

Allied Neighborhoods Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 16, 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 Boardman, Sylvia Glass, Judy Orias and Catherine McCammon. Also attending were Michael Self and Jim Westby.

The Chair declared a quorum, exceeding 50%, present.

GUEST SPEAKER

Former Planning Commission Chairman Bill Mahan outlined his group's proposal for a possible ballot measure to limit downtown (El Pueblo Viejo) development to 40 feet. He noted that anyone wishing to assist in the initiative could make contributions to: Save El Pueblo Viejo, P. O. Box 2459, Santa Barbara, CA 93120.

MOTION to have Allied formally endorse the effort, made and seconded.

MOTION to AMEND, made and seconded, to extend the 40 foot building height restriction citywide.
DEFEATED.

Main motion PASSED. (Mr. Kahan of the Grove Lane Association abstained, stating he wished to take the matter to his board.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to accept minutes of March 19th made and seconded, and PASSED unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hernadi reported a current treasury balance of \$1,770.71, with liabilities in the amount of \$120.00, for a net balance of \$1,650.71.

He reported that ten of last year's paid-up members had now paid in current dues.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTION ORDINANCE UPDATE

Dianne Channing made an appeal for Allied's endorsement to re-insert private "Views" considerations into the Good Neighbor Guidelines that are part of the proposed NPO apparatus, modeled after an approach taken by the City of Tiburon.

Mr. Barry presented an opposing view.

MOTION, made and seconded, for formal Allied endorsement of inclusion of private view considerations in the NPO "Good Neighbor Guidelines". PASSED.

GUEST SPEAKER (8:00 P.M.)

Mr. Jim Britsch, the City's Neighborhood Underground Utilities Coordinator outlined the City program for establishment of private residential underground utilities assessment districts, describing procedures, possibilities, and answering questions. He distributed pertinent documents and materials to members and attendees. He can be contacted at facilitiesmanagement@cox.net, or 729-4629.

OUTER STATE STREET DEVELOPMENTS

Update on Upper State Street Study:

Copies of the completed tri-fold brochure, prepared by the Devores, advocating a two-story limitation on outer State Street, were distributed.

Mr. Hernadi reviewed the recent action by the Planning Commission on the staff report on the Outer State Street Study.

MOTION to authorize Mr. Barry to draft a letter, for presentation to Council on May 7th, expressing Allied's endorsement of the Planning Commission's resolution, but highlighting Allied's particular concerns and exceptions. PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws Revisions:

MOTION to adopt draft of Bylaws as submitted by drafting committee.

MOTION TO AMEND by adopting January as annual meeting date in Section C.1.1. PASSED

Main motion to adopt Bylaw draft, incorporating several corrections and suggested modifications, and conditioning adoption upon opportunity of members to point out errors and corrections at next regular meeting, PASSED.

The Secretary will send to all members the final corrected draft for review.

Allied Web Site:

The Devores were roundly applauded for their efforts in setting up the new Allied web site, and Mr. Devore for volunteering to serve as "webmaster".

General Plan Update:

General Plan survey questionnaire draft.

Mrs. Orias noted that survey questionnaire will be sent, via e-mail, to member organizations for distribution, similarly, to their members for completion. Replies are requested by May 31st.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION, made and seconded, on behalf of request by Mr. Kahan for expenditure of \$400 of Allied funds for the acquisition of a City Council meeting transcript in furtherance of his legal action seeking to challenge the Council's upholding of the appeal of the "Century 21" Upper State project, DEFEATED.

The recent passing of Ms. Claudia Madsen was noted, to the deep and heartfelt sympathy of all who enjoyed her wonderful friendship and appreciated her years of invaluable community service. Members are invited to make contributions in her memory to a cause that she supported.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made and seconded; ADJOURNED at 9:33 P.M.

Respectively submitted by
Joe Rution, Secretary