

# **Allied Neighborhoods Association**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, March 19, 2007

President Orias called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

In attendance on behalf of member organizations were: Anna DeVore, John DeVore, Richard Moss, Jean Holmes, Jules Bender, Gil Barry, Paul Hernadi, Jim Kahan, Joe Rution, Roseanne Boardmen, and Judy Orias. Also attending was Michael Self.

The Chair declared a quorum present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION to accept minutes of Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> made and seconded, corrections noted, and PASSED unanimously.

MOTION to accept minutes of February 19<sup>th</sup> made and seconded, corrections noted, and PASSED unanimously.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Hernadi reported a current treasury balance of \$2,070, with liabilities for three month's room rentals (\$90.00) and contribution toward the C.P.A. vs. City litigation (\$400), for a net balance of \$1,580.

### **OUTER STATE STREET DEVELOPMENTS**

- Update on Upper State Street Study

MOTION for Allied endorsement of the tri-fold brochure currently being completed advocating a two-story limitation on outer State Street development proposals, made and seconded, and PASSED unanimously.

- Appointment of a member to attend Century 21 appeal to Council.

Jean Holmes stated her intent to do her best to be present at the hearing on March 27<sup>th</sup>, to register Allied's support for the upholding of the Planning Commissions decision in favor of the appeal.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Bylaws Revisions:** Committee report on comprehensive Bylaw review.

A special meeting will be scheduled for devotion to the matter of the revised Bylaws.

It was decided that the provision pertaining to voting rights should require that only members having paid up current year's dues be eligible to vote; Treasures Hernadi indicated that it would be no problem to be able to certify as to the payment/non-payment of any member prior to any vote.

- IRS Non-Profit Status, Incorporation and/or Insurance.

Mr. Rution will send to all members an outline of the various considerations involved, and Mr. Moss will investigate insurance availability and costs.

- Allied Web Site.

Mr. Kahan was requested to remove all Allied records appearing on its former website, which now bears another name (and which is under Mr. Kahan's control).

MOTION made and seconded to authorize an Allied expenditure of up to \$200 to establish and maintain a new Allied website; APPROVED unanimously.

Ms. Orias will investigate assistance by individuals to establish a new Allied website, attendant costs, etc.

### **-General Plan Update**

- General Plan survey questionnaire draft.

Mrs. Orias requested comments on the draft questionnaire. She reported that copies will be available at the next meeting for members to take to their organizations for distribution.

- Report on March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with City on General Plan Update process.

Mr. Rution reported on the meeting, attended by Allied representatives, conducted by the City General Plan Outreach Committee. The Outreach Committee members will be meeting with organizations throughout the city to discuss visions for Santa Barbara's future. The Allied General Plan Committee will notify members of time and places of

the first Community Meetings scheduled by City (tentatively: evenings of Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>).

- Request for authorization to purchase resource materials (copies of current City General Plan)

Matter deferred in consideration of time.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Discussion of invitation to Councilman Barnwell's offer to attend to discuss "form-based zoning" and related matters.

Mr. Barry was requested to write a summary of Smart Growth so that members would be informed before Councilman Barnwell's visit.

Mrs. Orias reported that a letter of concern had been written and sent to the City Council regarding the lot split on Eucalyptus Hill.

Former Planning Commission Chairman Bill Mahon will be invited to a future Allied meeting to describe his effort to bring a two-story building height limitation in the Pueblo Viejo district to a ballot measure.

Ms. Devore invited Allied and any members to join Samarkand Neighborhood Association in sponsoring a City Council candidate forum.

She also asked anyone having any experience with establishing a Neighborhood Watch program to contact her.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES**

Mr. Bender requested that the matter of undergrounding of utilities in residential neighborhoods be a topic of discussion at a future Allied meeting, and offered to do some investigation into the matter.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn made and seconded; ADJOURNED at 8:53 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Joe Rution,  
Secretary

