

...LAS PALMAS UPDATE...

The voice of the people was heard. On Aug. 30, the City Council voted (8-4 margin) to DENY THE DRIVEWAY ONTO LAS PALMAS from that monstrosity. Accordingly the Council directed the Board of Public Works to rescind the driveway permit.

The Board of Public Works voted 4-1 to comply (Comm. Hall voted with the developers). A letter from senior engineer King was drafted; the boys from Encino have 3 weeks to restore the curb & remove the driveway.

Peggy Stevenson drafted a resolution to remove PEDESTRIAN ACCESS from Las Palmas; she introduced it TUE. SEPT. 27 - it passed City Council by UNANIMOUS VOTE. The resolution directs the City Attorney and the Dept. of Bldg. & Safety to draft an ordinance removing pedestrian access to the apartments from Las Palmas.

We're almost home, folks. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to a lot of brave people, who, in the face of a bureaucratic avalanche insisted on doing the right thing. Maureen Kindel, Louis Moret, Joy Picus, Howard Finn, Zev Yaroslavsky, John Ferraro, Gilbert Lindsay, Marvin Braude, Joan Milke Flores and most of all Peggy Stevenson - who backed us 200%. Without Peggy's support for a departmental solution, we'd be embroiled in a long, expensive lawsuit vs. the City & the Developers - and that would be as much fun as taking Godzilla to the County Fair.

RICK GATES

JEANNE MANFRED

This summer the Board of Directors of the Whitley Heights Civic Association will lose one of its most effective board members - but for such a great reason - to travel Europe and live in Southern Italy. Jeanne Manfred is one who always comes up with answers, smoothed rough spots and finds the way to get things done. A politician in all aspects of her busy career.

A thumb-nail sketch for those who don't know her. A true Hollywood girl; she went to Selma School, LeConte Jr. High, Hollywood High and then UCLA. She had friends who lived on the Hill and visited here often, moving to Milner Drive in 1952, then to Fairfield for 2 years and to her present home on Grace Ave. in 1961. Jeanne married "Charlie" in 1958, who is with the California Health and Safety Appeals Board. She has two boys, Mark, married to Nydia, who have two sons Fernando and Danny and "expecting"; and Matthew, married to Helen. Four years ago when her father died, her mother Pat Ruyle came to make her home with them. We all know her contributions on the hill! Jeanne is part Osage and Cherokee to account for some of her good looks and making her a true American.

She was appointed a City Commissioner by Mayor Tom Bradley; served as president of the Board of A.F.L. Union and on Community of Labor Federation Board. She also taught in the

Head Start project in East Los Angeles for 7 years. She has been Administrative Assistant to former Assemblyman and now State Senator, Herschel Rosenthal for 9 years with offices in Sacramento and Los Angeles. She is a member of the Velada Business & Professional Women's Club and is a political consultant in her "free time".

And in August, with Charlie, Pat and their dog Bear, off they go in her Fiat, visiting en route to Montreal where they will all board a Polish ship, landing in the Netherlands and by devious ways arrive in Sorrento in Southern Italy to make their home-base and continue their travels. We will all miss her but wish her all the best and hopefully have a Board meeting in Italy when they get settled!

MILLIE LORD

UPDATE

Rotterdam, Holland 18 Sept. 83

Dear Mary,

During a horrendous storm at sea, mom was thrown to the floor of her cabin and landed up in a hospital in Rotterdam with a broken hip. She's up and walking already with the help of crutches & physical therapy. Meanwhile after 8 days in Holland, Charles, Bear & I made a dash for Rome through Germany & Switzerland. While Charles took our possessions to Sorrento I flew back to Amsterdam, a train to Rotterdam. Tuesday mom & I take a car to Amsterdam airport & fly back to Rome where Charles will meet us to drive to Sorrento. I'll write soon about the next chapter in our life and times abroad. Much love, Jeanne

JEANNE MANFRED

IN REMEMBRANCE

John Coe - a 25 year resident of Emmet Terrace passed away Sunday 31 July. He leaves his wife Helen, two sons, John Jr. and James and a daughter, Janine.

25 years ago John & Helen immigrated from Saigon. While waiting for a home to be built in France, they were on a world tour. They visited Calif., then Hollywood. When they saw the home at 6611 Emmet, they fell in love with it - bought it immediately - cancelled their tour & house in France and have been here ever since. Youngest son, James was born here on the hill. They loved the place and took such interest in everything concerning Whitley Heights.

Because of his illness they were forced to sell the home as he could no longer manage the steps - both inside and out. They were and still are wonderful neighbors and friends.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BRIAN MOORE

Let's talk about the Las Palmas affair. As most of you know, the City Council voted on Aug. 30th by a vote of 8-4 to revoke the driveway permit at 2039 N. Las Palmas. They instructed the Board of Public Works and the City Engineer to revoke the permit and the Board of Public Works complied on Sept. 1st. In the last week of Sept., Councilwoman Stevenson introduced a motion in City Council to deny the development any lobby or pedestrian access to N. Las Palmas. This motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 11-0. The City Engineer and the City Attorney have been instructed to draft an ordinance prohibiting pedestrian access that must then be adopted by the City Council.

We are not completely out of the woods yet, but light is at least all around us.

Congratulations to those of you who helped make this hard won victory a reality. I hope you will accept the heartfelt thanks of the entire association and the appreciation of the residents of Las Palmas, Bon Air and Milner Road, who would have borne the brunt of the traffic and parking nightmare of the project.

Many of you were able to support the effort by letter writing and attending a hearing. There was a group that seemed to cover all the critical bases. They attended almost all of the hearings, called their neighbors, gave rides,

demonstrated and contributed funds. This group came from all parts of the hill and I want to express my deepest appreciation to them. This group seemed to realize the full implication of the proposed intrusion, which seriously threatened our Closure project and a better quality of life!

Our legal defense fund was contributed to by seventy-three households, making a total of \$7,325.00 in contributions. This fund was used for a variety of expenses, with the greater part being paid out for legal fees to our attorney (This money was remarkably well-spent, in the light of the fact that we stayed out of court and achieved our goals). We have a deficit of approximately one thousand dollars to meet on these fees. If you have not given to help yourselves and your neighbors, this is an excellent time to do it.

We have much to do if we are to prevent future developments of this kind. We have applied for the initial survey of a Historic Overlay Zone from the city, and we will begin to instigate back-zoning procedure on critical areas adjacent to us. These two courses of action are supported by City officials, who, I believe, have our future interests at heart.

On Sept. 30th the City Council, with ours and much other support voted 12-0 to recommend that no station be built at Hollywood Bowl. This came after

