

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of August 17, 2015

Attendance: Joe Rution (Bungalo Haven), John DeVore (Samarkand), Sally Sphar (Upper East guest), Tony Fischer(Upper East), Wanda Livernois (Brinkerhoff), and Judy Orias (Hidden Valley).

Meeting called to order by the president.

Minutes of previous meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report \$2,219.05. No invoice has been sent regarding the adult education course.

Discussion: A draft letter with items for discussion was passed out regarding increasing the membership to Allied. It was noted that there are fewer neighborhood groups speaking up and with the district elections now in the city it is important that the neighborhoods speak up with a strong, united voice. The areas of the districts were discussed. The members decided that the draft letter should be taken back to their organizations and discussed for further points of concern. At the next meeting we will finalize the letter. It was also noted that other organizations that had previously spoken out are no longer doing so. They should be urged to get involved in the discussion process.

Housing vacation rentals: The city council has allocated \$180,000.00 for enforcement through December 2016. The city will send out a letter enforcing zoning and extend tier 4 and tier 5 to 2016 December. The city attorney will act on priority basis, with complaints having a priority. The city planner stated that it will be 8 to 12 weeks before the staff would be up to speed. The issue of home sharing was also discussed and the difficulty of the determination between sharing and vacation rentals. There may be a zoning amendment regarding home sharing in October at the PC. At the hearing it was reported that vacations rentals have reduced bookings in approved lodging establishments (hotels and motels). If you go on the web there are approximately 2000 unpermitted vacation rentals offered in the Santa Barbara area, a majority of which are in the City of Santa Barbara

Samarkand: John reported on polling neighbors concerning the carnival held in MacKenzie Park during Fiesta. Noise and trash were concerns; also the lack of a proper pathway down the hillside from the neighborhood to the park. Tony noted that there were no prices listed on the food booths and that the sale of beer took up a lot of the space. Traffic and parking remains an impact on the neighborhood. The organization is working to put together suggestions for future events that will reduce the impacts on the neighborhood.

Solar Energy: Judy mentioned that the state legislature has indicated that solar installations are now allowed without review with consideration for only health and safety.

ZIRs: Tony noted that a draft response to the Grand Jury is due back from the PC and ordinance committee.

Judy recommended asking Council candidates about their views about working on cross jurisdiction (City, Goleta, County) issues.

AUD: 250 units already are pending or approved but they will not be counted towards the 250 limit until they are built and receive certificate of occupancy. Meanwhile there are more going through the process. Once a project has had its first design review meeting it is considered to be in the process and will proceed even if the first 250 units are built and receive COO, thus we will end up with many more AUD units than 250 when all is said and done.

General Discussion: The city is not doing enforcement of current ordinances. Enforcement should be increased.

Meeting adjourned.