

# **Allied Neighborhoods Association**

Wednesday, April 27, 2005 (7:00 p.m.)

American Red Cross

2707 State St. (east of Alamar)

## **MINUTES**

### 1. Call to order and Adjustments to Agenda

**ACTION:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and there were no adjustments to the Agenda.

**2. Members Present:** Joe Guzzardi (Samarkand), Paul Hernadi (Hitchcock Ranch), Jim Kahan (Grove Lane), Lee Moldaver (Citizens Planning Association), Judy Orias (Hidden Valley), Laura Rasmussen (La Mesa Improvement Association), Joe Rution (Bungalow Haven), Sally Sphar (Riviera), Arthur Quiroz (Veronica Springs Neighborhood Association)

**Others Present:** Lisa Burns (Upper East), Grant House, Judy Ishkanian (Homeowners Defense Fund), Vijaya Jammalamadaka, Scott Wenz (Cars Are Basic - CAB)

### 3. Introduction of attendees and Neighborhood representatives

**ACTION:** Done

### 4. Minutes

**A. Ratification of Draft Minutes posted on website (January 28, February 25, & March 24, 2004):**

**ACTION:** Jim Kahan recalled that all of these minutes had been approved and he wanted a ratification of these approvals before placing final versions on the website. Motion to ratify passed

**B. Approval of Minutes: March 23, 2005**

**ACTION:** Motion to approve passed

**C. Subcommittee to approve minutes**

**ACTION:** None

### 5. Treasurer's Report - Paul Hernadi

**A. Report on current state of state of budget \$1660.11**

**ACTION:** approved

### 6. President's Report and Questions

**A. Future meetings: on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7 pm**

1) May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24

**ACTION:** No objection

2) Suggestions for speakers at future meetings

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ACTION: Connie Hanna, Greg Hart, Dennis Rickard, Claudia Madsen, Flood Plain coordinator, Fire Chief and people to discuss road closures.

3) Other

B. Recent Developments

1) Las Positas Valley

ACTION: Quiroz gave brief report

2) Upper State

ACTION: Hernadi and Kahan gave brief report

3) Junipero Street

ACTION: Lisa Burns report the action of the Modification Hearing Officer was appealed and the appeal is scheduled for a hearing before the Planning Commission on June \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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

ACTION: It continues to function

D. Amend By-laws on membership

ACTION: nothing

E. Homeowners Defense Fund Offer

ACTION: Judy Ishkanian Discussed grants to homeowners groups, Her group will focus on policies both at the local and state level. Their web site is [www.homeownersdefensefund.org](http://www.homeownersdefensefund.org)

7. Membership - encourage participation by more neighborhood organizations

A. Applicants

ACTION: currently working on the bylaws

B. Suggestions for inside City

ACTION:

C. Special membership for those outside City

1) Coalition for Sensible Planning (Hollister Neighborhood Association - HANA)

2) Patterson Area Neighborhood Association (PANA)

3) Cars Are Basic (CAB)

ACTION: Concern about main corridors being changed to carry less cars.

8. November 2005 City elections - Adequate representation of any and all neighborhoods

A. Candidates who support all neighborhoods

B. Election by district (charter amendment)

ACTION: Paul Hernadi made motion (1) to devote at least 30 minutes at May meeting for questions that members will bring to formulate questions for the candidates running for council and (2) Allied attempt to schedule the first of the meetings with two or three council candidates in June. Motion passed.

Motion was made and passed that a sub committee chaired by Joe Guzzardi formulate questions and that they be posted for review on the web site by the mid May. Candidates should receive the questions in advance.

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9. Website

- A. Webmaster
- B. Corrections of items on website (by members)
- C. Suggestions for improvements (by members)

ACTION: no action

10. NPO/Single Family Design Guidelines Update Steering Committee

- A. Report from Dianne Channing, Joe Guzzardi & Mary Jane Headlee

ACTION: Joe Guzzardi gave an update

- B. Future Committee Meeting Dates & Tentative Topics

- C. List of potential issues - additional

D. Concerns: There appears to be the biggest concern about a 2<sup>nd</sup> story on an existing house and the impacts upon the neighborhoods.

- E. Suggestions

ACTION: To be discussed at a later meeting

11. Subcommittee Reports

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

ACTION: None

B. 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: None

- C. FAR - Should Allied take a further position on FAR

ACTION: Placed on next months agenda

12. General Discussion - Issues of concern

ACTION: None

13. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.