

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES

Monday, March 17, 2014
Rution home, 607 E. Sola Street, Santa Barbara

Attending: Joe Rution, Chair (Bungalow Haven).John DeVore (Samarkand), Judy Orias (Hidden Valley), Paul Hernadi (Hitchcock Ranch), Catherine McCammon (La Mesa), Jo-Ann Shelton (Veronica Springs), Jean Holmes (Grove Lane).

Guest: Jason Nelson

CALL TO ORDER -- at 7:05

QUORUM -- Yes

MINUTES – February minutes approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking account balance is \$2,460.15, after a deposit of \$100.00.

Dues have been received from five organizations so far.

COALITION

Jason Nelson described an organization, City Watch ,that is under formation in Santa Barbara. Its purpose will be “solutions based advocacy” on behalf of those who feel their interests are not receiving the attention they should at City Hall. It is intended to be a coalition of businesses, neighborhood groups and other local organizations. Allied would be welcomed as a board member at no cost to Allied. At present, funding is being provided by the founding businesses. Decision whether to accept City Watch's invitation to join the coalition's board of directors will be made at next month's meeting.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Another communication has been received from Trevor Martinson about the height of the new El Encanto. Also, Rution received an unsatisfactory explanation from the city staff of how the height limit was computed by the Planning Department. Discussion led to a conclusion that Allied is not in a position to mediate this dispute. Rution will communicate same to Mr. Martinson.

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

McCammon reported several Planning Commission decisions re: house projects on the Mesa.

OLD BUSINESS

The Sandman project will be considered by the Planning Commission on April 3. This will present an opportunity for a complaint about staff's methodology of calculating the allowable floor area of a proposed three-story structure under SD-2 guidelines. Hernadi points out that staff is disregarding the necessity of subtracting from the overall lot size the square footage needed for driveways and walkways (as well as that computed for parking, setbacks and open space). Rution will be out of town but will write a letter outlining Allied's position on the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Orias called attention to the importance of monitoring the development of a new zoning ordinance for the city. There will also be a separate update of the city's Local Coastal Plan.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:45

Respectfully submitted

Jean Holmes, Secretary