

Calkin (Armada)  
Dean (Arroyo)  
Kennedy (LaMesa)  
Richards (Armada)  
Snodgrass & Spillane (Washington)  
Valentine (Westgate)

Clayton (Prospect Terrace)  
Dickerson (Prospect)  
Donaldson (Bellmore)  
Hackney (Pasadena)

We have made progress in some areas, such as web site and email communications that Ridge Tolbert helped us establish. Ridge has moved back to the Bay area, he's helping us from afar. We need a board member with modest skills to help us stabilize and improve communications. We have continuing neighborhood needs. I've been unable so far to get the city to repair crumbling walls along the rim of the Arroyo, most notably at 1260 No. Arroyo where hooligans have rolled large boulders down the side of the Arroyo, fortunately without causing harm. There are other sites where hooligans have pushed boulders off the wall and placed them in the road at night, intending to cause accidents, and more extensive crumbling walls behind the Aquatic Center. We have money available to help homeowners with tree & sidewalk repairs (they must pay part of the cost also).

Management of events within the Arroyo is a problem as pointed out by the Urban Land Institute in their report. Many charitable (such as autism walks, MS walks, etc) and profit-making events (RV sales, Rock n roll half marathon) are held in the Arroyo throughout the year. Monthly meetings between RBOC staff and neighborhood association leaders (including EARA) have produced some progress. We now have numbers to call if there is a problem such as excessive noise during an event, and they produce a response. There is still no consensus over how many and what kind of events are appropriate for the Arroyo.

NFL/temporary Rose Bowl plan: The city says that NFL revenue is needed to pay for costs of the still ongoing Rose Bowl renovation and to support unspecified services. Now, in January 2013, the city has rearranged bonds to cover \$182 million of renovation expenses. The RBOC says that the remaining ~\$13 million for renovation during 2014 will come from legacy donations and stadium earnings particularly revenue from the January 2014 BCS championship game. Since these renovations do not exhaust all possible premium improvements (example = stadium wifi) and restrooms could always be better, we would like to establish that no further improvements be charged to taxpayers. The city can handle the interest payments for the rearranged bonds with their over \$800 million annual budget and almost \$340 million investments accounts, but they would likely say that NFL revenue would help them to do more or terminate fewer city employees than would otherwise happen. First we ask what programs or what employees, when will the city fix our crumbling stonewalls and consider all city finances as a whole. If the city accepts enhanced pension responsibilities, any revenue from the NFL or from selling Rose Bowl naming rights would be partly or wholly offset by new obligations. There will be no Los Angeles NFL team move before 2014 at the earliest, and 2014 looks like less than 50% at present. Revenue in 2015 or later can't fund current programs or jobs.

A lawsuit was filed January 3d in the name of three organizations (Linda Vista Annandale association, formed 1930, San Rafael Neighborhoods association, formed 2011, and The East Arroyo Neighborhood Preservation Committee, formed 2012) asserting that the City Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was inadequate and violated state law. Only those who filed comments on the EIR during the public comment period have standing as plaintiffs in CEQA lawsuits. Sixty-five comment letters from individuals and organizations were received during the two month comment period ending 10/8/2012. If successful, the suit would require a new EIR. No trial date has been set; it is likely to be far in the future because of cutbacks in the court system. It may not be heard until after the 2015 Pasadena mayoral and city council elections. The West Pasadena Residents Association (WPRA) formally opposed the NFL plan in the fall after noting the city's response to comments, but wasn't listed in newspaper accounts of the lawsuit. However, the wpra newsletter ([www.wpra.net](http://www.wpra.net)) asks on page 12 "Help the WPRA fund the EIR suit against the city". Being a party to the suit does not necessarily imply funding it, and funders need not be plaintiffs. I am a member (not an officer) of the EANPC, which charges no dues and has no funds. Jonas Peters is President. I have posted more details about the NFL issue on the EARA website ([www.pasadenaeara.com](http://www.pasadenaeara.com)).

We may face problems with the California Franchise Tax Board. This will be discussed briefly at the meeting; there is material on the web site. It's one of the reasons (electronic intrusions into our account, etc) that we require a careful and sophisticated

treasurer, which we have. John Dean can't be permanent treasurer; he might serve one more year.

Hoping to see you Thursday  
Bob Snodgrass,  
Acting EARA President  
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