

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

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

The following members of representative organizations were present: Judy Orias, John and Anna Devore, Joe Rution, Jean Holmes, Catherine McCammon, and Paul Hernadi; also attending and representing the Upper East organization was Mr. Tony Fischer.

The President declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made and seconded to approve minutes of July 21, 2008; **PASSED**.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hernadi's reported a treasury balance as of August 16, 2008 of \$1,457.69, obligations of \$390.00, for a net balance of \$1,067.69.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Orias discussed the possibility of a grant application from the Montecito Homeowner's group to assist in mailing of trifold, and possibly our General Plan position presentation.

MOTION to authorize Executive Committee to investigate and pursue grant to assist in trifold summary printing and mailing, as well as taping of an oral PowerPoint presentation on the General Plan update; seconded and **PASSED**.

She noted the following:

- The next opportunity for public involvement in the "Plan Santa Barbara" process will be a two-day Planning Commission session devoted to that subject, to be held on September 10th and 11th. She urged members to attend and bring forth their points.
- She attended the recent (August 14th) Planning Commission meeting, at which Dave Davis suggested a meeting of various community organizations to discuss "Plan Santa Barbara", and assured her Allied would be invited to attend.

MOTION made and seconded, to authorize an officer of Allied to contact Mr. Davis to inquire as to nature and date of such meeting, to notify the membership of the date and time, and to send a contingent of Allied Board members to participate in such a meeting; PASSED.

- That the matter of facilitation of approvals of legal “granny units” in single-family zones is likely to be part of the City’s recommendations in the Plan process, and that we should be considering an Allied position on the matter.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Ms. McCammon noted an undertaking planned by a number of architects to develop a “vision” for the redesign of the Mesa area in the nature of an “urban village”.

Mr. Fischer discussed a number of Upper East activities, one centered on walkability and “connectivity” of locations of interest in the vicinity of the neighborhood, concern over the Constance/Santa Barbara Street intersection, and the aforementioned matter of second units (meeting on that subject to be scheduled around Labor Day).

Mr. Devore noted that his organization, Samarkand, is preparing for some informational meetings, one in conjunction with Citizen’s Planning Foundation on local governmental affairs and functioning, and another on city water issues.

Mr. Hernadi reviewed the status of a number of pending projects, including Sandman Inn, Whole Foods Market, as well as discussions about “form based coding” as it might be proposed for the Upper State Street area.

Ms. Orias reviewed her recent meetings with City Council members, with whom she pointed up a number of matters that have not been addressed in the General Plan deliberations, including: a new landfill, possible need for a supplemental reservoir, additional cross-freeway routes, more parks, and adequate evacuation routes.

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Rution discussed an undertaking he is proceeding with in cooperation with Mr. Devore: a presentation that can be used at opportunities that arise for influence on the General Plan update, and especially the September Planning Commission sessions. The theme of the presentation is a critique of the likely recommendation of staff for development of “smart growth”-type housing developments in the downtown “corridors”, and a recommendation for an alternative approach, based on traditional approaches of preservation and

protection. He had sent to the members a draft, that represented an elaboration of the points and arguments to be made in the finished presentation.

MOTION, made and seconded, to authorize the Executive Committee to proceed with the presentation, to be presented as an Allied endorsed position, with the stipulation that the finished product be sent to all members on completion, PASSED.

Ms. McCammon suggested that a panel to discuss effective implementation of the Charter provision on "Living Within Resources" be conducted; Ms. Orias agreed to pursue it.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on the Allied position on Transportation Policy was postponed and will be part of the September meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

The matter of the proposed ordinance amendments revising the protocol of review bodies was discussed at length.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.