

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

President Orias called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

The following members of representative organizations were present: Judy Orias, Gil Barry, Catherine McCammon, Roseanne Boardman, Lisa Burns, Chuck Croninger, John Devore, Paul Hernadi, and Jean Holmes.

GUEST

Three Representative from the Riviera Association made a presentation and asked Allied to support their Appeal to the City Council of the Planning Commission approval of the Central Plan part of the El Encanto Hotel Project. (Project has been divided into 2 phases and Phase 1 has already been approved and Phase 2 is the Central Plant part of the project). They passed out information.

MOTION made and seconded and PASSED to support the Appeal on the basis that the Central Plant location on the northwest corner is an inappropriate industrial facility close to the neighborhood residences, an 18 foot modification into the setback makes it even closer to the neighbors and prevents additional landscape to screen it from the neighborhood, this plant is not green since energy is lost through the transmission pipes, phasing is piecemeal planning, there are other locations available for this plant, parking should be required to be underground as was originally proposed. Judy will write the statement and Cathie will present it at the December 9th Appeal.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION made and seconded to approve minutes of October 20, 2008 (with corrections); PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hernadi's reported a balance as of November 10, 2008 of \$977.69. He noted this was the first time balance had dropped below \$1000.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Hernadi reported for Hitchcock Ranch that the Enclave project (formerly the Lofts project) is before the Planning Commission on December 9. It is much improved and has 30 units - 26 luxury and 4 affordable. The only problem is that an easement, from State Street to La Cumbre Lane is counted as part of the variable density calculation. This practice is contrary to residential areas where easements are not counted. THIS ITEM IS

TO BE PUT ON ALLIED'S DECEMBER AGENDA.

Mr. Devore reported from Samarkand and discussed traffic and access to Cottage Hospital. There is a public workshop November 18, at 6:30 pm at the Burtness Auditorium. Residents are concerned at the possibility of Calle Real becoming a 2 way street and other alternatives.

Ms. Burns reported from Upper East. They had a meeting with "Looking Good Santa Barbara" and it was favorable received.

Ms. McCammon reported from La Mesa about Allied's presentation at the Mesa Village Hall Meeting. Also at this meeting the Mesa Architects made a presentation on some of their vision for the Mesa. McCammon expressed concern over public confusion between the La Mesa Neighborhood Association and the Village Hall Meetings. She also expressed concern that the Mesa Architects are implying that their vision is the will of the Mesa which it is not.

Mr. Barry reported on Braemar's Annual Meeting where the members voted to oppose Hillside House project and voted to support keeping Cliff Drive 4 lanes. They envision bike paths and an aesthetically pleasing median between the lanes.

Ms. Orias reported on Hidden Valley and they continue to be concerned about the Hillside House. If this project is assessed to and from Palermo this will add 1000 new trips. She also expressed concern that the Hidden Valley neighborhood is landlocked and Modoc Road is the only way in or out. Is increased density appropriate where ingress and egress are highly restricted?

OLD BUSINESS

Plan Santa Barbara

Discussion on Allied presentation for the Planning Commission hearing on the Revised Draft Policy Preferences. Group looked at Joe Rution's comments and Judy Orias's comments and decided to put Joe's first and then Judy's conclusion with the rest of the comments, with additions from the group at the end.

MOTION made, seconded and PASSED that Judy be authorized to prepare Allied's comments as stated above and present this to the Planning Commission November 13 and e-mail it sooner if ready and that this material also be sent to the City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

McCammon reported on meetings with Dave Davis to reach common ground and/or public forum(s). Present at these meetings were McCammon, League of Women Voters, Judy Orias and Joe Rution, Allied, Sheila Lodge, CPA, Dave Davis, CEC, Joe Agelides,

AIA, Suzanne Ellege, Santa Barbarans 4 All, Dettie Piekert, Sustainability Project. McCammon reported that these 3 meetings had gotten nowhere - discussions wavered between common ground idea and public forums. Since group decided that Plan SB had left the station and groups were concentrating on EIR and Davis is involved in putting together spring programs with the Museum of Natural History on Energy, Food and Water, the question came up should the group continue to meet. Everyone was to go back to their board and discuss if it was worthwhile to continue meeting with the objective being a public forum on a Sustainable Santa Barbara. The group is not getting back together until January. McCammon and Orias are dubious about this because of time and difficulties involved in presenting a balanced program and the difficulty in getting our members out in any significant numbers to attend things. Others expressed some interest. DISCUSSION TO BE CONTINUED AT ALLIED'S DECEMBER MEETING.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Suggestions for speakers on Santa Barbara's water supply were requested.

PROCESS OF ELECTING OFFICERS will be discussed at the December meeting.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:00 P.M.

Submitted by Catherine McCammon, Acting Secretary