 20, 1:30pm.**

Security received a call that a resident had fallen inside his unit. Both front door and patio gate were locked. Paramedics were summoned, hopped the patio fence, and delivered him to the ER. □

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