

**ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
July 16th, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

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

The following Board members were present: Anna and John DeVore, Richard Moss, Charles Stapleton, Sylvia Glass, Lisa Burns, Judy Orias, Jean Holmes, Jules Bender, Paul Hernadi, Joe Rution, Roseanne Boardman, Gil Barry, and Catherine McCammon. Also attending were Debbie Castanata, John Jostes, and Paul Casey.

Ms. Orias reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Citizen's Planning Association Land Use Committee earlier in the day, at which the matters of the building heights limitation proposal and the re-filing of the State Street Lofts project proposal were addressed.

Also on her attendance at an EIR scoping meeting for 535 Montecito St. Located in the industrial zone, it is a 48 unit affordable 2 and 3 bedroom project in 6 buildings. Concerns were expressed about private open space, common open space, lack of guest parking (2 spaces proposed), traffic, impact on services, safety in buiding design, school availability for children, and impact of air quality.

SPECIAL GUEST

Paul Casey, Director of the City Planning Department, attended to discuss the City General Plan Update process, and to give us an opportunity to address our concerns, make suggestions, etc. The results and analysis of the recently completed Allied Community attitudes and opinions survey were discussed and a copy presented to Mr. Casey. This segment of the meeting lasted until approximately 8:30 P.M. and yielded lively discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve minutes of June 18th, PASSED unanimously.

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

A call for Round table report from organizations regarding developments and issues in their areas yielded no pressing items.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hernadi reported a treasury balance of \$1,638.82, and presented the list of currently paid-up (dues) organizations.

OLD BUSINESS

The matter of postings of Allied members' messages – opinions, views, etc. – on the Allied website was discussed. Ms. Orias requested Mr. Hernadi to draft a set of guidelines to be used by our “webmaster” for screening items for appropriateness. The item will be on the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

The subject of an Allied response to the “HOT Statement” that had been circulated for endorsements was addressed. A series of panel discussions is scheduled to be held by the organization promoting that document, and a contact person at the Schott Center (Ann Cameron Wiley) will be contacted concerning the possibility of an Allied representative at those sessions. Allied has not been invited by that group, to date.

The matter, including possible dissemination of an Allied response to the “Statement”, will be on the next Allied agenda.

ADJOURN

MOTION to adjourn at 9:05 P.M. PASSED.