



The Mount Washington Association

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Heidelberg Park Preserved

Clare Marter Kenyon

Heidelberg Park is the 19-acre tract of black walnut forest and grassland just downhill from the corner of Moon and San Rafael. Since 1992, Mount Washington residents have been urging the Santa Monica Mountains

Conservancy to buy the Park to protect it from development. St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Church acquired the property in 1999, and finally on October 28 the Church and the Conservancy reached an agreement: the Conservancy will purchase Heidelberg Park, permanently preserving it.

For this wonderful news we have to thank a long list of elected officials and organizations who gave the project their unflagging support, including:

Assembly Member Jackie Goldberg
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Senator Richard Polanco
Assembly Speaker Emeritus Antonio Villaraigosa
Mount Washington Homeowners Alliance
Mount Washington Association
Mount Washington Elementary School
Mount Washington PTA
Audubon Society
Highland Park Heritage Trust
North East Trees

ASNC Has Been Certified

Pat Griffith

On October 2, with over 400 neighbors in attendance, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) voted 4 to 2 in favor of certifying the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC). The new neighborhood council includes all six of the communities who joined in the application: Cypress Park (allocated 4 seats on the ASNC's Board of Representatives), Mt. Washington (4 Board seats), Sycamore Grove (2 Board seats), Montecito Heights (2 Board seats), Monterey Hills (2 Board seats) and Hermon (2 Board seats). After hearing presentations from the steering committee of the ASNC, opposition presentations by the steering committee of the Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council applicants and by the Mt. Washington Neighborhood Council group, and testimony from many other community members, the Board determined that the ASNC application was solid and worthy.

The certification is contingent on insertion of some changes to the ASNC Bylaws. The required changes to the Bylaws are noted in the transcript of the hearing, which has been delivered to the steering committee.

Those changes will be incorporated over the next few weeks.

At a general ASNC stakeholder meeting held on Oct. 27, the stakeholders voted to establish a Transition Committee of all willing stakeholders. This Transition Committee's responsibility is to organize and administer the election of the ASNC's initial Board. Once the Board has taken office, the City will consider the new neighborhood council fully functional and eligible for funding. There is much to do between now and then, as the Transition committee must complete many tasks outlined by the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment. If

you'd like to help, please contact Interim Chair Jim Thompson, Jim.Thompson@wnsnews.com (323) 256-3625.

Meanwhile, in response to protests by the Greater Cypress Park group whose neighborhood council application has not yet been heard, BONC voted on October 22 to reconsider inclusion of Cypress Park in the ASNC. At the November 19 BONC hearing, Greater Cypress Park will formally present their application and BONC will hear testimony from all. BONC might rescind their decision to include Cypress Park and Elyria Canyon in the ASNC, and certify a separate neighborhood council for that area, or they might reaffirm their October 2 decision and leave the boundaries of the ASNC unchanged.

The total population of the six ASNC communities is about 37,000 residents, which is slightly smaller than the average neighborhood council in Los Angeles.



President's Message

Carol Jacques

We are truly fortunate to live in Mount Washington. Most inner city residents don't have as much green space and wildlife in their neighborhoods as we do. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's recent decision to purchase Heidelberg Park helps insure that this ambiance will be available not only to us but to future generations.

At our upcoming General Membership meeting the Association will be collecting cans of food and dry goods for those who are not so fortunate. Canned protein-rich foods, such as tuna, salmon, and chicken, are especially important because people living at or below poverty level have a higher incidence of diabetes and cannot afford to purchase protein. Dry goods such as beans and rice also help stretch limited food budgets. Your participation in this project will be greatly appreciated.

Since Thanksgiving is around the corner, I want to take this opportunity to thank the following MWA activists who

General Membership Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2002, 7:30 PM
Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center
511 W. Avenue 46
Election of Officers and
Sharing in the Holiday Season
Details on page 3.

have volunteered countless hours of their precious personal time:

- Larry Hoffman, Paul Ahrens, Pat Griffith, Susan Baldwin, and all of the dedicated, hard-working members of the Gold Line Committee. Thanks, also, to the law firm of White and Case who joined us in our successful appeal to the Public Utilities Commission.

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Land Use

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- Anna Carpenter, who has been instrumental in the organization and development of neighborhood councils in north-east Los Angeles for more than three years. She served as the chairperson of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council in its pre-certification days. I greatly admire Anna for her dedication to our community.
- Eliot Sekular, Kevin McMahon, Doug Carfrae, and the other activists from the Five Points Coalition. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council and Mount Washington.
- Ann Walnum, Scott Folsom, Florencia Teran, and Alejandra Gillette, who collected and refurbished 1,500 toys. Their generosity made Christmas 2001 a little brighter for some children.
- David Brunk, who spear-headed and participated in neighborhood clean-ups not only in Mount Washington but also in Cypress Park. The fence on Mount Washington Drive has been painted, thanks to David and his volunteers.
- Cheri Uno, for writing the grant resulting in funding of the Oneonta mural as well as for her tireless dedication to the formation of Neighborhood Watch programs.
- Ron Johnson, Ed Raspa, and Judy Call, who comprise the Finance Committee. I depend upon their financial experience and knowledge.
- Aurora Nordhausen, who single-handedly organized the Mt. Washington Notecard Project. The notecards have beautiful photographs of Mt. Washington gardens on the front. This project raised money for the MWA.
- Jerry Schneider and Lynette Kampe, whose enduring expertise helps keep our neighborhood green. Lynette's yearly native plant sale provides us with an education and is greatly appreciated.
- Liz Herron, whose information and research on land use issues is invaluable.
- Pat Sampson, who meticulously works to preserve our historic Mount Washington records.
- Rob Schraff, who always provides delicious refreshments and snacks.
- Maria Gray, Julie Nagesh, and Eleana Williams, whose wisdom I appreciate.
- Paul Girard, who handles our advertising and posters, is truly a valuable member of our team.
- Scott Burleigh, who is our newsletter editor and who never complains when I miss deadlines. Thanks too to all of the reporters who contribute to the newsletter.
- Natalie Seaman, who developed and presented great programs this year. I especially enjoyed the "Arts of the Arroyo" meeting.
- Phil Gillette, whose willingness to brave restaurant after restaurant is an inspiration to us all.

The above are but a few of the countless volunteers who contribute their personal time and resources to the Association. We are ever so grateful to all. The Association continues its tradition of extraordinary volunteerism resulting in community improvements, advocacy, and education.

Have a happy holiday season.

Membership Report

Aurora Nordhausen

It is time to renew memberships for 2003, so membership envelopes are enclosed in this newsletter. It would be appreciated if you would send in your membership renewal at your earliest convenience; dues are payable by January 1, 2003.

As of October 31, 2002, we had a total of 557 memberships; 407 of these memberships were paid through the end of 2002. New memberships for this year so far come to a total of 61. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join and strengthen our Association.

On November 1, 150 unpaid memberships were deleted from the membership database. However, these members are receiving this November issue as their last newsletter along with a membership renewal envelope. We urge anyone who has not paid membership dues for 2002 to do so immediately. We value your participation.

We want to especially thank all of those who have given extra financial support to the Mount Washington Association – 86 supporting memberships so far this year. Thank you!

Holiday Season Gifts: The Holidays are fast approaching and it is time to start thinking about gifts. We still have note cards of Mount Washington Views and Gardens available for purchase. You may wish to buy these cards as gifts for family and friends for this holiday season or for anytime. Your purchase of these cards provides much appreciated financial support to our association. For more information, please contact me at 323-221-1730 or by email at auroran1@earthlink.net.

November General Membership Meeting

Natalie Seaman

There is a lot to be thankful for in Mount Washington, as discussed in the President's message this month. In addition to the election of officers and directors for 2003, the meeting in November will provide an opportunity to share during the holiday season. We will have a speaker from the Northeast Mental Health Center who will give an overview of the needs of their clients. We have learned that the most pressing need is for canned protein items. Please bring a donation and learn more about what you can do at the meeting.

Draft Minutes of the September General Membership Meeting

Ed Raspa
Acting Secretary

The Mount Washington Association met on September 23, 2002 at the Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center located at 511 West Avenue 46 in Los Angeles, California.

Since nearly sixty members were present (thus meeting the quorum requirement), President Carol Jacques called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Ed Raspa would serve as Secretary in the absence of Secretary Ann Walnum.

President Jacques introduced the members of the proposed nominating committee (Ed Raspa, Natalie Seaman, Julie Nagesh, Eliot Sekular, and Peter Carpenter) and asked the membership to ratify the committee.

Motion (Gray): That the members approve the nominating committee proposed by the President.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Neighborhood Council chair Anna Carpenter offered a brief history of the Neighborhood Council movement in the Northeast and reported on the latest developments concerning certification of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC). President Jacques requested that general members attend the ASNC certification hearing on October 2nd. President Jacques also asked that supporters sign up to assist the ASNC Steering Committee in its hearing preparations.

Motion (Carpenter): That the Mount Washington Association re-affirms its support of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council. Motion carried by voice vote with five (5) abstentions.

President Jacques introduced 14th District Councilman Nick Pacheco as our new councilperson for most of Mount Washington. The councilman spoke briefly about his upbringing, education, and work experience prior to his election in 1999. He answered questions on a number of topics, including the Moon Canyon development, the Gold Line, and neighborhood councils.

President Jacques then introduced Mr. Carlos Herrera, co-chair of the Valley Independence Committee and Mr. Felipe Fuentes, deputy mayor for the San Fernando Valley. Mr. Herrera made a brief presentation in favor of secession while Mr. Fuentes argued against secession. Both then answered questions from the membership on a variety of topics connected to secession, including impacts on taxation, services, and economic disparities.

Gold Line Committee attorney Larry Hoffman reported that our request to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to reconsider their order eliminating the Mount Washington Quiet Zone might be taken up at the next PUC hearing.

Land Use chair Liz Herron provided details on the Moon Canyon development and the community meeting on the Mount Washington Elementary School multi-purpose building.

Public Safety chair David Brunk stated that LAPD had arrested the Northeast arsonist who allegedly set nearly fifty fires. He also spoke about the mayor's Code Watch program and asked for volunteers for the Marnion Way cleanup on October 26th.

Action Vice President Cheri Uno reminded the membership of the Northeast LAPD Open House on October 12th. She also announced that LAPD had a new non-emergency telephone number (877-ASK-LAPD) and that members should report graffiti on Gold Line right of way to the MTA/Gold Line Construction Authority.

Beautification chair Lynnette Kampe repeated the newsletter announcement of the native plant sale and Rainbow Canyon Planting party, both of which take place on November 16th.

President Jacques adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:15 PM.

Nominating Committee Report

Ed Raspa

The 2002 Nominating Committee recommends to the membership that the following members serve as officers and directors for the Mount Washington Association for the year 2003:

President – Carol Jacques
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Secretary – David Brunk
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Director – Susan Baldwin
Director – Ann Walnum
Director – Grayson Cook
Director – Nancy Lily

Officers' terms will expire in January 2004; listed directors' terms will expire in January 2006, except for Nancy Lily whose term will expire in January 2005. Directors Maria Gray, Scott Folsom, Jerry Schneider, Judy Call, and Paul Girard will continue to serve in their current positions.

Newcomers to the Board include Susan Baldwin, Grayson Cook, and Nancy Lily. Ms. Baldwin, who chairs the Board's Economic Development committee, has lived in Mount Washington for ten years and works in client development for White & Case (our pro bono Gold Line attorneys). Mr. Cook is a thirty year Mount Washington resident. Since retiring from the County Probation department, he now volunteers for literacy projects. Ms. Lily has recently retired from Art Center in Pasadena and has lived and gardened in Mount Washington for thirty-five years.

Land Use Report: New Development

Elizabeth A. Herron

A development of seven houses has been proposed between Cynthia and San Andreas. The proposed development will include an extension of Cynthia with hammer head turn around to access five houses. The other two houses proposed will be accessed off San Andreas.

This is a proposed tract map dividing one lot into seven lots, requiring city approval and extensive road and storm drain improvements, so community input will be considered in approving this proposed plan. The developer is receptive to some community input and has already met with a few stakeholders. There will be at least two more meetings with the developer, one of them at the Cynthia side of the proposed development site on Saturday, November 9th at 3:30 PM. There will also be a community meeting at Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center on Monday the 25th of November at 7:30 PM. Please come and make your voice heard.

Linkages Workshop

Ann Walnum

On October 26 a lively community planning workshop took place at the neighborhood center of the Gold Line construction authority at Pasadena Avenue and French Avenue. Participants crowded around detailed maps on six tables and offered suggestions to facilitators supervised by Sharon Lowe, Deputy for City Councilman Ed Reyes. Safety, landscaping, security, parking, and small hill-top buses were among the topics. Sharon promises that copies of the report on the workshop will be made available at Mount Washington School, the Southwest Museum, Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center, Ramona Hall, Cypress Park Community Center, the River Center, and the Lincoln Heights office of Council District 1.

Gold Line Report: PUC Defers No-Horn Zone Until More Evidence Presented

Larry Hoffman

Attorney for the MWA

Achieving safe and quiet Gold Line crossings at Avenues 45 and 50 is going to be a long process. However, while the PUC in their October 3 reconsideration did not reinstate a no-horn zone for these crossings, they did reconsider their May 16 decision to a certain extent.

The original PUC decision slowed the train to 20 mph and installed several other safety precautions, but did not create the no-horn zone we requested. On June 19 the Association's attorneys Larry Hoffman and White & Case filed an application for rehearing, requesting the Commission to reconsider the portion of the decision which eliminated the no-horn zone. On October 3 the Commission reconsidered its decision and made substantial and significant modifications. In that sense, the application was successful.

Those changes do not alter the immediate result; as the matter now stands, when the trains commence operations they will be subject to the Commission's regulation requiring light rail vehicles to sound their horns routinely at all grade crossings. However, the modified decision clarifies the Commission's reason for denying the no-horn zone, and that clarification is encouraging.

The Commission did not decide that it has no authority to establish a no-horn zone. Instead, the Commission ruled that the law requiring the horns to sound routinely at grade crossings is the Commission's own regulation, and that the regulation explicitly authorizes the Commission to grant exemptions. Nor was the basis for the decision a finding that the horns will not create a serious noise disturbance or that the crossings are too unsafe to dispense with horn-blowing as a safety feature; rather, the Commission said there was not sufficient evidence presented upon which to make those determinations.

Most importantly, the Commission states that its denial of a no-horn zone was without prejudice to its renewal.

To emphasize this point, the Commission added the following language to its decision:

"Any interested party, including the Association, MWHA, or MTA, may file an application for an exemption from the audible warning requirements of [the Commission's rule requiring horn-blowing], or for a pilot program under [a statute directing the Commission to experiment with alternatives to horn-blowing, including no-horn zones, to mitigate the noise impacts of trains]."

The ruling modifying the decision and denying the rehearing application is available online at:

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/FINAL_DECISION/19779.htm

Carlin G. Smith News

Ann Walnum

Winter Camp for children aged 5 to 12 will begin on December 23, continuing to January 6. The camp will be open weekdays from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center, 511 West Avenue 46; extended hours are available. For information and fees, please call Director Lola Moquin, 323-225-4960.

Saving All-Star Lanes

As you may know, the proposal to demolish historic All Star Lanes in Eagle Rock – the last remaining bowling alley in Northeast Los Angeles – and construct a three-story Extra Space Storage facility in its place has been defeated. But the property remains at risk, because the owner of the business says it loses money just by being open; as things stand, he believes he will have to sell it sooner or later.

The long-term preservation of this local landmark depends on finding either a sympathetic buyer or else some way that it can continue as a going concern. Any ideas?

One proposal has been to simply organize bowling leagues: Joe L. Sandoval has estimated that just three active leagues of about 200 members each might be enough to keep All Star Lanes in business. If you have other suggestions, contact Manuel Montano at (323) 255-8676 or by email at Montanoman@aol.com.

Dolls and Teddy Bears

Ann Walnum

For the third year, Mount Washington is soliciting new or used toys in good condition to assist the toy drive of our Congressman Xavier Becerra. In the past the toys have been distributed locally and in Lincoln Heights, Echo Park, and Pico-Union, and also by social service agencies in the poverty neighborhoods of downtown. This year we're adding distribution to the Good Shepherd Center and to the children of clients of the Northeast Mental Health Clinic.

Last year Mount Washington School and its PTA joined us. We were astounded at the outpouring of generosity,

the children willing to relinquish favorites. For this year we have enlisted youth and adult volunteers to wash, comb, fluff-dry – whatever it takes to “freshen up” the donations. Please call (323) 222-8327 for pickup. A donations box will also be placed at Mount Washington School.

Lost Cat

Missing: tan Siamese cat, 1 year old, lost on October 1 near 360 Mt. Washington Drive. She has light brown markings with reddish eyes. **Reward!** Call Dan or Peri at (323) 227-1048. If she has found a home with you and you would like to keep her, please call me just to let me know she's alive and well.

Then and Now

Pat Samson

Continuing our review of local history, here is a look back at the late 1980s.

Primary issues of concern included property values, building and remodeling problems, zoning, fire hazards, and crime prevention.

A panel of local real estate experts discussed property values, development trends, improvement possibilities, and gentrification at the January 1985 MWA meeting.

Consistency between the issuance of building permits and the provisions of the General Community Plan was the topic of the March meeting. The May program centered on problems and solutions of building and remodeling Mount Washington homes.

The George B. Parks & Association development concept for Elyria Canyon was presented to MWA on November 18, 1985. The proposed “Sycamore Glen” project called for 80 to 100 detached family unit condos in the 35-acre area. [After years of resolute opposition by the community, the land was purchased by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and dedicated as a park on Sunday, May 22, 1994.]

In early 1986, residents rallied to save Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center from possible closure by the city. The center is situated on four lots (an area 150 feet wide and 1,300 feet long) donated in May 1929 by real estate developer Carlin G. Smith. The center was closed for three years in the early 1970s before community efforts persuaded the city to reopen it.

The battered guard rail on a curve in the 4300 block of San Rafael Avenue was restored in February 1986. It seems this problem is ongoing.

Residents became concerned in late 1986 about the possibility of property at the corner of Glenalbyn and Avenue 42 being developed as 60 condominiums over a parking structure.

On April 1, 1987, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved a slope density ordinance restricting construction in hillside and canyon areas. The ordinance protects what remains of these areas' natural contours from wholesale residential development.

Danny Angel Vega, an escaped convict once described by authorities as a “risk to the world,” was shot to death on April 14, 1987, by Los Angeles police officers who found him hiding under a house in the 3400 block of Glenalbyn Drive.

Mayor Tom Bradley answered questions at a MWA forum held at Southwest Museum in May 1987.

Work continued in 1987 on the development of an expanded neighborhood specific plan for development in Mount Washington and portions of Glassell Park.

The first of two Animated Film Festivals, featuring old classics like Mr. Magoo and Gerald McBoing Boing as well as newer releases, was held on July 20, 1987. MWA member Evert Brown was an Emmy winner in animation for “Cathy.”

In August 1987, movers were paid \$40,000 to haul a 5,200 square foot Elyria Canyon house, built in 1908, about one hundred yards up the hill to a nearby site on Roseview Avenue. The house had been deeded to Connie Redifer by D-D Development Company, who were proposing a housing development in the canyon.

Southwest Museum Director Patrick Houlihan resigned his post in November 1987 after six years at the institution. His resignation was apparently in protest over discussions to merge the museum with the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. “Save our Southwest Museum” (S.O.S.) was formed to help keep the museum at its historical site.

The Verdugo Valley Gastronome

Phil Gillette

Our community has a growing Salvadoran population, and with a growing population come restaurants that reflect the culture of that population. We survived decades of Cantonese food, brought by the 19th century Chinese immigrants from Canton, believing it was the only food that China had – only to discover the richness and variety of Chinese cuisine as the door opened to Chinese immigration in the past few decades.

El Salvador’s comfort food is the *pupusa*. Unlike Mexican food, which is spicy, this dish is notable for its lack of spice. The *pupusa revuelta* is a cornmeal patty

stuffed with beans, cheese, pork, or a combination of these. A mandatory accompaniment to the pupusa is *curtido*, a mixture of pickled cabbage, carrots, and onion not unlike kim chee.

Three small Salvadoran restaurants have opened in the last decade in Highland Park: Las Cazuelas, Divino Salvador, and El Buen Gusto. Each serves Mexican (and some American) food as well as Salvadoran.

Restaurant El Buen Gusto, located on Figueroa just north of Avenue 43, is one-third of a chain. It served five types of pupusas at unbeatable prices: \$1.40 each. Two pupusas with a drink are a meal. Try the *pupusa de queso con loroco* (with cheese and a vegetable native to Central America) and a *pupusa de chicharron*, filled with ground pork. El Buen Gusto has nine tables, accepts credit cards, and is open daily 9 AM to 9 PM. Its menu includes such Salvadoran specialties as *carne guisada*, *salpicon con arroz negrito*, *empanadas*, and *platanos fritos*. These go good with a Tropi Champan, a tasty non-alcoholic soft drink similar to Martinelli’s apple or the Mexican Cidral Mundet.

The Divino Salvador moved recently from the corner of Figueroa and Avenue 50, where the corner mini-mall was removed to make way for a McDonald’s; it is now in the space previously occupied by Camilo’s on York. Divino Salvador serves the same variety of dishes as El Buen Gusto, with pupusas priced from \$1.60-\$1.90. One savory plate is the chicken soup, with a tasty broth and large pieces of chicken. They serve three Salvadoran beers – Supremo, Pilsener, and Regia – and they have 60-oz. pitchers. The room is small but not intimate, with four tables and three booths, little atmosphere, dirty floors, loud music, and lots of people. Cash only.

Las Cazuelas, at 5707 N. Figueroa, is much larger than it appears from the street. They have the same number of pupusas but service has historically been slow.

Fan mail: Billie Hull Bailey wrote to chastise me about La Abeja being dark and dingy. A breakfast or lunch date would be fun, she writes. She recommends the *huevos rancheros* and *chiles rellenos*, “among the best in L.A.”

If you have recommendations, please let me know at pdsg1@aol.com.

Coming up...

- Nov. 16 *Planting* at Rainbow Canyon Park.
- Nov. 23 *Bus tour of murals* from 9 AM to 3 PM. Contact Grayson Cook at (323) 227-8899.
- Nov. 23-24 *Oaxacan folk art*, rugs, wood-carving demonstration at Southwest Museum. All day.
- Nov. 24 10th annual Arroyo Arts Collective *Discovery Tour*. Visit studios of Arroyo Seco painters, print-makers, sculptors, photographers, potters. Begins at Lummis Home, 200 E. Avenue 43. 10 AM to 4 PM.
- Nov. 25 *Community meeting* with Cynthia – San Andreas developer at Carlin G. Smith. 7:30 PM.
- Dec. 7-8 *Holiday Sale* at Southwest Museum, featuring framed sepia-toned Edward Curtis photos. All day.
- Dec. 8 *Holiday party* at Southwest Museum. Piñata, refreshments, docent tours, free admission. 1 PM.
- Dec. 14 *Las Posadas* at Southwest Museum’s Casa de Adobe, across from Ramona Hall. Traditional music, procession with candles, piñata, holiday refreshments. 5 PM.
- Dec. 14 Uptown Gay and Lesbian Alliance *Christmas Mixer*, open to all community residents. Call (323) 258-8842 for directions. 7-11 PM.