

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES

Monday, June 16, 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), Cathie McCammon (La Mesa and League of Women Voters), Tony Fisher (Upper East), Jean Holmes (Grove Lane).

Guests: Vivian LaFrance (Oak Park), Joe Guzzardi (Samarkand), Mike Jordan (planning commissioner)

Presenters: Danny Kato, Beatriz Gularte, Marisela Salkinas

CALL TO ORDER -- at 7:03 pm

NEW ZONING ORDINANCE

City staff members presented information about the effort to update the city's zoning ordinance – the NZO process. There will be a webpage, www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/NZO, to display information and accept comments from the public. The goal is for the NZO to be adopted by the fall of 2016. Items not included in this effort (due to budget and time constraints) can be considered later. However, the in versus out lists are not firmly set yet; suggestions will be given consideration. It is not known at this time whether the new ordinance will need environmental review. The meetings of the oversight committee – three planning commissioners and two councilmembers – will be open to the public.

The group discussed and asked questions about a variety of topics, including density, variances, the view ordinance and trees, setbacks for fire department access, home businesses and code enforcement. There is a separate effort, already underway, to update the local coastal program. The result may or may not be suitable for integration into the NZO.

QUORUM -- Yes

MINUTES – May minutes approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking account balance is \$2,390.85

CHAIR COMMENTS

Rution informed that the project at 240 W. Alamar was not allowed a variance to reduce the front yard setback, a decision made by the Planning Commission.

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

The Upper East Association had a successful meeting on the topic of landscaping with drought tolerant plants.

Orias commented that the density of affordable housing projects leads to traffic impacts.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Holmes, Secretary