

at the parking lot that will open for either a cart or pedestrian using our ID card that has been keyed for this gate. The gate can also be opened for a vehicle to provide the Fire Authority access from the San Sebastian onto our library parking lot. We will ask the city to identify all of those who have keys for this gate.

When you leave our Library Parking lot to go to Long's Shopping Center, you will have to drive on San Sebastian property and pass by their entrance using the same street that the residents of the San Sebastian will use to get to their entrance door. Once past the San Sebastian, you will be behind the Bank America parking lot and on the shopping center parking area. Classic GRF planning!

“Smash & Grab”

Recently a number of very upscale smash and grab robberies made the news. One or more people run into a large jewelry store, smash cases, fire guns, grab a fistful of diamonds and run as the alarms go off, increasing the confusion and fear which facilitate their escape. Some consider the true victim to be an insurance company with swollen coffers, bloated from feasting off the pennies gained from widows, orphans, and other needy persons. It is easy to forget a crime which victimizes a faceless corporate entity.

Enron and other corporate giants vastly

overstated profits (which turned out to be non-existent) with the unwitting (?) help of Arthur Andersen auditors in order to justify huge bonuses to executives. Bernie Madoff allegedly defrauded thousands of investors in an elaborate Ponzi scheme. These are activities that victimized the rich, faceless institutions, or investors who become faceless because individuals are lost in the sheer numbers of victims.

Does this seem remote from your daily life? It shouldn't. We are often victimized by those who should be our strongest allies. We elect our boards based on what turns out to be meaningless campaign promises and stances. For openness, against secrecy. For residents, against profligate spending. And what happens?

Over in Third, a group of self-styled lawyers decide they can remove a dissenting director by majority rules. They will fight to the bitter end no matter how long it takes, no matter what the expense in terms of dollars or human cost. (Just as they did in the case of Lucie and Joe Falk.) In the mean time, the bullies continue to verbally abuse the honest minority who actually follow their campaign pledges. Majority rules and anyone who dissents is victimized by the majority. The theme is “win at any and all cost.” Settlement means the case is lost, just as they have lost their credibility.

Consider United—oh, please consider United. A director, Mike Curtis, is elected by a record majority of votes. He promises openness and vows to disclose financial irregularities (so many, so irregular.) Here