

Allied Neighborhoods Association
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 18, 2006
Red Cross Building, 2707 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA

Present: Sylvia Glass, Rosanne Boardman, Gil Barry, Dick Moss, Joe Rution, Judy Orias, Paul Hernadi, Cathie McCammon, Pat Hiles, Frank Hotchkiss, Jean Holmes, John & Anna Devore.

By consent of the group, Judy Orias presided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of meeting of October 16, 2006, were approved. Meeting of November 21, 2006: With three corrections (changing reference of Mac Bakewell's affiliation to Marine Terrace, the name in Treasurer's report from "Joe" to Paul Hernadi, and adding Joe Rution to members appointed to Bylaw Revision Committee), on MOTION and second, the minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Hernadi gave the Treasurer's report, which was accepted without objection. He stated that the current treasury balance was \$2,340.21.

He relayed to the Board request by President Kahan for reimbursement for certain expenses.

MOTION and second to take from the table MOTION made at last meeting to reimburse President Kahan \$409.60 for expenses of transcript from appeal of Century 21 project to Planning Commission (for use in subsequent appearance before City Council on applicants appeal), upon presentation of supporting documentation (payment invoice, etc.).

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION and second to authorize President Kahan to represent Allied in appearing at appeal before City Council of the Century 21 project (applicant's appeal from Planning Commission decision).

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION was made and seconded for another Allied representative to speak on behalf of Allied at the Century 21 appeal.

MOTION PASSED

OUTER STATE STREET DEVELOPMENTS

MOTION by Glass, second by A. Devore, to authorize Mr. Hernadi, with the assistance of Mr. Devore, to write letter to City re: Outer State Street Study, requesting that the actual documentation and statements, rather than a summary of same, of the Community Workshops output be made publicly available - preferably on the City website. Further, that these statements as well as the final version of the traffic study be further scrutinized by staff, the public participants, and the decision makers; and that this letter be submitted to the City before the end of 2006.

MOTION PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- BYLAW REVISION COMMITTEE:

The Chair affirmed the presence of a quorum in excess of 50% of the eligible membership.

MOTION and second to reinstate any Association representative who might have been absent from three consecutive meetings, per Section C.3.1 of the Bylaws.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION and second to adopt, by taking up and voting in series, the recommendations for interim Bylaw amendments presented to the Board by the Bylaw Revision Committee. Individual votes were taken on the recommendations as follows:

AMEND Bylaw Section B.1.1. to read as follows: REQUIREMENTS: A regular member must be a neighborhood preservation, improvement or protective association organized for the mutual benefit of the residents of a neighborhood which is fully or partially located within the City of Santa Barbara, that is organized for the purpose of considering the full range of issues relating to its neighborhood, rather than having a narrower focus of one or several specific concerns.

MOTION PASSED.

AMEND Bylaw Section B.2. to read as follows: ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES: Each member Association shall designate a representative (and alternate if so desired) to serve on the Allied Board of Directors. Such designees shall be the directors of Allied.

MOTION PASSED.

AMEND Bylaw Section C.3.1 to read as follows: VOTING Each regular member association shall have one vote to be cast by its representative (or alternate) on resolutions, motions and other matters. Any organization certified by the Treasurer as having paid in full its annual dues as of the end of the calendar year shall be eligible to vote for officers for the following year, at such time as such elections are held.

MOTION PASSED.

AMEND Bylaw Section D.2 to read as follows: ELECTION OF OFFICERS, NOMINATIONS: The Allied Board of Directors shall annually elect a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer whose terms of office shall be one year.

MOTION PASSED.

The Committee will be working on a comprehensive review of the current Bylaws, and will return to the Board with recommendations at a later date.

-GENERAL PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE:

MOTION and second to support the Recommendations of the General Plan Update Committee, and to authorize that Committee to pursue those recommendations, which read (with revisions as recommended by the Board) as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Allied support the following recommendations and principles, and authorize a committee of representative(s) to present and pursue them with the City:

- 1) That the Update process be structured to represent a truly **citizen-based undertaking**, that encourages and facilitates broad-based citizen direction and participation to the greatest degree possible.
- 2) That the GPU be sufficiently **broad in scope** to encompass an examination of all the priorities set forth in the various elements of the City General Plan, seeking to identify where they might be competing or potentially conflicting, and to establish an ordering of those priorities.
- 3) That a complete, **comprehensive revision of the Land Use Element** be undertaken, to insure that it clearly reflects the decisions made as to the ordering of City priorities.

- 4) That the revision of the Land Use Element encompasses a **thorough new inquiry into the regulation of future growth** in the city, and that decisions on those fundamental growth questions be made by way of **ballot measures** (public votes).
- 5) That **sufficient City resources be appropriated** and applied to the process to insure that it is done right: that sufficient expertise be placed at the disposal of the process to insure extensive examination and illumination of the key issues and options.
- 6) That effective **interim development safeguards** pending completion and adoption of the Plans be implemented.

We also recommend that Allied request that Citizens Planning Association, as well as other appropriate groups and organizations, join us in presenting these recommendations.

And finally, we recommend the Allied embark on a public relations campaign to secure Citywide citizen support for these recommendations.

MOTION PASSED.

- NOMONATIONS COMMITTEE:

The following slate of Officers for the year 2007 was submitted by the Nominations Committee, for nomination at the January, 2007 regular meeting:

President: Judy Orias
Vice President: Joe Guzzardi
Second Vice President: Gil Barry
Treasurer: Paul Hernadi
Secretary: Joe Rution

Other nominees for these offices, should they be forthcoming, will be considered at the January meeting, at which time elections are scheduled to be held.

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

Ms. Orias requested that the matter of consideration of developments in the Las Positas Valley, and appropriate Actions to be taken by Allied thereon, be considered at the January regular meeting.

ADJOURN

MOTION and second to adjourn.

MOTION PASSED and meeting adjourned at 9:29 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, January 15, 2007, contingent on availability of the building (Federal holiday).

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Rution,
Acting Secretary

Minutes adopted as corrected 1/15,06
Joe Rution, Secretary