

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
August 20, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

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

The following Board members were present: Anna DeVore, Judy Orias, Jules Bender, Paul Hernadi, Joe Rution, Gil Barry, and Catherine McCammon. Also attending were City Transportation Director Rob Dayton and Ms. Michelle Giddens, a Mesa resident and candidate for City Council.

The President declared a 50% quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve minutes of July 16th, made and seconded;
PASSED unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

CHAIR COMMENTS

Ms. Orias reported that the Adult Education workshop had agreed to drop references to Allied's name in its publicity, inasmuch as Allied had not been extended invitation to participate.

On her invitation, Mr. Hernadi reported on a Planning Commission conceptual review given to the re-submitted "Lofts" project on Outer State Street.

She commented on her meeting with the mayor at which she suggested that major development proposals be called up for Council review pending completion of the General Plan update, and also her suggestion that the City follow our lead by undertaking its own survey,

encompassing concerns about new proposed dense development on air, traffic, water and infrastructure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Plan Update

MOTION to adopt draft of document entitled ALLIED FUNDAMENTAL PLANNING POSITION, August, 2007, made and seconded; PASSED unanimously. Such document will be referenced in connection with Allied's participation in the City General Plan Update process.

A tri-fold brochure illustrating the highlights of the results of Allied's community attitudes survey was distributed.

MOTION to endorse this publication, and to authorize distribution and publicity made and seconded; PASSED unanimously.

Mr. Hernadi discussed his draft of policy statement on Density Determination in Bonus Density & Mixed Use Projects, and action on this was postponed until next meeting, with the request that Mr. Hernadi send all members a written (e-mail) explanation of the proposal beforehand.

OLD BUSINESS

- Filling of Vacancy in Office of Second Vice President

MOTION to open nominations for candidates to fill vacancy in office of Second Vice President, made and seconded; PASSED unanimously.

Mr. Rution placed in nomination the name of Mr. John Devore.

MOTION to close nominations, made and seconded, and passed by affirmation.

VOTE on election of Mr. Devore to fill term of Second Vice President vacated by resignation of Mr. Barry: Mr. Devore ELECTED by vote of 7-0.

- Incorporation Status

Mr. Rution noted that he had been informed by Mr. Moss that Allied's filing for Incorporation as a Non-Profit California Corporation had been accepted

by the State, and that a filing for a new Federal Employer Identification Number had been filed and is pending.

- Allied Policy Positions & Publicity

MOTION made and seconded to adopt the following POLICY on postings to the Allied Website:

The Allied web site shall have a section for the posting of advocacy statements which are submitted by members but which have not been endorsed as official Allied statements. This section shall indicate that the postings represent the opinions of the authors and not necessarily those of Allied. The section shall also state the posting process.

The advocacy statements must be germane to Allied's purposes and concerns, not contain items reflecting a personal agenda, or intended for commercial purposes. The manner of presentation must be decorous and polite. The statements must avoid personalities and address issues. Material which is potentially libelous or contains undocumented accusations of wrongdoing or aspersions of evil motive and the like shall be rejected.

The postings must state the name of the author or authors and state that they reflect the opinions of the author or authors and not necessarily those of Allied.

Potential postings may be sent by email to the Allied webmaster at WebMaster@sb-allied.org. The webmaster shall review the submissions. The webmaster may provisionally accept a posting and post it, reject a posting and reply to the sender with his concerns, or forward the submission to the Allied Executive Committee for review and further action, including communicating with the submitter. Any submission which is rejected may be reviewed by the Executive Committee and/or the Allied Board. Ultimate authority resides with the Allied Board (Allied Bylaws, Section D.3.7).

PASSED, and thus adopted, unanimously.

MOTION to endorse statements of Allied policy: the trifold brochures published to date, and the draft response to the "HOT Statement", **and to authorize their publicity** as representations of Allied policy and position, made and seconded. **PASSED, unanimously.**

MOTION to authorize the Executive Committee, by affirmation of at least three of its members, **to publicize officially adopted or authorized Allied actions, positions and policies**, by whatever means it deems appropriate, made and seconded. PASSED unanimously.

- Invitation to Evacuation Plan Speaker

It was decided that, rather than to have the speaker attend an Allied meeting, that the most effective way of disseminating his message would be to encourage our individual organizations to invite the speaker to attend their meetings. The contact information is: Jay C. McAmis, Jr.

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ADJOURNMENT at 9:00 P.M.