

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES

Monday November 21, 2016
Rution home, 607 Sola Street

Attending: Joe Rution (Bungalow Haven), Anna Marie Gott (Bungalow Haven), John DeVore (Samarkand), Sally Sphar (Upper East guest), Cathie McCammon (La Mesa), Judy Orias (Hidden Valley), Karen Martin (Oak Park guest), Natasha Todorovic (Citizens for Livable Neighborhoods - guest), Natalia Govoni (Citizens for Livable Neighborhoods - guest), Tony Fischer (Upper East), Jean Holmes (Grove Lane)

CALL TO ORDER – 7:05

QUORUM – yes

MINUTES –Minutes of the October meeting were accepted as amended and corrected.

TREASURER’S REPORT -- checking account balance is \$1,830.70

No activity to report

CO-PRESIDENTS’ REPORTS

Gott and Sphar raised a question about the recipients of our agendas. Orias and McCammon will review the list to see if it needs updating.

Gott will meet with a person who is knowledgeable about the city’s housing program to discuss AUD. Councilmember Dominguez may accompany her.

Gott reported that the draft letter to the city council on financing options for infrastructure was not finalized and sent. Responses from the board were too few.

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

Orias reported that repairs will start soon on the street lights in Hidden Valley which have not been operating for a long time. Also, the design of the multi-use path to be built along Modoc Road does not separate walkers from bikes which will be an unsafe situation. Discussions with councilmembers were ineffective. The Las Positas multi-use path is now in the grant application phase. Gott noted that people in the Sola/Olive streets neighborhood were told that there would be opportunities to give input even late in the planning process so Hidden Valley may have another chance yet.

OLD BUSINESS

Gott asked for members' thoughts about an AUD ballot measure or a public nuisance lawsuit. Opinions were mixed but included that a ballot measure would take a lot of hard work and must be built on a clear definition of our complaints. Gott added that there are different opinions as to whether the Bonus Density Law would apply to AUD projects. If so, it would allow an increase in density of 35%. Gott will send her information on this to Fischer.

NEW BUSINESS

By a unanimous vote Citizens for Livable Neighborhoods and the Oak Park Neighborhood Association were approved for membership in Allied Neighborhoods Association.

The bylaws discussion focused on the approval of statements which often must be done in a very short timeframe. McCammon proposed that such approvals be made by a majority vote of the executive committee before a set deadline. No decision was made and the matter was continued by acclamation to the next meeting.

Orias reported the Historic Landmarks Commission is working on the establishment of historic districts. It has approved guidelines and sent them to the Architectural Board of Review.

Sphar asked that her name and e-address be removed from messages she has sent if they are forwarded outside the Allied board.

Gott pointed out that residential units are being converted to hotel status. This is a concern. She distributed a list of addresses that are in various phases of the planning process. This item will be continued.

Adjournment -- 9:15

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Holmes, Secretary