

**SAMARKAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD AND ASSOCIATION MEETING**

June 15, 2006, 5:30 p.m.

Location: Mountain Room, Samarkand Retirement Community

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:** Meeting called to order at 5:34.
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Peter Basch, Wayne Beckman(*absent*), John Calder, Anna DeVore, Joyce Duncan Falk(*absent*), Judy Freeman(*absent*), Terry Johnson, Jack Meyer, Dave and Gwen Morse(*absent*), Jim Smith, and Charlie Stapleton.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were approved as submitted without objection.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim Smith reported a balance of \$833.17. The newsletter expense (366.57) had the biggest impact on our balance.
5. **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

A. ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION: No report.

B. NEWSLETTER:

John Calder reported that we printed 1050, at a cost of \$366.57. The cost is varying wildly, and John C. is verifying the procedure with the printer. The next newsletter is scheduled in two months, for August. Jim Smith noted that a map of the association boundaries would be desirable to include in all future newsletters.

C. ZONING:

The main issue was the cellular antenna proposal by Cingular. It was approved by the parks department, but the Architectural Board of Review was very negative about the proposal, as were the surrounding neighbors. There was no environmental review of the project, so it was not discarded, but the prospect of the antenna is not likely. ABR scolded the Parks Department staff because the proposal wasn't taken to City Staff first. Amanda Bacon, an SNA member requested email addresses from the association in case the proposal resurfaces. (Refer to New Business). Peter Basch attended the ABR meeting and presented the Samarkand Neighborhood Association opposition to the project in writing and in public comments.

Jim Smith noted that there is an abandoned vehicle along Tallant near a residential tennis court which is unsightly and a zoning violation. We are investigating having SNA file a zoning violation CITIZENS COMPLAINT with the City.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

There is a need for a policy on sharing the SNA email list. Peter Basch

indicated that he was reluctant to allow the list to be shared unless it was formally approved by the board.

Jack Meyer commented that the use of the email list was important: if the list were being used in an informational manner, that seemed acceptable. However if the list were being used to promote a position on an issue that was not formally subscribed to by the SNA, that would be inappropriate.

Discussion focussed further on the need for a policy with suggestions on how the policy might look. Member Amanda Bacon emphasized the need to move quickly at times on issue. The general view of the discussion was that the board could be responsive to email and telephone calls, and that quick response was possible.

It was asked from the audience to identify the problem with a cell tower in that location. Response discussion focussed on its impact on views (aesthetics) and potential harm to children in the park.

8. OTHER BUSINESS: Time for board discussion of topics not on the formal agenda

MOBILITY PLAN: Anna had a call about Oak Park Mobility Plan. Anna read the email from Dru van Hengel, the City Mobility Coordinator. Anna's interpretation is that the plan is not moving forward.

Michael Self spoke to the issue. She shared her views on the Mobility Plan.

NEW SNA BOARD: Anna recognized the contributions of John Calder, Dave Morse, and Gwen Morse, who will be leaving the board after this session. She noted that although John Calder is leaving, he will continue to work on the newsletter.

Anna welcomed our two new board members: Fred Marsic and Darwin Holter.

SAMARKAND MASTER PLAN: Jim Smith noted that the plans for the Samarkand are moving forward. The long range plan was shared three weeks ago in a special meeting. It will go to the ABR this Monday, June 19, at 3:00 for interested parties. Jim has drawings available if anyone is interested.

Jim also noted that the Mountain Room we are using for our monthly meetings will be remodeled in the future, but he had checked to make sure it will not impact our July meeting. It could, however, impact our August meeting.

9. COMMUNICATION

Confirmation of meetings:

- i. July meeting: Thursday, July 20, 5:30 pm, Mountain Room
- ii. Guest/location: TBA

10. ADJOURNMENT 6:00