

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 8, 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, Lisa Burns, Joe Rution, Catherine McCammon, Jean Holmes, and Steve Dunn. Also attending was City Councilman Brian Barnwell.

The President declared a quorum present, and welcomed new representative Steve Dunn, the new President of Citizens Planning Association.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Councilman Barnwell briefed the organization on the status of the effort to put an initiative to limit building heights (40 feet in El Pueblo Viejo, 45 feet elsewhere in the City) on the November 2008 ballot. Mr. Barnwell, as well as another sponsor of the measure, Bill Mahan, will be attending our November meeting to discuss it further.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** to approve minutes of September 17th, with suggested corrections, made and seconded; **PASSED** unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Hernadi reported a treasury balance of \$1,510.63, and estimated outstanding obligations, for space rental, at.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

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

- A hearing on a condo conversion project at 2519 Orella St.
- An upcoming Homeowners Defense Fund to a meeting in Los Olivos (passed out invitations) which will feature the land-use lobbyist for Santa Barbara County.
- The preparing of 200 copies of our brochure on our community attitudes survey, and the mailing of them to CPA members.
- Participation in meeting on 101 widening project and presenting caveats about flood plain impacts.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES**

Ms. McCammon addressed a Council agenda item concerning undergrounding of utilities on Cliff Drive, and some other impending large developments.

Ms. Burns encouraged neighborhood associations to take advantage of the resources for coordinating emergency responses being made available through the County and a non-profit organization, "Neighborhood Net".

Ms. Orias reported on the Val Verde expansion proposal, and on potential cumulative impacts of a number of pending projects on traffic and emergency services in the Las Positas/101/Modoc intersections.

Mr. Hernadi recapped the results of recent ABR hearing, which was continued indefinitely, on the revived "State Street Lofts" proposal.

Frank Hotchkiss, a candidate for City Council, was in attendance, and Ms. Orias afforded him the opportunity to address the group.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **- Upper State Street Study Guidelines Preparation:**

Mr. Hernadi addressed a draft letter, which had been distributed to the membership, on recommendations for the preparation of guidelines for Upper State Street, and related matters. By consensus, the letter will be presented to the City Council as representing Allied policy.

### **- Policy on City "Conceptual Reviews"**

Discussion centered around a draft resolution Mr. Kahan had proposed for the CPA Land Use Subcommittee, and it was decided, in the interest of coordinating our efforts with CPA, to postpone Allied consideration of the resolution until Mr. Kahan had developed a final draft and come to some conclusion with that Sub Committee.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **- Tax-Exempt Status Application:** (Committee: Rution & Moss)

**MOTION** to authorize submission of application to IRS for tax-exempt status for Allied as a 501(c)(4) Non-Profit, and the expenditure of \$300 for the application fee **PASSED**.

Mr. Rution presented Treasurer Hernadi the completed application, for posting with the required check.

- **City Staff Recommendations for Zoning Ordinance Revisions:** (Committee: McCammon & Rution)

**MOTION** to oppose those proposed revisions that would make substantive revisions to existing open area and set back requirements, and to encourage City to refer consideration of those matters to the General Plan Update process as part of a comprehensive review of related zoning matters, **PASSED**.

The committee was requested to draft an appropriate letter to the City Council expressing rationale for this Allied position.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Monitoring pending development projects:**

Ms. McCammon addressed the concern about lack of an effective mechanism for monitoring upcoming development projects as they first appear in the City process "pipeline". The request was made that Allied be made privy to the monitoring done by CPA, and that the Allied President & Secretary distribute such notifications that deserve attention among the membership as they are received.

- **Construction over Streams/ Flood Potential:**

**MOTION** to adopt "Proposal for Allied Positions Regarding Flood Potential, September 30, 2007", with revisions suggested from the floor, and to submit it for consideration in the City General Plan Update process, **ADOPTED**.

## **NEXT MEETING**

By consensus, it was decided to again hold the next meeting on the second Monday of next month, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**ADJOURMENT** at 9:06 P.M.