



Samarkand Neighborhood Association

Santa Barbara, California

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Dear Neighbors,

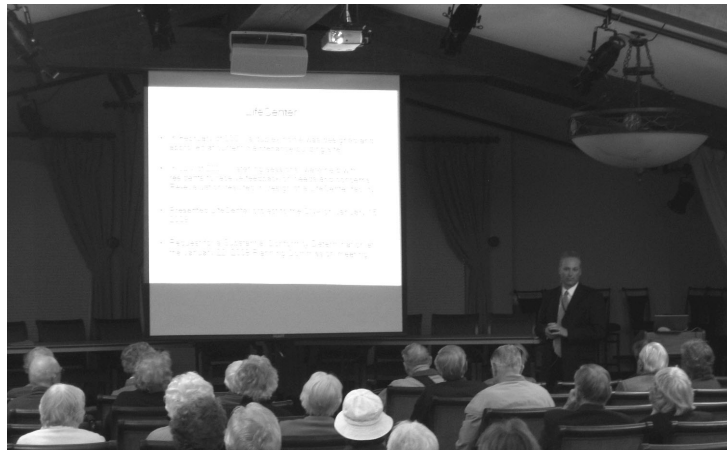
Election time is here for our association. The timeline for election and board transition is:

Deadline for <u>receipt</u> of ballots:	Monday, June 14
Old board/new board meeting:	Thursday, June 21

Please find your ballot along with brief statements from the candidates attached to this letter.

April Speaker. Mr. Paul Peterson, Executive Director of the Samarkand Retirement Community, gave a 15-minute PowerPoint briefing on SRC's plan for a new Life Center building.

This represents substantially the same building that Paul described at an SNA meeting about a year and a half ago. The project involves converting a single-story maintenance garage into a two-story, multi-use building. Various activities currently scattered about the campus are to be relocated to this building. No changes in traffic to or from SRC are anticipated. The two-story building will be located near the center of the campus and have little or no visual impact outside of the campus. The 9450 square foot building will result in about a 2% increase in square footage. SRC has decided to put a new master development plan on indefinite hold for economic reasons and will attempt to secure approval for this new building through a "substantial conformity determination" with its current conditional use permit. Paul also described plans for redoing the landscaping on its 16 acre campus in order to decrease maintenance costs and water usage. The landscaping plan involves concentric zones. The outer zone will use zeriscape landscaping involving California native plants. Next in will involve coastal California native plants. The interior will remain as it currently is. Paul answered questions from the audience (estimated to number close to 100). Many of the questions focused on construction impacts, e.g., noise, dust, traffic blockage, etc. Paul expressed the intention of trying to mitigate such impacts.



Mr. Paul Peterson, Executive Director of the SRC, presenting plans for a Live Center to the SNA.

Speaker Hosted by the Samarkand Neighborhood Association
Presented in the Mountain Room
at the Samarkand Retirement Community

“Water Wise Gardening” and “Smart Landscape Rebate Program”
Santa Barbara City, Public Works Department
Alison Jordan, Water Conservation Coordinator
Thursday, July 15 at 6:00 pm

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