

# ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION

DRAFT MINUTES -- July 20, 2009

Wood Glen Hall, 3010 Foothill Road, Santa Barbara

**ATTENDING:** Gil Barry (Braemar Ranch), Frank Randall (Eucalyptus Hills), Paul Hernadi (Hitchcock Ranch), Joan Livingston (Upper East), John DeVore (Samarkand), Cathie McCammon (La Mesa), Judy Orias (Hidden Valley), Jean Holmes (Grove Lane).

Guest: Wanda Livernois, Brinkerhoff area resident

**CALL TO ORDER** by President Orias at 7:00 pm

**QUORUM DETERMINATION** A quorum was declared.

**MINUTES** MSP to approve minutes of 6-15 -09 as amended

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b> Unrestricted assets	\$1,767.89
Restricted assets (NDL grant)	<u>5,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$6,767.69

## CHAIR COMMENTS

Judy Orias announced a book signing on July 25 for a book on stone architecture in Santa Barbara.

The projects at Elings Park and Hillside House are still under review.

A large hotel – almost 100 rooms – which has been proposed for outer State Street just beyond the city limit is being reviewed by the county's South Architectural Review Board.

John DeVore has prepared a draft publication laying out Allied's position on the General Plan update. He will distribute it to the board for comments and suggestions.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

Wanda Livernois described a mixed use project proposed for 617 Bradbury Ave. that would be very bulky and architecturally inappropriate for the Brinkerhoff neighborhood. The staff hearing officer's report is being appealed. She will notify us when the appeal is to be heard; some board members may be able to give support at the hearing.

Joan Livingston informed the board that the Westside security project recently approved by the City Council was a far cry from what the residents requested some years ago. She saw this as an example of the city pushing its own agenda instead of trying to satisfy citizens' priorities. A project on San Pascual Street was similarly cited.

She also noted that the latest Plan Santa Barbara map has an institutional zone around the Old Mission in the Upper East area. There is a building project for a school underway there which seems to have escaped review.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion of Allied policies was postponed to next month's meeting when we will start with a decision on Allied's policy on density. Judy Orias distributed a draft policy on spot zoning which was not discussed at this meeting.

**MSP** that Allied Neighborhoods Association support Measure B, the height initiative on the November ballot.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The economic study which was to be the main topic for the Plan Santa Barbara workshop on July 23 was not available until the end of the prior week. **MSP** that Allied submit an immediate request that the Planning Commission make no recommendations on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and have a second workshop some time in the future so the public could have more time to analyze the issues raised by the study.

Gil Barry presented his Scenario 5, the Affordable by Design model, which would produce 22 units per acre of workforce housing on R-3 land without any subsidy. Dual density zoning would support this model.

**MSP** that Allied should make a statement on the 23<sup>rd</sup> describing problems we see with the economic study's favored scenario and recommending consideration of the CPA General Plan Update committee's letter and Gil Barry's Scenario 5.

Gil Barry reported that the county planning department will no longer copy land use maps for the public; the county counsel has approved this decision.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 9:04

Respectfully submitted

Jean Holmes., Secretary