

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION  
Draft MINUTES  
Monday, August 20 2012  
Wood Glen Hall, 3010 Foothill Road, Santa Barbara

Attending:): Joe Rution, Chair (Bungalow Haven). John DeVore (Samarkand, Judy Orias (Hidden Valley), Paul Hernadi (Hitchcock Ranch), Jean Holmes (Grove Lane)

CALL TO ORDER -- at 7:08

QUORUM -- YES

MINUTES - June minutes approved

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking account balance is \$2338.95 – no activity.  
Santa Barbara Bank and Trust still has not charged a fee.

#### CHAIR COMMENTS

Rution was appointed to the city's Neighborhood Advisory Council which will be holding a retreat over the next two Tuesdays. After discussion of possible input from Allied, board members agreed that it is important for the issues and concerns of Allied to be explained to the ANC and for Allied to learn about their issues and concerns.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

DeVore reported that Cottage Hospital is setting up a small group of neighborhood representatives to discuss the operation of the helipad, parking and other problems. DeVore recommended that the Samarkand Retirement Community be included in the group.

A Mackenzie Park Trails Committee has been formed with the goal of getting rid of an ugly fence separating the lawn bowling area from the lower level, replacing it with a landscaped trail.

In response to a question about upper State Street Hernadi said that the Whole Foods store has had less of an impact than feared, due largely to the reduction in development from the original plans. However when the present vacancies in the shopping center are occupied, the situation may change. He also described the current status of the Sandman project and the uncertainties as to its future.

Orias reported that there area over 200 cars parked on Calle de Los Amigos in the neighborhood of Valle Verde while the retirement community waits for a building permit.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Orias reported that the draft Historic Resources Element will go to the council in October. She noted that it gives neighborhoods an opportunity to protect themselves. Some people have the mistaken impression that the buffer provision will prohibit desirable projects in the vicinity of historic resources. Rather, it requires consideration of possible impacts when deciding about such projects. **MSP Allied will support the adoption of the Historic Resources Element by the city council.**

Orias said the Historic Landmarks Committee had many questions when it discussed the density increases in the overlay zones in the new general plan. Concerns included compatibility with the Historic Resources Element, open space, setbacks and others.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Board members discussed possible locations for a fire station that could protect Las Positas Valley and adjacent city and county areas. Some residents of the valley are developing a vision for their area.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:30

Respectfully submitted

Jean Holmes, Secretary