

Monthly Newsletter – May 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.

As we move forward into the 2nd half of 2006, the Board would like to spotlight some of the Association's mid-year accomplishments. The Board has approved the painting of 10 additional buildings in 2006. This will bring the total number of buildings painted in 2006 to 16. Additional, Cal-Coast Plumbing recently completed the re-pipe project in Ct 12, 9 & 3 and is scheduled to complete Ct. 11 & Ct.13. By the end of this year a total of 5 buildings will have been re-piped with copper piping. Ct.2, 3&15 garages have been termitted and are scheduled to be repaired and painted this year. Tru Green was selected as our new landscape vendor which is very timely, given the current state of our landscape. These are just some of the major projects the Board is committed to seeing move forward. While we realize that there is still plenty of work which remains to be done, we are pleased with what has been accomplished thus far. We would like to thank homeowners for your support and understanding and we continue our efforts to improve the quality of our Village Green community. We wish you a safe and peaceful summer.

Notes from the Manager

As reported by Robert Bonfiglio, Manager – The painting project continues and a schedule has been created to complete the units by 2009. Upon completion, the units of the Green can be put on a 7 year painting schedule. Garage courts/other buildings will be added to the plan in the future. Bids will be obtained to remove all dead/dying trees identified by Jan Scow, Western Arborist. Tru Green has completed its first month at VG. A meeting was held to discuss daily landscape maintenance issues as well as a strategy to correct numerous neglected landscape maintenance issues. Tru Green fixed two major leaks in the irrigation system and will submit a bid to repair at least 24 water valves and a large number of sprinkler heads that must be repaired before summer.

Allied-Barton Security Services Incident Reports

Reports included: On 4/29 a resident in Ct. 4 reported loud noise and littering during late hours. On 5/6 a resident in Ct. 7 reported bike was taken from garage that had briefly been left open. On 5/7 resident in Ct. 14 reported a burglar had entered through side window, ransacked the home and took items. Also on 5/7 a resident in Ct. 5 reported home broken into and items taken and Security called LAPD. On 5/10 a resident in Ct. 8 reported car broken into and items taken. On 5/11 in Ct. 11 a car was reported vandalized with a fire extinguisher. On 5/16 resident reported several items of clothing and bedding were taken from clothesline in Ct. 11. Resident said she will make a report to LAPD.

Committee News and Reports

Budget and Finance Committee (Chair: Alice Haggerty, 1st Thursday 6:30 p.m.) – The committee received copies of the “Income/Expense Statement”, “General Ledger”, and “Balance Sheet” for Dec. 2005 and Jan., Feb. Mar. of 2006 and is continuing to review VG financial activities.

Communications Committee (Chair: Susan Edwards, 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.) – On 5/12 the VG site was moved to Lunarpages.com. Plans are to have the CC&Rs, By-laws and Board Meeting Minutes posted on the website. The committee is currently exploring the possibility of giving residents the option of receiving the Highlights publication via email notification which could reduce current printing costs. The committee is also exploring having an online discussion board accessible only through a password.

Court Council (Chair: Kathryn Carr, 1st Wednesday 7:00 p.m.) – Guest Speaker Robert Nicolais spoke on the effect of colors used for painting of buildings on the historic status of VG. He said colors are not an historic defining feature, therefore they do no damage to the site. A new Ct. 10 Rep Linda Allen was introduced. She replaces Anne Eiseman. The Council's next Town Hall Meeting is set for June 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Clubhouse. May 18 deadline was the deadline for submitting questions for the Board to address at the Town Hall Meeting. An announcement was made about the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project community meeting May 4 and everyone was urged to attend because this project affects the ambiance of VG.

Cultural Affairs (Chair: Molly O'Brien, 1st Wednesday 5:30 p.m.) – The second annual VG Art Show was held on Sunday, May 21, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Plans for two summer jazz concerts are underway. The Billy Mitchell Band on Sunday, June 25, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the Labor Day concert on Monday, Sept. 4. All guests parking should be on streets outside of VG so not to inconvenience any residents not attending the concerts.

Cultural Landscape Report Committee (Chair: Ted Lumpkin, 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.) - Committee continues to make progress gathering inventory data on VG and is considering plans to show the progress of project in a display of maps and photos at the Cultural Affairs event on June 25.

Design Review (Co-Chairs Kathleen Louw, Francie Moore, 1st Monday 7:30 p.m.) – Committee continues to process Modification Requests from residents and votes on a recommendation. The current process involves providing the recommendations to the BOD liaison to present to the BOD for approval. Upon approval, a written response is sent to the resident. The Manager will follow up to be sure recommendations are followed. Draft of the revised Architectural Guidelines Handbook will be presented at the Committee's meeting on June 5.

Grant Ad Hoc Committee (Chair: Susan Edwards, every other Monday 8:30 p.m.) – Committee discussed ways to publicize the TCLF application article on VG which will appear in the June issue of *Garden Design*. Ideas included putting the article on the website, having an article in Highlights, bringing it to the Town Hall Meeting or putting a flier in Laundry Rooms. Also, the Committee wants to attract new members and is considering an informational table at the June 25th VG jazz concert.

National Historic Landmark (Chair: Robert Nicolais, 2nd Tuesday 7:30 p.m.) – BOD approved the appointment of Robert Nicolais as Chair of Committee. Committee is discussing how to operate the Landmark Committee to work best without burdening members with extra meetings and how to work best with committees. Landmark may best operate as a coordinator for issues that involve more than one committee.