

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

President Orias called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

The following members of representative organizations were present: Judy Orias, Joe Rution, Jean Holmes, Catherine McCammon, Paul Hernadi, Roseanne Boardman, and Gil Barry. Also attending were Sally Sphar, and guest Rob Dayton. The President declared a quorum present.

GUEST

Rob Dayton, City Transportation Planner attended (accompanied by son and Daughter), and spent an hour responding to a wide variety of questions, on subjects ranging from the current "Existing Transportation Conditions Report" that will be used as an EIR baseline, to the General Plan Update and specific traffic issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made and seconded to approve minutes of August 18th, 2008;
PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hernadi's reported a treasury balance as of September 15, 2008 of \$1,457.69, obligations of \$420.00, for a net balance of \$1,037.69.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Ms. Holmes noted that the current issue of the Mesa newspaper has an article on the Grove Lane Neighborhood Association.

Ms. McCammon reminded of the panel discussion sponsored by the Mesa Association to be held on October 22nd to which Allied had been invited to present our PowerPoint presentation on the General Plan. Mr. Rution agreed to do the presentation.

Mr. Barry reported that two more applications to construct “monster” houses were pending in the Braemar neighborhood, and the implications for the adjacent area of modest-sized houses.

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Orias and Mr. Rution reviewed Allied participation at the September 10th Planning Commission hearings, the results of the city-conducted Survey, and possible strategy for the upcoming EIR “scoping” meetings. Judy requested that members consider questions that the EIR should address, and send them to either her or to Joe.

MOTION made and seconded to spend approximately \$50 and authorize Mr. Barry to purchase for the Allied library the Solano Press *Guide to CEQA*, **PASSED**.

Mr. Rution noted that our application for funds from the Neighborhood Defense League for printing and distribution of General Plan materials is awaiting our receipt of our State tax-exempt notification.

Ms. McCammon noted that that organization was holding a meeting to discuss participation in a state-wide coalition to modify the RHNA housing allocations, this coming Saturday (September 20th) from 3:00 to 5:00 PM; Mr. Rution agreed to attend and report back to Allied.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Orias suggested a special meeting of the Allied Board to consider the suggestion to change the name and/or the membership structure of Allied, for either the 2nd or 4th Monday of October.

Mr. Rution will attend a meeting, on behalf of Allied, per invitation of Mr. Dave Davis, to discuss “the future of sustainability in Santa Barbara” with a number of people representing various interests, on Friday, September 19th.

Mr. Barry discussed his proposal to place on the ballot an initiative to extend Measure E, upon its expiration, setting a limit of 1,000,000 square feet of additional new commercial space.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.