

**SAMARKAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
BOARD AND ASSOCIATION MEETING  
August 16, 2007, 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Mountain Room, Samarkand Retirement Community**

**Minutes**

1. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:** Peter Basch called the meeting to order at 5:30.
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Peter Basch, Wayne Beckman, John DeVore, Joyce Duncan Falk, Kelly Griffin, Darwin Holter, Terry Johnson, Jim Smith, Ruth Young (absent: Jack Meyer, Fred Marsic)
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES\***
  - A. Minutes were approved as presented (M/S/C (Jim Smith/Terry Johnson))
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim Smith reported no income or expenses this month until one membership at \$5.00 was received tonight. We have a balance of \$1,066.01.
5. **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**
  - A. **ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS:** John DeVore reported that the analysis of last spring's survey were approved and he will bring copies to the next SNA meeting. In the neighborhood surveys and the four workshops, people expressed a strong desire to maintain the character of their neighborhoods and the city of Santa Barbara. Allied's survey allowed the listing of alternatives so that people had the opportunity to see the trade-offs of the various questions. The respondents tended to be primarily homeowners and people over 50 years of age. The General Plan update is in hiatus; the City is planning meetings for this fall.  
  
Peter Basch noted that Your Plan Santa Barbara has been posting remarks from their meetings, except the one with SNA is not yet posted but should be shortly.
  - B. **ZONING:** Joyce Duncan-Falk reported no activity.
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - A. **El Mercado del Norte (Old Spanish Days Fiesta):** Darwin Holter rereported on his observations of the mercado this year. He and Peter attended during the set-up on Tuesday night and happened to meet with Anthony Borgatello and Ricardo Castellanos. Darwin noted that there were some improvements this year; there was a smaller ferris wheel and quieter rides; the pathway for attendees was clearer. The lights were less intrusive and the generator was moved to State Street. In some senses the sound was cut down but the decibels averaged 85-86 and peaked at 98, which is unreasonable for this site. The Saturday night breakdown of the carnival was very noisy. Peter placed a phone call at 12:30 AM to Mr. Castellanos requesting his intervention. Peter recommended that we begin working now with the City Council to get the carnival removed from Mackenzie Park.  
  
Peter Basch called for a consensus of the Board for pursuing the effort to have the carnival removed from MacKenzie Park. Suggestions for relocation sites were Pershing Park, the baseball field, Elings Park, and East or West Beach. John DeVore moved, Darwin Holter seconded, and Board approved the motion to pursue working with the City Council to move the carnival away from residential neighborhoods.
  - B. **Committee and Projects Review:** Peter Basch recommended adding two

committees: Planning and Development to cover specific projects in Samarkand and larger city issues; and a Safety and Security Committee to include reporting of crime, Neighborhood Watch, and emergency preparedness. Later in the meeting Kelly Griffin volunteered for the Planning and Development Committee and Joyce Falk agreed to be on it. The composition of the Safety and Security Committee was postponed to a future agenda.

The SNA Bylaws Committee: Anna DeVore and Jim Smith will continue.

Traffic Planning: Wayne Beckman and Jack Meyer will continue. (The State and De la Vina project is still in the works.)

Zoning: Darwin Holter; Joyce Falk and John Calder (to be confirmed).

Allied Neighborhoods Liaison: Joe Guzzardi (to be confirmed); John DeVore is alternate.

Earl Warren Showgrounds: Wayne Beckman.

Peter Basch reported that he had heard complaints about the noise from car sales events, but others noted that there was worse noise from all kinds of other events.

Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance: This is no longer an active activity so it is deleted from our list.

Santa Barbara Police Department: Kelly Griffin.

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. City Council Candidates Forum, October 4:** Peter Basch reported that four candidates had responded so far. Each Board member is requested to submit three questions to ask the candidates. He and Darwin will consolidate the questions and send a draft to Board members. Wayne suggested that we make the questions very specific so that the answers will not be vague and general. Anna recommended that we give the candidates the questions ahead of time. We will have time for only three or possibly four questions. It was also suggested and agreed that we ask the candidates to submit written answers to additional questions as a follow-up to the forum; we would then post the answers on our website. Terry Johnson recommended that we ask Jessica Dean to be the moderator of the forum. We will post signs in the neighborhood and e-mail the membership about the forum; we will also try to get a notice in the newspapers and ask Harry Wallace to include it on the Samarkand Retirement Community's channel.

Terry Johnson pointed out that several elections are coming up in 2008 that we might want to consider for forums, but the type of elections did not appear to be specifically relevant to SNA.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Ruth Young suggested that we have a meeting with a police representative to talk to us about what is going on with regard to gang activity, graffiti, etc. Kelly Griffin will work with Peter on a date for such a meeting.

Harry Wallace informed us that he had not received a notice about today's meeting so he could not post it on Samarkand's channel 15. He needs information a week in advance in order to post it.

## 9. **COMMUNICATION**

- A. Confirmation of meetings:**

- i. August meeting: September 20, 5:30 p.m.
- ii. Guest/location: SRC Mountain Room

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:55.

\* Minutes and other organization information may be found at:  
<http://samarkandneighborhoodassociation.org>