

**Allied Neighborhoods Association  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 21, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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, Chuck Croninger, Paul Hernadi, Joe Rution, Judy Orias and Catherine McCammon. Also attending was Mr. Roy Miller.

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

**GUEST SPEAKER**

City Councilman Brian Barnwell attended, upon invitation, to discuss (primarily) the subject of current proposals for initiatives to limit building heights within the downtown core (El Pueblo Viejo) as well as Citywide. He noted there will be a major discussion of this matter, involving City Council, Planning Commission, Architectural Board of Review and Historic Landmarks Commission, to which the public is welcome, on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION made and seconded to accept draft minutes of April 16, 2007 regular meeting. PASSED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Hernadi reported a treasury net balance of \$1,720. He also distributed a list of current members whose dues are paid up, and are thus eligible to vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**-Bylaws**

MOTION made and seconded to ratify last meeting's vote to ratify new Bylaws, after incorporation of corrections, editorial modifications, etc., PASSED.

The new adopted Bylaws, dated April 16, 2007, will be posted on the Allied website.

## **-General Plan Update**

Ms. Orias suggested that a position paper, containing statements and discussion of Allied's consensus on various issues that are certain to play key roles in the upcoming General Plan Update, be prepared and adopted to guide us and provide focus for our participation in the process. She appointed a committee for the purpose of preparing a draft, to serve as a starting point, consisting of Mr. Rution & Mr. Hernadi.

Upcoming City workshop meetings on the GPU were noted for June 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and July 7<sup>th</sup>. Allied Board members, and members of member organizations, are urged to turn out and participate.

It was decided, by consensus, to defer response to the Mayor's invitation to send City personnel to our meetings to discuss the General Plan, until development of our consensus on key items. This will be an item on our July agenda.

The Survey Questionnaire responses are being received on a Yahoo e-mail account set up for that purpose, and paper copies are also being distributed on request. Compilation of results will be discussed at the July meeting.

Tri-fold publications being developed by Mr. DeVore, illustrating Allied positions on the issues of height limitations on buildings in the Upper State Street area, and in response to questions the City had raised in publications relating to the GPU process, were discussed.

MOTION made and seconded for Allied endorsement to the positions expressed in these tri-fold publications, nominal sponsorship, and authorization to Mr. Devore to proceed with their publication (giving three days to submit suggestions for additions/alterations), PASSED.

## **- Outer State Street Study**

Ms. Orias reported she had appeared and made statements on behalf of Allied on the Outer State Street study, as well as on the proposed 40 foot building height limitation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Orias noted that a proposed Eucalyptus Hill lot split, on which Allied had registered its opposition, had been denied.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **- Inclusionary Housing Ordinance Revisions**

A meeting of the Council sub-committee studying this matter is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>, at which Allied members will attend. Those intending to attend and speak will coordinate statements they intend to read at that meeting.

Mr. Hernadi reviewed the concerns CPA had expressed with the ordinance.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made and seconded to adjourn PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.