

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
September 17, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

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

The following Board members were present: Anna & John DeVore, Judy Orias, Jules Bender, Roseanne Boardman, Paul Hernadi, Joe Rution, Catherine McCammon, Jean Holmes, and Richard Moss. Also attending was City Transportation Director Rob Dayton.

The President declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve minutes of August 20th, with suggested corrections, made and seconded; PASSED unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hernadi reported a treasury balance of \$1,638.82, and estimated outstanding obligations at about \$150.00.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Ms. Orias reported on a number of meetings she attended and participated in on behalf of Allied, including:

- Joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission where she presented our trifold brochure which discussed survey results about issues. She also handed out the proposed Allied policy statement regarding mix use projects. She noted that this statement would be presented to the full Allied board at their next meeting.
- Accepted an invitation from Homeowners Defense Fund to a meeting in Los Olivos.
- E - mailed the mayor about the 101 widening project to express concern that any construction over water be done to the 100-year flood plain standard.
- Concerning a condo conversion project at 2519 Orella St., she was authorized to send a letter regarding undersized units, lack of required storage facilities, parking and impact on the housing stock.

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

Mr. Hernadi reported on the upcoming hearing on the new State Street Lofts proposal, and is drafting a letter of critique of the proposal to be submitted at that time on behalf of Allied.

Mr. Moss, on behalf of Upper East, discussed issues related to district elections, and concerns about mixed-use projects standards.

Mr. DeVore requested that Allied again be prepared to assist Samarkand Association with issues related to the adjacent carnival activities.

Ms. Orias discussed a questionable condo conversion application on (?) Street, and was authorized by the Board to write a letter expressing pertinent concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Plan Update

MOTION to adopt draft of document entitled "Residential Density in Mixed Use Projects, September, 2007", made and seconded, and several corrections noted; PASSED unanimously.

This document will be referenced in connection with Allied's participation in the City General Plan Update process, and in advocacy during hearings on related projects.

Suggestions submitted by Mr. Barry relating to computation of building size and bulk in projects generally were discussed, and were deemed appropriate to a separate policy piece directed to a broader concern than just mixed-use projects, the development of which Mr. Barry will be invited to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

The City Staff's recent presentation of a proposal for changes in Zoning Ordinance that was presented to the Ordinance Committee on September 11th was discussed. The Secretary was directed to send a request to Planning Director Casey to delay consideration of the proposal until such time as citizens groups can digest and analyze it.

MOTION to establish a Committee to study the recommended revisions, develop a critique and present it at the October 2nd Ordinance Committee

meeting, made and seconded; PASSED unanimously. Mr. Rution and Ms. McCammon were appointed to the Committee.

A lively discussion ensued around questions put to Mr. Dayton on a wide variety of traffic and transportation concerns. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Dayton for his voluntary attendance and participation at our meetings, and the valuable insights he has provided us on key issues.

OLD BUSINESS

The subject of Allied Non-Profit Status was once again discussed, and Mr. Rution and Mr. Moss were directed to research the matter and present recommendations at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

By consensus, it was decided to hold the next meeting on the second Monday of October (8th), in order to accommodate a visit by Mr. Mahan, during which he'll address the topic of the status of the initiative for a ballot measure on building height limits.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:12 P.M.