



The Glendale Historical Society

NEWSLETTER VOL. 6, NO. 1, 1985

SOCIETY INTENSIFIES PRESERVATION EFFORTS

THE GOODE HOUSE -- AN ENDANGERED TREASURE

By now most of us have heard of the Goode House, located at 119 North Cedar. Perhaps we have even driven by to look at it or have visited it on a TGHS tour, and wondered if it's possible to save such a charming yet apparently run-down house nearly 100 years old. True, it is one of only two Queen Anne-Eastlake houses still in Glendale, the other being The Doctors' House; but is it worth saving? The answer is a definite yes.



E. D. Goode could be referred to as "the father of Glendale" and is as important to Glendale history as L. C. Brand. His presence was felt in every aspect of early Glendale development. With him originated the idea of incorporating the city of Glendale. He was instrumental in bringing the Interurban Railway Company (later known as the Pacific Electric) to Glendale. He was chief booster for the organization of a high school district, and with several other Glendale citizens secured the property on the southeast corner of Fourth Street (Broadway) and Brand Boulevard for the school site. He became one of the first trustees of the district. In 1910, he served as one of the first vice-presidents of the newly created Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he represented Glendale on the Democratic County Central Committee for many years.

The Goode House is in an area zoned for multiple dwelling, making the property attractive to developers. But it would be a great loss to our community if such a landmark house were to be demolished. The City Council, recognizing this, recently place a 90 day moratorium on demolition permits for historic structures. The City's Historic Preservation Element of 1977 recommends that "The former home of E. D. Goode should be identified as a local historic landmark and, in addition, its continued existence should be guaranteed by the drafting and passage of an Historic Preservation Ordinance." We are hopeful that a way may be found, possibly through the ordinance presently being reviewed by the AD HOC committee created by Council, to preserve this building for present and future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

Judy Johnson
Chairman
Save the Goode House Committee

* * * * *

CITY CREATES AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

In response to the pending sale and possible demolition of the historic E. D. Goode House, Councilwoman, V. W. "Ginger" Bremberg, brought a historic preservation ordinance before the City Council at their meeting on May 21. At the following meeting one week later, Council passed an emergency ordinance blocking for 90 days the issuance of demolition permits for properties cited in the City's 1977 Historic Preservation Element. In addition, the Council established a nine-member AD HOC committee, chaired by Councilwoman Bremberg, which will review the proposed historic preservation ordinance and report back to Council by August 20. At that time, Council will decide whether or not to adopt the ordinance.

Our organization, which had requested the ordinance in the Final Report of our Historic Resources Survey, will have three members on the committee. The Planning Division, the City Attorney's office, the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Realtors and the Building Industry Association will each have one representative.

Greta Reed

* * * * *

TASK FORCE URGES PRESERVATION OF GLENDAL'S ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING

In a report presented to the Glendale City Council on April 25, the TGHS Preservation Action Task Force recommended that the City suspend the sale of cast-iron lighting standards and develop guidelines for the repair, replacement, and retrofitting of standards located in neighborhoods of historic/architectural significance.

The Task Force compiled the report as a means of preserving the old style fixtures which are being systematically removed and sold as part of the City's program to change the street lighting to 40-foot high rectangular fixtures for purposes of safety and energy conservation.

In the report, which entailed nearly six months of research, the Task Force explains the feasibility and benefits of retaining the cast-iron lighting fixtures on certain streets. "The Society recognizes," the report states, "that the relationship between adequate lighting and crime is a short-term deterrent. The danger observed by TGHS occurs when public improvements are so designed as to promote a barren, uninhabitable streetscape. We assert that these lights by encouraging further disinvestment and discouraging public activity, actually contribute to physical deterioration and crime in a sense which is far more damaging over the long term."

The report cites other local cities' (Alhambra, Cerritos, Fullerton, La Verne, Long Beach, Santa Ana, and Whittier) use of the old-style fixtures, and gives examples of firms specializing in the manufacture of such fixtures. Suggesting that Council's 1982 decision to replace the old fixtures with modern ones was based on insufficient consideration of the available options, the report lists such alternatives and stresses that they are not inconsistent with the purposes and design criteria established by City staff.

Short-range policies recommended are:

1. Suspension of both the sale of cast-iron lighting fixtures and the purchase of 40-foot aluminum box lights pending Council review of the findings of TGHS;
2. Further study by Council of alternatives available for residential and commercial street lighting, on streets with historical/architectural significance.

Mid-range policies recommended are:

1. To conduct future street lighting programs in a multi-disciplinary manner, and to include the Planning Division for purposes of architectural appropriateness:
2. To prepare master street-lighting plan providing guidelines for the replacement of single and dual globe standards when their removal would contribute to a deterioration of the street-scape or when their historic and architectural aspect is a valuable part of the streetscape. Areas affected by this recommendation are the Civic Center; Broadway between Brand and Isabel; Adams Square and Adams Hill; Kenneth Road Village; Pacific between Glenoaks and Glenwood; Central between Stocker and Randolph; and Glendale Avenue.

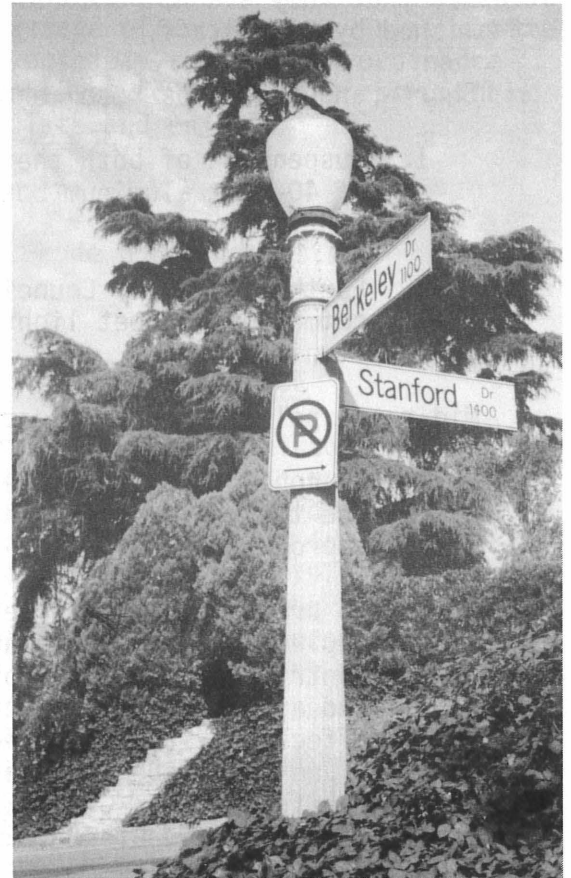
The report recommends that the following long-range policies be established:

1. That the Historic Preservation Element be amended to include an inventory of historic streetscapes and street lighting areas, and provide policies for their protection;
2. That the planning Division be authorized to prepare an urban design element which examines the link between public and private improvements and historic character, establishes infill standards, and otherwise recognizes the value of Glendale's historic neighborhoods;
3. That future public improvements be guided by a broader policy seeking citizen input into the selection of street fixtures which directly affect their neighborhoods.

This Report, Position Paper 85-2, was compiled by the TGHS Preservation Action Task Force members Steve Preston, Greta Reed, Bob Weis, Georgie Kajer-Weis, Natalie Montgomery, Margaret Hammond, and Carole Dougherty. Assisting them were Vonnie Rossman, Bob and Zee Woodring, Dr. Robert Newcomb, Dick Montgomery, and Sue Lazara. The Glendale Historical Society will continue to co-operate with the City in exploring ways to preserve our historic resources while maintaining high standards of public safety and energy conservation.

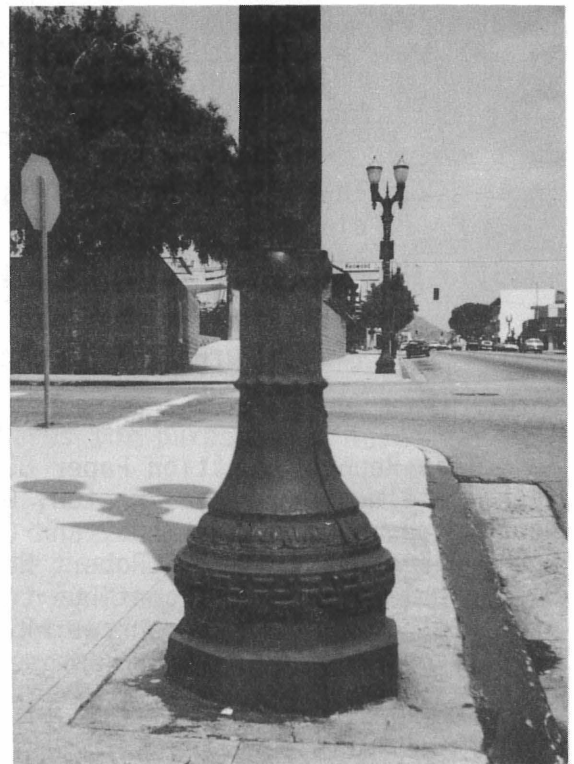
Steve Preston
Suzanne McKay

Removal Plan Threatens Street Lights



Glendale's old-style street lighting, clockwise from upper left: Oriental-inspired fixture on South Glendale Avenue, four-globed cluster at the entrance to Forest Lawn, cement standard on Adams Hill, and procession of lights in the Civic Center area of East Broadway.

(Newsletter photos by S. McKay & R. Newcomb.)



CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES TGHS HISTORIC SURVEY REPORT

The results of our year and a half long Glendale Architectural and Historical Survey were presented in the Final Report, given by Steve Preston and Vonnie Rossman to the Glendale City Council at their monthly evening meeting on April 25. The Report, prepared by survey consultants Heumann, Gleye, and Associates, dealt with the area of the original town of Glendale and was accomplished through the combined resources of the State of California, the City of Glendale, and The Glendale Historical Society. It was well received by the City Council, and we are optimistic about the possible implementation of some of our recommendations.

Reported by Greta Reed

* * * * *

FAREWELL TO WEBB'S

Sixty-seven year old Webb's Department Store, which was founded in Glendale and grew along with it to become one of our largest and most popular shopping venues, is closing its doors on August 15.

Harry S. Webb, an early civic leader who was one of the founders of the Glendale Merchants' Association, established his firm as a small dry goods shop near the southwest corner of Brand and Wilson, where it expanded to eventually become a fashionable hub of shopping on bustling Brand Boulevard.

TGHS salutes Webb's for its many years of successful, service-oriented retailing and for its community involvement through Webb's Days, of which our organization was a beneficiary. We will each cherish our own particular memories of this fine store.

* * * * *

TGHS REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND PRESERVATION SEMINAR

On May 13 Greta Reed and I attended a day long seminar entitled "Preservation for Planners", co-sponsored by the L.A. section of the American Planners Association and the Los Angeles Conservancy, held downtown at the Design Center on Spring Street. As the title suggests, this seminar was designed to give professional planners short courses on the latest pertinent preservation issues. As comparative novices, we felt the presentations were very educational and relevant.

Dr. Robert Winter opened the day with an enthusiastic keynote address. This was followed by discussions of items such as local preservation ordinances, gains made by the California Heritage Task Force, and the Preservation Tax Credit development incentives (now being threatened by the proposed Treasury II Tax Plan).

The afternoon had more local level case study preservation examples, which were presented by architects and planners. Most of the presentations were success stories, which was very encouraging. The seminar was well organized and very valuable to us. We hope that other TGHS members can take advantage of future programs like this one, which we so enjoyed.

Georgie Weis

* * * * *

Newsletter Editor: Suzanne McKay Assistant Editor: Dr. Robert Newcomb, thanks to Susan Read for typing the newsletter, and to Daphne Lindstrum for doing the bulk mailing.

Glendale Post Office Designated National Historic Site



On May 20, 1985 Zee Blanton, President of the Glendale Historical Society, along with Glendale Mayor Jerry Milner and Chamber of Commerce President Richard Sonheim, participated in the unveiling of the plaque designating the Glendale Post Office as a Historic Site.

In 1971, President Nixon issued an Executive Order directing the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior to locate, designate and preserve Historic sites both private and public. In early 1983 the Glendale Post Office was nominated to the Keeper of the National Register, Carol D. Shull. In June of 1984 the California State Historic Preservation Office concurred with the recommendation of the Postal Service. Twenty-eight California post offices were added at the same time. They provide a 41 year chronology from 1900 to 1941 of the development of the post offices in California as a building type. Offices near Glendale also recognized are Pasadena, built in 1915; Burbank 1937; and the Los Angeles Terminal, Annex 1938. The cornerstone for the Glendale Post Office was laid in 1933 and can be seen along with the inscription in the southwest corner of the building. The building was completed and occupied in early 1934 and dedicated on March 3, 1934 by Postmaster General James Farley. It will now be easier to get funds to maintain and preserve the building. We are now in the process of letting contracts to clean the gold leaf on the ceiling and the marble and granite work, and to steam clean the grand steps leading to the building.

Hal Hemmingsen
Postmaster

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS HELD

At the Annual General Meeting on June 5, elections were held to fill three seats on the Board of Directors of The Glendale Historical Society.

Member Larry Meyer was re-elected, and new Board members chosen were Karen Lynn and Suzanne McKay. Welcome to these members, and many thanks to outgoing Directors Zee Blanton and Vonnie Rossman for their dedicated years of service on the Board. Continuing Board members are Bill Dodson, Dick Brouillard, Sue Lazara, Steve Preston, Audrey Hales, and Dick Montgomery.

* * * * *

NEWSLETTERS PRESENTED TO LIBRARY

Thanks to Dr. Robert Newcomb, Program Director and Assistant Newsletter Editor, the first five volumes of our TGHS newsletter, from 1980 to spring, 1985, have been bound and given to Special Collections Librarian Barbara Boyd for the Central Glendale Public Library. In addition to containing much information and illustration pertaining to Glendale's History, the bound volume documents the activities of our organization as it grew from a handful of citizens rallying to save The Doctors' House into a large, visible organization involved not only in running that successful project but in helping shape City policy relating to all our many historic resources.

Dr. Newcomb also presented a bound volume to our society, as a valuable and much appreciated record of our activities.

* * * * *

VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE CUT NAIL AWARDS

In recognition of their many hours of work on our various projects, seventeen people were presented with square nail awards at the June general meeting. Each of the nails, which were used in the original construction of The Doctors' House and which needed to be replaced during the restoration, represents one hundred hours of time given. Up to four nails are mounted on special redwood plaques, which also bear the recipient's name. Several members received additional nails for their plaques, and six received their first nail. Recipients were Judy Johnson, Ruth Ogden, Barbara Johnson, Meredith Quenon, Archie Trowbridge, and Lorraine Zabaro (first nail); Maureen Miller and Elaine Deuel (second nail); Dr. Robert Newcomb (third nail); Ruth Dodson and Bridget Mahoney (fourth nail); and Larry Meyer, Steve Preston, Greta Reed, and Karen Lynn (third and fourth nails).

Upon passing the five hundred hour mark, volunteers receive a mounted large "cut spike" nail from The Doctors' House. Zee Blanton, Ruth Dodson, Wallie Forstall, Larry Meyer and Steve Preston were each presented with this award, thereby adding to the growing number of volunteers who have already received cut spikes.

Congratulations and thank you to all these volunteers. We encourage you to report your hours worked to Frances Gribbsby, 246-3885, so that we may honor you for your participation.

* * * * *

GARAGE SALE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

Thanks to Audrey Hales and her crew of efficient, enthusiastic volunteers, our spring garage sale brought \$2,495.98 proceeds to help fund our projects. These sales always provide a welcome surge of operating monies, and we are indebted to all the generous people who gave of their possessions, time, and talents to hold this very successful event.

JULY IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

July 1 begins a new membership year, and membership renewal forms have been mailed to all members. As the forms are the basis of our mailing roster, completing and returning the forms will ensure that TGHS mailings will be sent to you at your current, complete mailing address and that your name will be listed as designated by you.

Membership in the Glendale Historical Society is open to all persons interested in learning about, promoting, and preserving aspects of Glendale's history. Members receive quarterly newsletters, announcements of events, discounts on TGHS tours, and the opportunity to work on a variety of projects. Annual dues are \$15 for single active, \$25 for family active, \$50 for sustaining, \$5 for student/senior, \$25 for non-profit organization, and \$100 for corporate.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ () New Member () Renewing Member

I would like to assist in the following areas:

EDUCATION
RESERACH
CLERICAL

PRESERVATION ACTION
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
NEWSLETTER

MEMBERSHIP
WAYS AND MEANS
OTHER: _____

General meetings are held monthly (except December, July and August) at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, in the Carrillon Room, Glendale Federal Savings, 401 North Brand Boulevard. Telephone: 242-7447

The Glendale Historical Society
P. O. Box 4173
Glendale, California 91202

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Glendale, Calif.
Permit No. 1183