

## ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2015

Attendance: Joe Rution (Bungalow Haven), John DeVore (Samarkand), Cathy McCammon (Mesa), Judy Orias (Hidden Valley), Sally Sphar (Upper East), and Jo-Ann Shelton (Veronica Springs).

The meeting was called to order by president Joe Rution at 7:05 pm.

Minutes of previous meeting: The motion was made (Judy), seconded (Cathie), and approved that the minutes be approved as distributed by email.

Treasurer 's report: The current balance is \$2,295.53; however, an amount of \$150.00 has not yet been paid to Adult Education. Cathie noted this contribution has resulted in City College making an allocation from one of their funds to subsidize the first 25 members to sign up for her class on Zoning Information Reports. The motion was made, seconded for approval, and passed.

Comments by the president: A question was raised concerning whether the St. Francis - Cottage Hospital shuttle is still running during the day. Allied needs to have a discussion on what we can do to increase membership - perhaps a letter requesting ideas from other organizations about how Allied can contribute and what issues they are interested in. Also there should be discussion about city-wide decisions that have impacts on all areas. There was concern expressed about the building at 1936 State St. and whether its large window signs comply with the city sign ordinance. The city has been contacted, but no response has been received as yet. Concern was expressed that zoning complaints are not being enforced by the city. A letter could be written by Allied regarding this issue.

Vacation Rentals: The council at their recent meeting took the position that vacation rentals in residentially zoned neighborhoods are illegal. There was discussion on the period of time for the city to require existing illegal rentals to comply. A motion was made and seconded that the Allied affirm the City Council decision not to allow vacation rentals in residentially zoned neighborhoods and that an amnesty period be allowed only until December 31, 2015. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention. Allied would like a report on the enforcement policy and its implementation. The idea was raised of using a portion of the TOT collected from vacation rentals in zones allowing them for staff enforcement costs of those in residentially zoned areas.

Zoning Information Reports: The letter on ZIRs from Roy Hawthorn was distributed. His concerns are that ZIRs are important to potential buyers, the process should be returned to its original purpose (to catch illegal construction and secondary units), and that inspections be returned to the building and safety department. There were comments that the cost should be reduced, that 10 days should be given for response, and the report should be focused on land use. A motion was made to send a letter to the City Council recommending that the ZIRs be focused on land use and that inspections be transferred to the building department. The motion was seconded and passed with Cathie abstaining. Cathie noted that there will be a panel discussion on ZIRs at the Schott Center on Oct 29 from 6 to 8 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Submitted by Judy Orias and John DeVore