

**SAMARKAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD AND ASSOCIATION MEETING
September 21, 2006, 5:30 p.m.
Location: Mountain Room, Samarkand Retirement Community**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:** Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Peter Basch, Joyce Duncan Falk, Darwin Holter, Terry Johnson, Jack Meyer, Jim Smith, and Charlie Stapleton (Absent: Wayne Beckman, Anna DeVore, Fred Marsic, Judy Freeman).
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were approved by assent.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim Smith reported that since the last meeting dues of over 400 dollars have been deposited with a reimbursement to Peter for incorporation. The current balance is \$1298.43.
5. **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**
 - A. **BY-LAWS:** The Board reviewed proposed changes to the By-laws. Charlie reported on the revision, noting that updates were made to make the By-Laws current and effective. Procedures for elections were modified to make the process efficient. Joyce recommended that the location of the meeting, as identified in Section 5, be modified to make the location less specific. A discussion followed about the procedure for amending the By-Laws, which entails the cost of a mailing to the organization. It was generally agreed that Article VI, Section 2 should be amended (in the same process) to make the amendment process less unwieldy by eliminating the mailing requirement. Other minor language changes were discussed for the benefit of the By-Law committee.
 - B. **ZONING:** Joyce noted that two letters were sent out to encouraging neighbors to take care of sidewalk obstructions. We received no response from the neighbors. The committee would like to follow-up with the neighbors registering the complaint.
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - A. **El Mercado, Old Spanish Days Letter:** Darwin shared a draft letter to the Old Spanish Days directors to continue the conversation for improvement of conditions at MacKenzie Park. The letter restates the main issues/concerns as shared by Darwin at the last meeting. Motion: Send the draft letter to the Old Spanish Days as written. (M/S/C: Stapleton/Johnson)
 - B. **Incorporation Update:** We are now an officially incorporated organization. Peter shared the documents with the Board. A signature is still required by Jim Smith as our financial officer. Copies will be kept with the secretarial minutes. We will have to recast the bank account to reflect the incorporation.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Samarkand Beautiful: Peter would really like to see this idea go. Jim suggested that each newsletter have a photograph of a property that has contributed to a positive appearance in the neighborhood. This could be done as a nominating process, with a committee picking the properties. Before and after photos would be particularly effective. Possibly, we could solicit volunteers from the newsletters. Realtors in the area might be interested in supporting this as well.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS:** We discovered that there was a City Parks/Police Dept. meeting at the same time as our meeting. We were not notified about this. Only residents below received an invitation about this. Peter noted that we shall be in contact with Parks/Police about this. It is unfortunate that we were not informed.

9. **COMMUNICATION**

Confirmation of meetings:

- i. October meeting: Thursday, October 26, 5:30 p.m. Motion: Moved to change the meeting date to the fourth Thursday next month. (M/S/C: Darwin Holter/Charlie Stapleton)
- ii. Guest: Earl Warren Showground Representative

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.