

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

President Orias called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The following members of representative organizations were present: Mr. Hernadi, Mr. Rution, Mr. DeVore, Ms. McCammon, Mr. Barry, Ms. Orias, Ms. Holmes; also attending were Frank Hotchkiss (Representing Santa Barbara Safe Streets), and Jim Kahan.

QUORUM DETERMINATION

The President declared a quorum, exceeding 50%, present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made and seconded to approve minutes of September 15, 2008 (with corrections noted); **PASSED**.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hernadi's reported a treasury balance as of January 15, 2009 of \$1,707.69, obligations of \$480.00, for a net balance of \$1,227.69.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Ms. Orias commented on the following matters:

- The "Plan Santa Barbara" public comments postings had initially omitted Allied comment and critique submissions, and none of either Allied's nor CPA's input was reflected in the reports;
- The city budget shortfall threatens park maintenance, and each neighborhood organization should seek to assure parks are maintained properly;
- The "SBCAN" T.V. piece on commuter traffic problems;
- Considerations omitted in the city water assessment report, such as the siltation of Cachuma and Gibraltar reservoirs.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Hernadi (Hitchcock Ranch) reported on the Planning Commission approval of the “Enclave” (Outer State Street) project proposal, in spite of Allied’s expression of concerns.

Mr. Kahan of Grove Lane (joined by Mr. Hotchkiss, representing Santa Barbara Safe Streets) reviewed the city’s proposal for modifications of the State Street/DeLaVina Street intersection, and requested a letter from Allied, to be presented to City Council at its February 10th consideration of the matter, opposing the proposal.

MOTION made and seconded, to provide a letter expressing Allied’s opposition to the State/DeLaVina intersection proposal, citing considerations raised during this discussion, **PASSED**. President Orias volunteered to draft and submit the letter.

Mr. DeVore (Samarkand) noted that a proposal for Samarkand Retirement’s expansion construction had been supported by the Samarkand Neighborhood Association; and that the neighborhood has begun experiencing a problem with chickens!

Ms. Orias (Hidden Valley) reported on Valle Verde’s proposed 50,000 square foot expansion, which will probably go to the Planning Commission in March, and expressed concerns about the impacts on traffic and evacuation egress that this will have, in combination with proposals for second units.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Plan Update

- EIR SCOPING

Ms. Orias noted that Allied will have to submit a document containing appropriate requests for items and concerns to be addressed by the “Plan Santa Barbara” EIR, and established a **COMMITTEE** to develop a draft of that document, to be submitted in time for the February 13th deadline for submission of written comments to the scoping hearing, that committee to consist of Mr. Hernadi, Ms. McCammon, and Mr. Rution.

- GENERAL PLAN ALLIED PUBLICITY MAILING

Mr. Rution noted that the State had finally granted Allied’s tax exempt status, so he could now proceed to prepare a grant application to the Neighborhood Defense League for funds to assist in the preparation and distribution of Allied

publicity on issues that need to be decided in the General Plan update. It was decided to apply for the sum of \$10,000. A fall (2009) date was determined as probably the most timely target for distribution of the material. It should contain a concise, persuasive summary of Allied's positions on the key General Plan issues.

OLD BUSINESS

- Veronica Meadows project update

Ms. Orias noted the court decision on the Las Positas Meadows project, which will require either a re-submittal by the developer, or an election to be financed by him.

NEW BUSINESS

- Appropriation (\$100) for attendance at CEQA meeting in L.A

MOTION made and seconded to authorize the expenditure of \$100 to contribute to expenses of Ms. McCammon's attendance at a UCLA-sponsored course on land use law and CEQA, **PASSED**.

- Appointment of standing committee on traffic

It was decided to table this matter.

- Inclusionary Ordinance Status

The matter of revisions to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance is expected to come before Council in about two months. A statement by Allied questioning the overall efficacy of the Inclusionary concept on the jobs/ housing balance was discussed, and whether to submit a separate letter to Council at the time of its hearing, or to consider this as part of our General Plan deliberations. It was concluded that a supplemental letter should be drafted for consideration.

- Nomination & Election of Allied Officers for 2009

MOTION, made and seconded, to place in nomination the following slate of nominees for Allied officers for calendar year 2009, and to accept further nominations for candidates for such offices:

President:	Judy Orias
First VP:	Cathie McCammon
Second VP:	Gil Barry
Secretary:	Jean Holmes

Treasurer: Paul Hernandi
Parliamentarian: Joe Rution
Web Master: John DeVore

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed, and VOTE upon those nominations called for. Slate **ELECTED** unanimously.

- Invitation to City Water Manager to discuss water capacity

Ms. Orias was requested to invite the City Water Manager to our next meeting to discuss water capacity concerns. She distributed to each member a copy of the "2008 Water Supply Management Report" as background for that meeting.

- Invitation to Council Members to discuss General Plan proposals' impacts on neighborhoods

It was unanimously agreed that we should invite individual City Council members to appear before the Allied Board to discuss the General Plan update decision-making process. The timing and order of such invitations will be decided by the chair as the time schedules for the General Plan review (EIR completion, etc.) become more apparent.

ADJOURNMENT

9:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Rution, Secretary.

I was honored to serve as your Secretary for the past two years.

