

Allied Neighborhoods Association

Wednesday, January 26, 2005
American Red Cross - 2707 State St.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p. m.
- B. There were no adjustments to the Agenda

Members Present: Loyd Applegate (Riviera Association), Lowell Boardman (Bel Air Knolls), Kathie Anne Brown (East San Roque / La Cumbre Park), Wes Brown (East San Roque / La Cumbre Park), Joe Guzzardi (Samarkand), Paul Hernadi (Hitchcock), Vijaya Jammalamadaka (Eastside Study Group), Jim Kahan (Grove Lane), Steve Keller (Eucalyptus Hill Association), Joan Livingston (Westside Study Group), Carol Marks (East San Roque / La Cumbre, Park), Judy Orias (Hidden Valley), Laura Rasmussen (La Mesa Neighborhood Association), Eric Schott (Marine Terrace)

Others Present: Rebecca Bjork (City Public Works Department), Anna DeVore (Samarkand), John DeVore (Samarkand), Manuel Romero (City Public Works Department),

2. Introduction of attendees and confirmation of Neighborhood representatives

ACTION: Completed

3. Approval of minutes

ACTION: Continued

4. Treasurer=s Report - Paul Hernadi

A. Paul said that Allied had \$1,660.11 in account and that dues for 2005 are now due and payable.

ACTION: Treasurer's report accepted

5. Appointment of Judy Orias as Secretary and ratification of Officers as Executive Committee to act when voting membership of Association is not meeting

ACTION: Unanimous approval

6. President=s Report and Questions

- A. Future meetings: on 4th Wednesday of each month
 - i. February 23
 - ii. March 23
 - iii. April 27
 - iv. Suggestions for speakers at future meetings
 - v. Other

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ACTION: Notice given, but no suggestions

B. Review of 2004

ACTION: Jim Kahan discussed the **Annual Report for 2004 which had been previously distributed. He summarized the Report which described the re-emergence of a moribund Allied Neighborhoods Association as a neighborhood advocate, the revival of neighborhood groups, several accomplishments by Allied, its proposed By-laws and several other matters.**

C. Allied website (<http://www.allied-sb.org/>)

ACTION: site remains under construction

E. Allied Letters

ACTION: Letters since last meeting were discussed [Stanley Drive appeal (Samarkand), December 6, 2004; Veronica Springs, January 11, 2005 and NPO, January 14, 2005]

F. Issue papers to be submitted by neighborhood associations

1. Transportation (Hernadi, others???)
2. Water (Orias, others???)
3. Government Procedures - Transparency in Govt. (Public Records, Brown Act, Notice, etc.), FAR, modifications/variances (Kahan, Trescher??)
4. Others

ACTION: Discussed

F. Membership - encourage participation by more neighborhood organizations

1. Applicants
2. Suggestions for inside City
3. Special membership for those outside City

Coalition for Sensible Planning (Hollister Neighborhood Association - HANA), Patterson Area Neighborhood Association (PANA), Homeowners Defense Fund, etc.

ACTION: Discussed

G. Revised By-laws:

ACTION: Jim Kahan summarized the revised By-laws that had been prepared by the Executive Committee (draft #9), distributed by e-mail and proposed for adoption. There was a discussion of the revised By-laws and a motion was made to adopt the proposed By-laws as submitted. Laura Rasmussen asked that the last sentence in Section A.2.3 (INFORMATION SHARING, UNITY AND ADVOCACY) be clarified. It was unanimously agreed that it would be revised to read as "Allied facilitates Neighborhood advocacy, including support of laws supporting neighborhoods and opposing laws that are inimical to neighborhoods." The maker of the motion consented to this amendment and the proposed By-laws were adopted with the one amendment to Section A.2.3.

7. NPO/Single Family Design Guidelines Update Steering Committee

- A. Report from Dianne Channing, Joe Guzzardi & Mary Jane Headlee
- B. Future Committee Meeting Dates & Tentative Topics
- C. List of potential issues - additional
- D. Concerns

E. Suggestions

ACTION: Continued

8. Stanley Road – appeal of modification to City Council: Report given on successful appeal to City Council of modification that would have overturned public front yard setback required by zoning and recommendation that stricter variance standards be applied rather than modification which lack quantifiable standards.

ACTION: Recommendation adopted

9. Santa Barbara City Wastewater Resources Manager Rebecca Bjork and Manuel Romero made a presentation about the City's proposed Sewer Lateral Program and incentives that were proposed and answered questions.

10. Subcommittee Reports

A. FAR - Prepared by Kahan with input by Trescher, Marine Terrace, Hidden Valley and submitted.

B. Subcommittee to develop Allied position and submit letter on zoning modifications (Sue Trescher, Jim Kahan)

C. Subcommittee to finalize Allied position on Transparency in government [Open government - Brown Act, Public Records Act (Sunshine laws), Noticing (expansion - mail to larger area, extend time periods, post on website, plans on websites, extended posting of minutes and other information (see county), etc.] **REDUCTION OF STEALTH PROJECTS** (Sue Trescher, Cathie McCammon, Jim Kahan)

ACTION: Discussed

10. Update on Projects

A. Las Positas Valley (Veronica Springs Neighborhood Association, Judy Orias)

ACTION: Given

B. Upper State Street (Paul Hernadi)

ACTION: Given

11. General Discussion - Issues of concern

Submitted by James Kahan