

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 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: John and Anna DeVore, Judy Orias, Paul Hernadi, Joe Rution, Jean Holmes, Gil Barry, Lisa Burns, and Florence Hu; also attending were Joan Livingston, and Phoebe Alexiades.

The President declared a quorum present, and welcomed our guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve minutes of January 17, 2008, PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hernadi reported a treasury balance of \$1,572.98, and estimated outstanding obligations of \$210. He urged member organizations to make their annual dues payments (\$50) promptly, and that March first (next meeting!) ends the grace period beyond which delinquent members would be ineligible to vote.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Ms. Orias reported on recent Ordinance Committee meeting involving proposed changes to project review procedures involving HLC, ABR and the Planning Commission.

Also that the revised language on the Building Heights Initiative had been re-filed and signature petitions will begin circulation in a week or so.

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

Ms. Burns (Upper East) noted that renovations to St. Anthony's Seminary are about to be reviewed by the HLC.

Mr. Rution (Bungalow Haven) noted that his organization was planning on assisting in Building Heights Initiative signature gathering, and urged other associations to assist similarly.

Mr. Barry (Braemar) reported on a new Mesa organization that had recently formed, and distributed its first newspaper publication.

Ms. Hu (Bel Aire) reported on proposed expansion developments at Eillings Park, and status of some utility undergrounding activity.

Mr. Hernadi (Hitchcock Ranch) reviewed status of various development projects (Whole Foods, Sandman Inn) and reported on CPA's involvement in related hearings.

Ms. Livingston noted a slew of falsehoods and inaccuracies recently published in a News Press editorial on the City College bond issue initiative (Measure V).

Ms. Orias reported on developments with the reviews of the Hillside House proposal.

MOTION for Allied to authorize the Executive Committee to approve a letter, to be submitted during project reviews, expressing concerns about numerous aspects of the Hillside House proposal, including its density. PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **General Plan Update:** Mr. Rution reported on the distressing developments with the General Plan Update process: its long state of inactivity, and the recent revamping of the format by the Planning Commission in which many of the areas of inquiry and concern that had been part of the initial Plan design had been dropped.

MOTION to draft a letter, to be approved by the Executive Committee, for presentation at the Council meeting on the General Plan scheduled for February 26, urging that the Plan Process be restructured in accord with its original promises, to include a number of specified topics that are appropriate subjects for the Plan. PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS

The matter of the application for a grant from the Homeowner's Defense Fund for a compilation and distribution of the Trifold brochures was discussed. The Executive Committee had been directed to pursue the matter at the January meeting, and it will be explored further.

NEW BUSINESS

GUEST: Phoebe Alexiades, representing the Save Coast Village Road organization discussed the proposal to build a condo project within Santa Barbara City limits at the east end of Coast Village Road.

MOTION that Allied sign on to a letter (per draft submitted by Ms. Alexiades) to be submitted at the Planning Commission hearing on the matter, addressing opposition to the proposal as presented, citing the numerous concerns, including water usage, heights, view blockage, traffic impacts, incompatibility of design, and the numerous Modifications requested. PASSED.

E-mail policy: Suggestion was made that we might consider some common sense rules of decorum, privacy, confidentiality, and requirement of germaneness to legitimate matters of general concern in using the Allied e-mail addresses for circulating messages. At very least, messages should be sent "Blind CC", or in some manner so that the entire list of e-mail addresses is not displayed and broadcast publicly. Proposals and suggestions will be welcomed and entertained.

Hope Ranch area Hotel proposal: Mr. Barry displayed the plans for the proposal, and indicated how elevation heights revealed that the proposal exceeds the code limitations.

MOTION to have Allied write a letter, to be approved by Executive Committee, to be presented to County Planning in the review of the project pointing out the discrepancies. PASSED.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 17, 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 9:02 P.M.