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A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform the residents of the West Pasadena and San Rafael areas about issues of possible concern. It is the hope of W.P.R.A. to publish this newsletter four times a year. The editors wish to keep the newsletter informal and welcome any news articles, suggestions, comments, and help. Do call us.

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MESSAGE FROM WILLIAM J. BOGAARD,
MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CITY OF
PASADENA

City Board Acts to Protect "Old Pasadena"

By adopting an Urban Conservation Zone, the Pasadena Board of Directors has taken final action in establishing an historic district on West Colorado following a hearing on September 18. This represents the last major step in a planning process which has been underway for more than three years.

As a result, the old town area is expected to be maintained and improved over the years as an historic preservation area and as a revitalized commercial district. It is suggested that Old Pasadena will be a valuable compliment to the modern Plaza Pasadena, which is scheduled for completion in 1980.

The protections that have been established will

restrict demolition of existing buildings, impose design requirements for rehabilitation and new construction, provide parking through assessment districts, and phase-out signs which do not conform to the historical guidelines of Old Pasadena.

Creation of this district was initiated by property owners in the area and was supported by cooperation on the part of City Government.

Director Bill Bogaard has spoken to Judge Chambers regarding the traffic and parking problems that may result from the activation of the Vista Del Arroyo Hotel for the use as a U.S. Court of Appeals and Federal offices.

Remembering his commitment to W.P.R.A., Judge Chambers is strongly supporting efforts by the City to assure that tenants of the tower (main hotel) other than the Court do not create undue traffic or excessive parking requirements.

Important Meeting

Officials from the General Services Administration and the Department of the Interior will be meeting with W.P.R.A. neighbors at La Casita del Arroyo on October 12 to discuss the plans for the Vista del Arroyo Hotel complex. A meeting will be held from 1:30 - 3:30 in the afternoon and again in the evening from 6:00 - 9:00. Neighbors are encouraged to attend either one of the meetings and to express any concerns.

GSA officials have indicated a strong interest in working with the neighborhood on this project. La Casita del Arroyo is at 177 S. Arroyo Blvd., Pasadena.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

W.P.R.A. member Robert Hardie is in the process of collecting signatures on a petition to be sent to Caltrans requesting landscaping on Caltrans property at the end of residential streets between Del Mar and California. There is a continual weed problem on the residential streets to the west of the California Blvd. off-ramp of the Long Beach Freeway. Members are encouraged to sign the petition requesting immediate landscaping of the Caltrans property. Mr. Hardie can be reached at 793-5880. Petitions for signing are available at the San Rafael Library as well.

Problems with jet aircraft noise?

There is a 24 hour reporting telephone service at (213) 847-6420. This answering machine will record specific information about the noise problems of jet aircraft. Airport management investigates each report. If anyone needs to report aircraft noise, call the above number and indicate times of flights passing over your neighborhood and home.

HAVEN HOUSE

Telephone crisis counseling for battered women and children; temporary shelter for victims of spouse and child abuse; followup counseling and groups; referral. (24-hours) 681-2626.

PARENTAL STRESS LINE

(Pasadena Mental Health Center) - Trained counselors assist in family crises - 798-0907.

PASADENA YWCA RAPE HOTLINE

793-3385.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE TEAM (C.R.I.C.)

(The Psychological Center at Fuller) - Emergency services for senior citizen victims of crime in Pasadena - 795-5144.

NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

Did you know that Pasadena Heritage sponsored a Fund Raiser on Saturday evening, September 22, 1979, on the Colorado Street Bridge? Over 700 persons attended the gala affair, which included antique cars, two dance bands, champagne, and scrumptious desserts.

A request... from the neighbors of Congress Place who have been researching their street. Does anyone have information about Lucy Gilmore, an earlier settler from Massachusetts, James Cambell, an early prohibitionist, Dr. Stanley Black, a builder of Pasadena bungalows, Una Hopkins, Frances Grimwood, or Nettie Dewey? Please call either Annette Serrurier at 799-2556 or Claire Bogaard at 799-9819.

Have you noticed the restoration work on the homes on Del Mar Boulevard, immediately east of Orange Grove? West Pasadena Residents Association was one of the several community groups calling for the preservation of that single-family, residential street.

In recent years, some neighborhoods have continued to sponsor "Block Parties." Do you know that it is possible to get a permit from the city to close a residential street for a short time for such a celebration?

NOTES FROM THE W.P.R.A. OPEN BOARD MEETING

A W.P.R.A. Open Board Meeting was held at Mayfield Senior School on Wednesday, September 26. There were approximately 100 persons in attendance.

In accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 3 of the By-Laws of W.P.R.A., the process for nominating directors to be elected at the annual meeting in February 1980 has commenced. The By-Laws provide that:

"Directors shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee which shall be the President and four (4) other members of the Board whose terms of office do not terminate, which other members shall be chosen by the majority vote of the full Board of Directors and shall be removable at the will of the majority vote of the full Board."

At the meeting of the Board of Directors which was conducted on Wednesday, September 26, 1979, the Nominating Committee was selected and is composed of the following members of the Board.

Peter Brown Dolan, President	682-3285
Don Cobleigh	799-7949
George H. McQuilkin	799-7733
Claire Bogaard	799-9819
Anne Paul	792-0517

The By-Laws also provide that:

"Directors may also be nominated by written nomination filed with the President at least ten (10) days before the annual meeting and signed by at least ten (10) members. The Nominating Committee shall give particular attention to nomination of directors to give balanced representation to the various geographic sections of the area designated herein for Association membership."

The area designated for membership in the Association is from Colorado Boulevard south to the city line and from Fair Oaks Avenue west to the city line.

Members of the Association who are either interested in serving on the Board of Directors or who wish to propose nominees for the Board are requested to contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee.

George McQuilkin, Chairman of the Vista del Arroyo Committee, reported on the latest plans for the Vista del Arroyo site. The Vista Committee had met and drawn up possible guidelines for W.P.R.A. to use in evaluating plans for the Vista del Arroyo property. Following discussion, the "Guidelines" were modified and approved. For more information about the Guidelines, call George McQuilkin at 793-7733 or another member of the Vista Committee: Ann Paul, Becky Wheeler, Donna and Gerald Secundy, Claire Bogaard, William Powell, Ginnie Moore, Robert Takata, Kathryn Files.

NEWS OF THE ARROYO SECO

An Arroyo Seco Planning Study Committee has been named. This advisory committee will be studying the many issues involving the Arroyo Seco, including boundaries, land use activities, recreational uses, guidelines for public and private developments, maintenance of the Arroyo Seco. The Committee's recommendations will be sent to the Planning Commission and to the City Board of Directors. Meetings will be publicly noticed and the public is welcome. Members of the committee include: Becky Wheeler, George McQuilkin, Al Moses, Tim Matthews, Charles McCurdy, Graeme Henderson, and Idelle Miller.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Burglary continues to be of great concern to the residents of Pasadena. Both the Police Department and W.P.R.A. encourage each neighborhood block to contact Agent Curtis, who will help you formalize a program for each specific area. His telephone number is 577-4550.

Many individual streets and neighborhoods in West Pasadena have already set up Neighborhood Watch Programs. The Pasadena Police Department reminds us that Watch Programs are an important part of burglary prevention.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

Many thanks to the membership for its generous support of the Membership Drive. W.P.R.A. ranks have increased to approximately 850 members—an all-time high. Thank you all for your encouragement!

A NEW RESIDENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

Would you like to join West Pasadena Residents Association?

West Pasadena Residents Association
Post Office Box 2252
Pasadena, CA 91105

Family \$5

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