

**SAMARKAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD AND ASSOCIATION MEETING
January 21, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Mountain Room, Samarkand Retirement Community**

Minutes

Guest: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:** Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. **SPEAKER:** None.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:** *Wayne Beckman*, John DeVore, Joyce Duncan Falk, *Terry Johnson*, *Fred Marsic*, Jack Meyer, Jim Smith, and *Ruth Young (Italicized are absent)*.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES*:** Minutes were reviewed. John noted that the “Mobility Motivated Development Area” is more accurately a “Mobility Oriented Development Area” (MODA). John explained that City Planning Commissioners appear to have revised their thinking on the plan; modeling demonstrated that traffic improvements would be very small. They are now thinking that revisions to traffic patterns (light timing, minor intersection changes) would have more impact. Minutes approved (M/S/C Duncan-Falk, Smith)
5. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Jim Smith reported no change in our balance of \$1427.06, after a dues payment was made to Allied Neighborhood. We have an upcoming post office box bill of \$60.
6. **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**
 - A. **ZONING:** No report.
 - B. **ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS:**
 - i. **Plan Santa Barbara:** The General Plan update, “Plan Santa Barbara” continues to be an issue worth noting. Allied is preparing a letter to the counsel encouraging that the plan essentially be discarded, including the MODA. Allied is also recommending that the “inclusionary ordinance” be scrapped. This is an ordinance that requires low-income housing to be included in any development. One of the consequences of this is that it tends to increase the commuting population and worsen traffic congestion. Allied is encouraging that work-force housing for higher income families be accomplished through dual-density zoning, where developers would have the option to build at higher densities for working families. In other words, the current zoning is consistent with the charter goal of living with our resources if workforce is housing is encouraged by having dual-density zoning in current R2-R3 areas.
 - ii. **4111 State (New Hotel):** A new hotel, just outside the City limits, is proposed for the area where San Marcos Pass Road meets State/Hollister Road. The height limits for the county are exceeded by this proposed structure. Allied and other organizations have requested a “courtesy review” by City Planning Staff.
 - iii. **Sandman Inn (Redevelopment):** The developer for this has come in with an alternative for this project. It looks better, but it could still be improved.

C. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:

- i. **Cottage Hospital Access:** John reported that Rob Dayton shared that funding for the project did not look promising. SBCAG (Santa Barbara County Association of Governments) has projects lined up for a long time, and would not immediately sanction the project. John shared that there are many similar projects that address local traffic issues. We may ask Allied to encourage the City to take input from neighborhoods in reviewing the priorities. John inquired about a letter-writing campaign, and the group discussed this. Jack suggested that the realities of a completed Cottage Hospital Modernization may also drive a more urgent neighborhood and City response to an increase in local traffic and congestion.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Samarkand Master Plan Presentation:** We are looking at March for a presentation on this, and we should be able to plan for this, with a newsletter. Jim will confirm this next week.
- B. Earl Warren Showgrounds:** There is some concern about changes to the nature of the facility. We need to watch for information that may be coming out of this. Possibly, a presentation in March (if a short presentation) or April. Discussion centered on lights, sound, and parking related to events at Earl Warren.
- C. Cell Phone Antenna at Tallant and Treasure:** There is concern about this, and auxiliary equipment that may be associated with it. We need more information about the configuration of this antenna. John thinks project is before the Architectural Board of Review. John will also inquire about this at Allied. Jim volunteered to look into having one of the project proponents address an SNA meeting on their plans.

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

- A. Samarkand Garden Cooperative:** We have been sending out notices for them but responses have been coming back to our organization. The group discussed whether we should share our email address with them for local events. We agreed to share the list with this group only for specific announcements of the local neighborhood Garden Cooperative sharing events.

9. COMMUNICATION

A. Confirmation of meetings:

- i. Next meetings: February 18, 2010, and March 18, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:14.

*** Minutes and other organization information may be found at:**

<http://samarkandneighborhoodassociation.org>