

# ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION

Thursday, January 28, 2004

MTD General Office auditorium, 550 Olive Street

## Minutes

**Present:** Tom Williams, Paul Hernadi, David Schott, Brigitte Forsell, Claudia Madsen, Cheri Rae, Toni Harlan, Joe Guzzardi, Beatrice Terres Rosales, Jim Kahan, Catherine McCammon, Eric Schott, Sylvia Glass, Joan Livingston, Carole Marks, Petar and Kate Schepanovich, Mac Bakewell, Lee Moldaver, Naomi Kovacs, Jerry Yankie, Kathiann Brown, Walter Knapp, Randy Reetz, Steve Dowty, Vijaya Jammalamdaka, Carolyn Griffith, Jenny Cushnie, Joe Cantrell, Tina Hammond, Ann S. Beth, Dianne Channing, Carrie Brown, J. Wesley Brown.

**Member groups present:** Bel Air Knolls, Braemar Ranch, Eastside, Foothill Preservation, Grove Lane, La Mesa, Mission Canyon, Riviera, Samarkand, CPA.

**Guest groups present:** Marine Terrace, La Cumbre Park, Harbor Hills, Bungalow Haven, Hitchcock Ranch, Campanil Hill.

**Guests speakers:** Mayor Marty Blum, Heather Baker (NPO Update Planner)

Meeting was called to order by Lee Moldaver at 2:40 at the MTD General Office auditorium, 550 Olive Street.

**Introductions.** We had one round of introductions of the neighborhood groups and their representatives; there were over 35 persons present. It was followed by another round during which we shared the issues of concern. These included updating of NPO, mansions, compatibility, traffic, safety of streets, intrusion of commercial activities, expansion of large institutions in the neighborhood, emergency and evacuation plans, views, building on slopes and hillsides, compliance of rules, and notification of pending building permits.

**NPO Update.** Lee Moldaver introduced Heather Baker, NPO Update Project Planner. With slides and handout, Ms. Baker outlined the project to implement the decisions of the City Council at a meeting on January 13, 2004. She talked about the phases of the work program and timeline, the budget, the contract with the consultant firm, and the makeup of the Steering Committee. The Committee will include 2 members and 1 alternate to be selected by Allied to represent all City neighborhoods. There would be a series of 6 workshops to elicit input from the citizens and a photo survey/viewing to gauge acceptable designs. She asked neighborhood groups to help coordinate the workshops and submit addresses of houses for the photo survey. Ms. Baker then detailed the responsibilities and time commitment of the Steering Committee, the frequency of meetings, reports and documents to review, and the expected duration of the process (until October 2004.) The NPO Update would focus on structures (single or multi-family)

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in single-family zones. Responding to questions from the audience about issues at present not covered by NPO, Ms. Baker indicated that City Council could very well extend the scope. Lee Moldaver urged people to contact Ms. Baker directly to ask questions and to offer help and input.

**NPO representative selection.** Lee Moldaver reported that he had been contacted by 9 people to offer their services. He recommended a slate consisting of Dianne Channing and Eric Schott as the primary representatives and Claudia Madsen as alternate. Vijaya Jammalamadaka moved to accept the slate. Joe Guzzardi and Tom Williams objected and suggested that all 9 should have the opportunity to be voted by the groups present. Jim Kahan suggested an amended motion to table the NPO rep. selection. Motion passed. Since the Mayor had arrived, we decided to continue the discussion after her talk.

**City Mayor Marty Blum's Talk.** This being our first meeting of the year 2004, it was traditional for the Mayor to make a gracious appearance. Some highlights of Mayor Marty Blum's talk: The City is in good financial shape and visitor revenue is up; advances in environmental protection includes cleaner creeks, street-sweeping, cleaning of storm-drains, water testing, working toward making City parks pesticide-free, and recycling progress on State Street. Notable land use issues are: NPO update; General Plan update (4-5 years); completion of Carrillo Hotel expected in January 2005, investigation into status of Levy/Entrada project; Fess Parker hotel, youth hostel, Wright project, Bermant/Target proposal and its ramifications regarding Goleta. Questions from the audience included house modification and notification, street condition, traffic, plight/nuisance ordinance, view ordinance, the ARB, and the Pedestrian Master Plan.

**Continued discussion of NPO rep. selection and Allied election.** After some constructive discussion, we agreed on these: hold a special meeting in the coming week (week of Feb. 2-7) to do association business; the preference for afternoon or early evening time was about equally split by a show of hands; Westside and La Mesa representatives offered to find a meeting place; the agenda should include voting to welcome prospective groups; determination of eligibility of the groups to vote on NPO representatives and Allied officers for 2004 (one vote per group); selection of NPO rep; and voting for Allied 2004 officers. Procedure steps: nominations for these posts are still open; establish a cut-off date as soon as the date of meeting is known; candidates to send their statements of qualifications and interests to the Secretary; and the Secretary to distribute the names and statements.

**Association Dues.** Dues of \$25.00 per group for 2004 were accepted from many groups by the Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by  
Carrie Brown, Secretary  
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