

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

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

The following members of representative organizations were present: Mr. Hernadi, Mr. Rution, Mr. DeVore, Ms. McCammon, Mr. Barry, Ms. Orias, Ms. Holmes; Ms. Livingston; also attending were: Jim Westby, Neighborhood Defense League; Rebecca Bjork, city Water Resources Manager; James Smith and Landon Neustadt, members of the Santa Barbara Water Commission.

QUORUM DETERMINATION

The president declared a quorum, exceeding 50%, was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made and seconded to approve minutes of January 19, 2009 (with corrections noted); **PASSED**.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hernadi reported a treasury balance of \$1,617.89. The Red Cross has now been paid. Representatives of organizations which have not paid 2009 dues will lose their vote on March 1.

GRANT REQUEST FROM NLDC

Allied's request for a \$10,000 grant from the Neighborhood Defense League has been approved and Mr. Westby delivered a check for \$5,000. The second half of the grant will become available after receipts have been submitted for the first half. It was suggested that Allied work with other organizations that share our goals.

WATER ISSUES

Water issues were discussed by Ms Bjork, the city's Water Resources Manager, and two water commissioners, Mr. Neustadt and Mr. Smith. Ms Bjork listed the city's various supply sources, which total approximately 17,900 ac-ft/yr. Mr. Smith pointed out that Santa Barbara has a very effective water conservation program. We now have enough water stored in Lake Cachuma that it would take three years of drought before the city needed to take special measures.

The Long Term Water Supply Report will be ready next year with the amount of supply determined by the anticipated demand from the development projected in the updated General Plan. Commissioners are concerned that if the General Plan update EIR includes desalinated water in the baseline it should be made clear that 1) it is costly and 2), at the present size, cannot be both basic (non-emergency) supply and emergency supply. If the plant were to be put back into service today, Ms Bjork estimates that a rate increase of approximately 6% would be required.

CHAIR COMMENTS

On February 24 the city will hold a workshop on Cottage Hospital access routes. This will be a follow-up to the previous workshop.

Ms Orias distributed copies of a letter she, as a concerned citizen, sent to the city regarding issues raised by proposed policies on second units.

Ms. Orias will be out of the country February 18 to March 5.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Hernadi (Hitchcock Ranch) reported that the EIR for the Sandman Inn project will be out this month.

Ms Livingston (Upper East) reported that her organization is exploring incorporation as a 501(c)4 organization. The purpose would be to oppose potential changes in the neighborhood due to certain provisions in Plan SB.

Mr. DeVore referred to the upcoming workshop on hospital access which is a big concern for his association.

Ms Orias (Hidden Valley) reported that her organization had submitted suggestions to improve Valle Verde's plans for extensive additions to their campus but no attention was paid to the comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms McCammon said comments re: **scoping of the EIR for Plan SB** were prepared by the committee appointed last month and submitted to the city. They have been circulated by e-mail.

Ms McCammon also thanked Allied for its grant to help her attend a planning workshop at UCLA. She offered to share reference materials and told us one important point she learned was that issues must be raised in comments on a draft EIR in order to have validity later and they must be raised comprehensively.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant -- Mr. Rution will seek clarification of the method of distribution of the second \$5000 of the NDLC grant. Our treasury cannot support waiting until the whole amount is spent before being reimbursed. Ms Orias reminded that Allied must start now to plan the project so distribution can occur before decisions are made by the council.

NEW BUSINESS

Webmaster -- Our next agenda should include discussion of a bylaw amendment to add Webmaster to our list of officers.

Amendment of Inclusionary Housing Ordinance -- Mr. Barry advised that the draft EIR for the amendment of the Inclusionary housing ordinance was now available. He will look at it and notify members of any concerns.

ADJOURNMENT -- 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Holmes, Secretary.