

Allied Neighborhoods Association

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

American Red Cross, 2707 State St.

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05
 2. Adjustments to Agenda
ACTION: None
 3. Attendees: Eric Alen (Samarkand), Gary Earle (Citizens for Sensible Planning), Joe Guzzardi (Samarkand), Bob Hawkins (Cars Are Basic), Jim Kahan (Grove Lane), Joan Livingston (Westside Study Group), Laurie Moon (Veronica Springs Neighborhood Association), Mary Whalen (Coalition for Sensible Planning)
 4. Introduction of attendees and Neighborhood representatives
ACTION: Completed
 5. Minutes
 - A. Approval of Minutes: July 27, 2005
ACTION: Approved
 6. Treasurer=s Report - Paul Hernadi
 - A. Report on current state of Allied=s Finances
ACTION: Paul Hernadi was not at the meeting, but he submitted a written report which gave a balance of \$1,785.11 as of August 24, 2005
 7. President=s Report and Questions
 - A. Future meetings: on 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm
 - 1) Notice
 - 2) Suggestions for speakers at future meetings
ACTION: None
 - 3) Other
 - B. Allied website (<http://www.allied-sb.org/>) - report and suggestions for improvements
ACTION: None
 - C. Homeowners Defense Fund workshop - August 18, 2005
REPORT: see Paragraph 9
 - D. Membership
ACTION: .Both Samarkand and the Upper East are continuing their organizational efforts
 - E. Homeowners Defense Fund Offer
ACTION: Nothing to report
 8. Recent Developments
 - 1) Las Positas Valley (Laurie Moon)
ACTION: Nothing to report
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2) Upper East

ACTION: Nothing to report

3) Upper State & Whole Foods

ACTION: An alert was given about the State Street Lofts project which will propose 55 units on a lot on State Street between the Galleria and the Lutheran Church.

9. Homeowners Defense Fund workshop - given by Terry Watt on August 18, 2005

REPORT: Gary Earl and Jim Kahan praised Terry Watt's program on land use. Jim said it was the best short summary of land use law that he had ever seen. The Homeowners Defense Fund made a video of the program and said that it should be distributed shortly along with a copy of Terry Watt's PowerPoint presentation so that people who were not in attendance could get the benefit of her presentation.

10. Statewide neighborhood organization (Coalition of California Neighborhoods)

REPORT & RECOMMENDATION: Gary Earle described the objectives of the Coalition of California Neighborhoods <http://calneighborhoods.org/> as being dedicated to educating the public, California state governmental entities, and the state legislature on issues of concern to neighborhood organizations and community groups. The Coalition was born out of the activities generated by several neighborhood associations in Santa Barbara County. The focus of these groups has been for the protection of local neighborhood character and integrity in the face of intense neighborhood densification advocated by developers and other housing, building, and financial interests. While these citizen's groups have met with some success in protecting their neighborhoods from over-development on a local and even a regional basis, it has become obvious that a need exists to link interested, like-minded neighborhood associations on a statewide basis. This is due to the state government's attempts to remove zoning and planning decisions from local jurisdictions and place that authority with the state government through mandates and other legal requirements. Gary sought the endorsement of Allied Neighborhoods Association.

ACTION: A motion to endorse efforts of the Coalition of California Neighborhoods was unanimously adopted.

11. NPO/Single Family Design Guidelines Update Steering Committee

A. Report given by Joe Guzzardi

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Modifications and zoning (Kahan, Rution, Trescher)

REPORT: In progress

B. Transparency in government (Kahan, Rution, McCammon, Trescher)

REPORT: In progress

13. General Discussion - Issues of concern

REPORTS: Eric Alen gave a report about the City's efforts for traffic control and calming in the Oak Park/Samarkand area. The City's Transportation Division had sent out ballots, but was not pleased with the results. Therefore, it seeking more involvement from the residents in the development of a new ballot and there will be new voting on the proposed measures

14. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by James Kahan