

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES

Monday September 28, 8 2015  
Rution home, 607 Sola Street

Attending: Joe Rution (Bungalow Haven), Cathie McCammon (La Mesa), John DeVore (Samarkand), Tony Fischer (Upper East), Judy Orias (Hidden Valley), Jean Holmes (Grove Lane).

Guests: Daniel McCarter (Friends of Arroyo Burro Creek), Sally Sphar (Upper East)

CALL TO ORDER -- at 7:05

QUORUM -- Yes

MINUTES – August minutes were approved, with thanks to Orias and DeVore for preparing them

TREASURER’S REPORT

Checking account balance is \$2,219.05 (unchanged)

VERONICA MEADOWS

McCarter thanked Allied for its past support in the fight to save the Veronica Meadows location from inappropriate development. The Trust for Public Land raised \$1.3 million and the city added \$2.7 million to complete the purchase price so now Veronica Meadows will become city parkland, designated “passive open space.” But there is still a campaign to reimburse TPL for their administrative expenses, which totaled \$25,000. To date \$6700 has been raised by the Friends of Arroyo Burro Creek. Neighborhood organizations could publicize the need; donations s can be made via the website [support.tpl.org/veronicameadows](http://support.tpl.org/veronicameadows). Also, checks made out to “Trust for Public Land Veronica Meadows” can be sent to Daniel McCarter, 530 Alan Rd., SB 93109. There is a deadline of December 1.

**MSP Allied Neighborhoods Association will donate \$250 to the Trust for Public Land to help with the Veronica Meadows campaign.**

There was a brief discussion of the Friends of Arroyo Burro Creek possibly joining Allied inasmuch as there are issues of concern in the Las Positas Valley that are appropriate for both organizations.

OLD BUSINESS

Home Sharing

Sphar reported that the city council will discuss home sharing at a meeting on October 15, with a staff report available one week prior. There was a general consensus that home

sharing regulations would be difficult to enforce, also that the practice would amount to the commercialization of residential neighborhoods.

#### Recruitment Letter

The revised draft of the recruitment letter was discussed and a few suggestions made. Rution will proceed with sending it out. Names and addresses of suggested recipients, whether organizations or individuals, should be sent to Rution.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### Effects of AUD

Orias has written a letter as an individual to several members of the city council; there is a possibility that a discussion of the actual effects of the AUD program might be put on a future agenda. **MSP Rution will write a letter to the council and the planning commission expressing Allied's concerns with AUD such as inadequate parking and no attention given to compatibility with the neighborhood.**

#### 715 Bond Aven

Sphar reported this project is another example of an AUD proposal that is far too large for its neighborhood location. She explained that it was reviewed only by a design board because the lot is not large enough to require planning commission review. The planning commission has expertise that is needed for projects such as this.

#### Zoning Information Reports

McCammon distributed flyers for her panel discussions on Zoning Information Reports and Protecting the Gaviota Coast. They are sponsored by the Center for Lifelong Learning. Fischer will participate in the first panel.

#### Supreme Court Decision on Sign Contents

Orias called attention to the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that the content of signs enjoys free speech protection with regulation allowed only for health and safety. Fischer is also following developments in this matter. His Upper East neighborhood contains a number of institutions which might want to add signs.

Adjournment at 8:55

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Holmes, Secretary