

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 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: Paul Hernadi, Judy Orias, John and Anna Devore, Jim Kahan, Cathie McCammon, Gil Barry, Joe Rution Jean Holmes, Sally Sphar (CPA), and Chuck Croninger. Also attending were Jim Westby, Loyd Applegate, and Lori Rasmussen, and City Council member Dale Francisco.

The President declared a quorum present.

**GUEST**

Mr. Bill Mahan, representing Save El Pueblo Viejo, reported on progress in efforts to qualify his organization's Building Heights Limitation Initiative for the ballot, and related matters.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** to approve minutes of March 20, 2008; **PASSED**.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Hernadi reported a treasury balance as of March 17, 2008 of \$1,732.98, and outstanding obligations of \$411.59. Fully paid membership now stands at 12 members, with one dues-exempt member.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Ms. Orias distributed packets containing copies of the letters and materials pertaining to recent matters and business.

She reported on a number of developments, including: the mixed-use development on Coast Village Road recently approved by the Planning Commission; the "Radio Square" proposal on Chapala recently approved by that body; the Cottage Hospital / Saint Francis housing project, which is pending appeals to the City Development Director and City Council (Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>), as well as through the courts (elaborated upon later by Mr. Westby). Other pending projects reviewed were Eilings Park, Veronica Meadows (in EIR process, comments due by April 28<sup>th</sup>), and Hillside House.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE**

Mr. Barry and Lori Rasmussen (Braemar) reported on an appeal to City Council of a proposed single family dwelling at 565 Yankee Farms Road, the neighborhood seeking a compatibility determination by the Single Family Design Board. Allied will provide a letter in support of their appeal.

Mr. Barry also reported on a deed restriction problem bearing on the construction of a bridge over Arroyo Burro creek.

Mr. Hernadi (Hitchcock Ranch) reported on the re-submission of a Santa Barbara Lofts project at 3885-3887 State Street. A May 5th date has tentatively been set for an Architectural Board of Review hearing.

**MOTION** to prepare a letter expressing Allied's concerns over the project, made and seconded; **PASSED** unanimously. Ms. Orias will work with Mr. Hernadi on the draft.

Mr. Croninger (Riviera) updated on the controversy with Southern California Edison on installation of above-ground transformers, and noted that it may be a future problem plaguing other neighborhoods; it will be elaborated upon in an upcoming Riviera Association newsletter.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **General Plan Update:**

Mr. Rution stressed the unprecedented opportunity for influence of future city policy offered us by way of participation in the "Plan Santa Barbara" development trends workshops, the next to be held at the Faulkner Gallery of the Central Library on April 23rd, 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

As for progress on the compilation and distribution of the Trifolds, he offered up lame excuses for his inaction, but pledged to pursue the matter. Mr. Westby offered information on potential grant sources from the organization he serves, Neighborhood Defense League of California (formerly Homeowner's Defense Fund).

Mr. DeVore suggested the need for another trifold, which focuses on implications of the Trends Report, and will begin seeking cooperation in its preparation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Orias invited suggestions for a possible Allied statement in reaction to the Plan Santa Barbara Development Trends Report. The consensus seemed to be that we should participate as individuals in the upcoming sessions and workshops, and consider an appropriate Allied response as the process unfolds.

She complimented Citizen's Planning Association for the document it prepared for submission to Council on the Trends Report (copy in packet distributed to members), and communicated our organization's endorsement of its contents.

She also discussed Allied's position regarding the "Save El Pueblo Viejo" Building Heights Initiative effort, and the Interim Ordinance recently proposed by the City. **MOTION**, made and seconded, that the President be authorized to present to City Council, and offer to the media, a statement on behalf of Allied reaffirming the organization's commitment to the aforementioned Initiative process of qualifying the measure for the ballot, and urging all involved to remain resolute in pursuing same, **PASSED**.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.