

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES

Monday, March 16, 2015  
Rution home, 607 E. Sola Street, Santa Barbara

Attending: Joe Rution, Chair (Bungalow Haven).John DeVore (Samarkand), Judy Orias (Hidden Valley), Cathie McCammon (La Mesa), Tony Fischer (Upper East), Jo-Ann Shelton (Veronica Springs), Jean Holmes (Grove Lane).

CALL TO ORDER -- at 7:05

QUORUM -- Yes

MINUTES –February minutes were approved

TREASURER’S REPORT

Checking account balance is \$2,240.85. Samarkand, Hidden Valley and Grove Lane associations have paid their 2015 dues .but the checks have not been deposited as yet.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Rution reported that the discussions of the NZO (New Zoning Ordinance) at the Neighborhood Advisory Council have been very technical, not concerned with policy issues. He distributed copies of two amendments he proposed that were adopted by the group. They dealt with restrictions on the use of modifications and preservation of the historical character of older neighborhoods. Orias expressed concern that the staff us assuming too much decision making authority. Fischer complained about a lack of transparency. He described staff’s handling of parking problem at the El Encanto which failed to notify certain affected parties. Rution said he will bring up the problem at the next NZO meeting.

Rution also distributed copies of a letter of invitation to other associations to join Allied. It also asks for input on issues affecting neighborhoods. The letter will be mailed out in April.

Rution attended the city council discussion of the Municipal Golf Course which left him with questions about the financial necessity of the change. Fischer explained the restrictions on fees that exceed the actual cost of the subject of the fee.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

UPPER EAST -- Fischer reported the Safe Passages plan for the roadway from the Mission to the Museum of Natural History was approved by both the City Council and the Board of Supervisors. Now the staff is working on securing grant funding

Fischer described a legal problem with the ordinance regulating street side parking of RVs. Many cities have lost court cases involving similar ordinances.

HIDDEN VALLEY -- Orias noted that all neighborhoods complain about speeding traffic. This is an issue for both the police and the planners, who could prescribe traffic calmers such as bulb-outs and chicanes.

LA MESA -- McCammon reported that City College is holding workshops on a new master plan without inviting the neighbors.

## OLD BUSINESS

COUNCIL DISTRICTS -- Board members discussed the ongoing process of choosing the boundaries of the new council districts. Upper East has submitted a map showing their preference.

ADJOURNMENT --- 9:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Holmes, Secretary