

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES

Monday February 15, 2016  
Rution home, 607 Sola Street

Attending: Joe Rution (Bungalow Haven), Cathie McCammon (La Mesa). Judy Orias (Hidden Valley), Jo-Ann Shelton (Veronica Springs), Sally Sphar (Upper East guest), Anna Marie Gott (Bungalow Haven guest), Jean Holmes (Grove Lane)

Guests: Brad Smith and volunteer employee of Youth Drought Project; scheduled guest Gregg Hart was unable to attend.

CALL TO ORDER -- at 7:05

SCHEDULED GUEST Gregg Hart unable to attend

QUORUM -- Yes

MINUTES – January minutes accepted

TREASURER'S REPORT -- balance is \$1948.36. Two hundred dollars were paid to the Santa Barbara Conservancy to support the new guide to El Pueblo Viejo.

Five associations have paid their 2016 dues. For the others:

**Membership dues for 2016 (\$25) are now due.**

CHAIR COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS (1)

Gott introduced Brad Smith and a student volunteer employee who described their program (Youth Drought Project) which uses sheet mulching to replace thirsty lawns and landscaping with drought resistant planning. Rebates are available from the state of \$2/square foot. Gott suggested this might be a way to get uniformity of the parkway strips in a neighborhood as well as promote water conservation.

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

La Mesa McCammon reported that the developer proposing to convert an apartment complex next to City College into a student dormitory will hold an on-site presentation March 3. Changes have been made to his plans. Also, the city has found him guilty of illegal activity next to the creek that runs through the property.

Hidden Valley Orias said the draft bicycle master plan includes a lane on the street for both bicycles and pedestrians along Modoc Road by Hidden Valley. This is inadequate for the safety of children walking to school as well as walkers from the neighborhood. At some places there is a sidewalk already so it is a matter of filling in the gaps. **MSP Allied will write a request to the city that the sidewalk along Modoc Road between Calle de los Amigos and Las Positas be made complete.** The City Council will consider the master plan on February 23 at 6:00.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Short Term Rentals Sphar referred group to her e-mail message in which she offered to write a letter to the City Council detailing Allied's concerns. She also had written about these to Gregg Hart in preparation for this Allied meeting (which he could not attend). Gott described the lack of enforcement of the ordinance by city staff and their concerns about the conversion of long term rental units. On March 1 the council will receive a six month progress report. **MSP Rution will try to arrange a special meeting of Allied to discuss the Short Term Rental situation with Gregg Hart before March 1. Sphar's e-mail to Hart shall be sent to Randy Rowse now and a letter building on the staff report expected February 25 should be sent to the whole council before March 1.**

#### NEW BUSINESS (2)

Holmes described the county's Aware and Prepare program which enables people to receive emergency alerts on a variety of communication devices. A profile is established to register any special needs such as wheelchair assistance. To register, go to the website [awareandprepare.org](http://awareandprepare.org).

Adjournment - at 8:40

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Holmes, Secretary