

**SAMARKAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD AND ASSOCIATION MEETING**

May 18, 2006, 5:30 p.m.

Location: Mountain Room, Samarkand Retirement Community

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:** Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Wayne Beckman, John Calder, Anna DeVore, Peter Basch, Judy Freeman, Terry Johnson, Jack Meyer, Gwen Morse, Jim Smith, and Charlie Stapleton (Absent: Joyce Duncan Falk, Gwen and Dave Morse).
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were approved as submitted without objection.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim Smith reported a balance of \$1109.74 with ten checks for dues that have not yet been deposited. A check for dues to The Allied Neighborhood Association was reissued (out of date), and Anna DeVore was reimbursed for ballot printing.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Committee Updates

A. NEWSLETTER UPDATE (Calder).

Articles are due today. John Calder explained to the audience that we have one published newsletter. For the current issue, we have articles on street sweeping and SNA meeting summaries. There is a question to neighbors about Earl Warren Showgrounds issues, dues for the upcoming year, and a space for a bulletin board for neighbor postings.

The newsletter will include a "Name the Newsletter" contest. The prize will be a two year membership to the SNA.

The bulletin board was discussed. It was brought up that the Web site might be more appropriate for a dynamic bulletin board. It was decided, through the discussion, that we might offset some costs for the newsletter publication by posting notices from local businesses. The recommendation was to make space available in the newsletter for local advertisers at a cost relative to the space taken and the actual cost of the page. Regular members could make use of the Web site for local bulletin board items.

The newsletter publishing date is projected for June 1st. Anna noted that only five candidates are slated, for five positions, and we might consider posting that to the newsletter.

B. ZONING COMMITTEE:

Peter shared that the committee has been working on the issue of blocked sidewalks. Peter has developed a friendly letter to suggest to homeowners to remedy a problem and submitted copies to the Board for review. This could be sent to alert a homeowner to a problem. Charlie asked what kinds of issues came up. Peter said that most of the time it is vegetation issues. Some of the problems are city related and could be referred to public works for resolution.

With respect to zoning violations, Peter suggested that we need a set procedure for complaints. The committee will develop a plan for this. When this is accomplished, the process could be approved by the board

and shared in the newsletter.

John asked for clarification about the previous zoning complaint that had been rescinded. Anna will email information to board members on this.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **WEB SITE RELOCATION:** Peter recommended that the Web site be relocated to make it visible to search engines. He recommended Three Essentials, Inc., because of cost and features. It includes Windows scripting and associated email accounts.

Peter moved to relocate our Web site to Three Essentials Inc., at a cost of \$119.50 per year. (M/S/C Peter Basch/Judy Freeman)

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

Judy Freeman suggested that we invite a speaker from Earl Warren Showgrounds. She will investigate this for the June 15 meeting.

Jim Smith reminded the board that there is a meeting next week with Ken Noreen, the Samarkand Campus Administrator, and neighbors about the future plans for Samarkand. John Calder noted that he was surprised that we (the board) were not notified of the use of the SNA mailing list by the Samarkand Retirement Center.

8. COMMUNICATION

- A. Confirmation of meetings:
- a. June meeting: Thursday, June 15, 5:30 pm
 - b. Guest/location: TBA, Mountain Room

9. ADJOURNMENT: 5:55 p.m.

10. CANDIDATES FORUM: Joe Guzzardi, Dan Secord, Das Williams, Janet Wolf, candidates for Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, 2nd District: Moderated by Anna DeVore.

QUESTION POOL:

1. Why are you interested in becoming Second District Supervisor and what qualifies you for the position?
2. We all live in the City of Santa Barbara. Why should we care who our county supervisor is?
3. If you think that Santa Barbara should expand its affordable housing please tell us how you plan to do so. If you think that Santa Barbara should not expand its affordable housing, please explain why not.
4. What haven't we asked you about that we should have, and why?

Respectfully Submitted:

Jack Meyer, Secretary _____