

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 21, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

The following members of representative organizations were present: John DeVore, Judy Orias, Paul Hernadi, Charles Croninger, Joe Rution, Catherine McCammon, Jean Holmes, Sylvia Glass, Gil Barry, Jim Kahan, Lisa Burns, and Cheri Rae; also attending were Joan Livingston, Jim Westby, Bill Mahan and Mike Jordan.

The President declared a quorum exceeding 2/3 present, and welcomed our guests.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** to approve minutes of December 17, 2007, with corrections noted; **PASSED** unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Hernadi reported a treasury balance of \$1,407.98, and estimated outstanding obligations of \$180. He urged member organizations to make their annual dues payments (\$50) promptly, and that March first ends the grace period beyond which delinquent members would be ineligible to vote.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

Ms. Orias reviewed a number of matters included in a packet of information she distributed to those present, as well as noting the proposed Zoning Ordinance revisions and the flood plain standards issue.

**NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES**

Ms. McCammon (La Mesa) noted progress on the Neighborhood Protection Ordinance, and that SBCAG will be

considering regional housing allocations at a meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Barry (Braemar) noted that two proposed residences exceeding FAR guidelines are coming up for review.

Mr. Croninger (Riviera) brought to the groups attention a matter referred to City Planning Department involving an above-ground transformer proposed by SCE at a location where utilities have long been undergrounded (Paterna & Lasuen).

Mr. Wesby noted that the briefs have been submitted in the lawsuit by Cottage/St. Francis housing project, and it is scheduled for a February 5<sup>th</sup> hearing.

Mr. Hernadi (Hitchcock Ranch) noted that the Sandman Inn revised application is slated for ABR review February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Kahan (Grove Lane) discussed the T-Mobil (3230 State Street) proposal and its history (enforcement deficiencies, etc.).

Cheri Rae (Bungalow Haven) reported on an appeal to the City Council of an ABR landscaping plan approval for the large apartment complex at Anapamu and Salsipudes, taken by the La Murilla condo association and Salsipudes Street neighbors. The issue arose from the un-permitted removal of a large number of mature trees and “urban forest” shrouding the apartment building, as well as destruction of a historic stone wall. Allied members were urged to support the appeal and appear at the hearing before Council on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION to support the appeal and send a letter to City Council to such effect prior to the hearing, along with a recommendation for an *ad hoc* committee to address such problems, made and seconded. PASSED.

Ms. Orias (Hidden Valley) discussed the Hillside House project (Veronica Springs & Las Positas), and the application of 100-year flood standards to its current bridge building projects.

She also requested that the matter of requesting the City to reduce the fee for filing appeals to the City Council when multiple appellants are involved be placed on the next Allied agenda.

Ms. Livingston distributed a list of projects to be funded by a proposed City College bond issue (to raise the local 40% needed to procure State matching funds), noting that the projects will update present facilities rather than expand them, and none of them pose impacts of potential concern to neighborhoods.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Mr. Mahan presented the current status of the Building Heights Initiative proposal put forth by the “Save El Pueblo Viejo” group, discussed the revised ballot measure language, and noted that it will be filed with the City Clerk on Wednesday. The proposed height initiative was discussed by Mr. Mahan and Mr. Kahan. The Allied board declined to change their position.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **General Plan Update:** Mr. Barry urged that, in the interests of presenting a coherent vision for influencing the General Plan update, we develop a compilation of the current and proposed Trifolds. Suggestions were discussed as to possibilities for its distribution.

MOTION to direct the Executive Committee to develop a proposal for effectively incorporating the Trifolds into a single publication or compilation, and to prepare a grant application to Homeowners Defense Fund to assist in financing its publication and distribution, made and seconded. PASSED.

MOTION to direct the Secretary to send a request to the city to include a forum or workshop on Neighborhoods in its schedule of such events, and to undertake measures to increase public participation in the General Plan Update process, made and seconded. PASSED.

The subject of development of content and format for such a forum will be placed on future Allied agendas.

MOTION to endorse as an Allied position publication the new Trifold on "Stability" made and seconded. PASSED.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Nominations were taken for a slate of officers for the calendar year 2008:

President - Judy Orias

First Vice President - John Devore

Second Vice President - Catherine McCammon

Treasurer - Paul Hernadi

Secretary - Joe Rution

Each nominee expressed consent to be placed in nomination, nominations were closed, and vote taken on entire slate. SLATE ELECTED, unanimously.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The chair requested that notices for upcoming meetings contain an RSVP request, so she can estimate the number of copies of pertinent reports and documents to prepare.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 9:05 P.M.