

**SAMARKAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD AND ASSOCIATION MEETING
July 15, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Mountain Room, Samarkand Retirement Community**

Draft Minutes

Guest: Alison Jordan, Water Conservation Coordinator, City of S. B

1. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME** Meeting called to order at 6:05.
2. **PRESENTATION (6:05 to ~ 7:20):** Alison Jordan spoke on “Save Water Now; It’s the Right Thing to Do.”

Santa Barbara water comes from several sources: the State Water Project, Lake Cachuma, Gibraltar Reservoir, and a little from wells. The desalination plant constructed during the last drought is currently mothballed and is intended for use during protracted droughts.

2007 was the driest year in a century. In 2008 almost all of the rain came in the month of January. Rainfall is cyclic. In the average single-family household, roughly half of the water is used outside the house. Santa Barbara offers a number of aids to conserving water. The Water Wise web site (<http://www.sb.watersavingplants.com/sb.php>) helps with conserving water in the garden.

Santa Barbara City offers a variety of rebate programs: on toilets (look for the “watersense” label) and clothes washers (look for an Energy Star rating less than or equal to 5, rebates of \$150 from the city plus another \$100 from the state). The city offers free rain sensors for adding to older automatic watering systems and rebates on smart water controllers. (Check the city’s web site for current rebate information.) New pop-up sprinkler heads slow delivery, allowing water to soak in and new in-line drip systems (with holes or slits in the piping) can be buried.

There are various types of water conservation information available from the city’s web site at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/water. There is a page that indicates how to adjust sprinkler controls (a percentage of the full, dry season amount) that depends upon the weather and length of day. The county has a related web site at sbwater.org. Conservation projects (e.g, rebates) are funded according to how much cost is avoided from having to purchase additional water.

3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Wayne Beckman, John DeVore, Joyce Duncan Falk, Terry Johnson, Fred Marsic, *Jack Meyer*, Jim Smith, and Ruth Young. (*Italicization indicates absence.*)
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from last month were approved.
5. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** The current balance is \$880.66.
6. **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**
 - A. **ZONING:** Nothine to report.
 - B. **ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS:** Nothing to report.
 - C. **TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:** Nothing to report.
7. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Board Elections** It was moved, seconded (Wayne, Ruth), and passed unanimously that the current officers continue in their offices.

B. Sidewalk, etc. Repairs Jim reported that work on sidewalk repair had begun. He will send an acknowledgement and note of thanks to the city at the appropriate time. He has no news on the placement of the stop sign at the corner of Tallant and Clinton Terrace or on the repainting of the red curbs.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

9. **COMMUNICATION**

A. Confirmation of meetings:

i. Next meetings: The August 19 meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2010.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

*** Minutes and other organization information may be found at:**

<http://samarkandneighborhoodassociation.org>