

**SAMARKAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD AND ASSOCIATION MEETING
April 29, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Mountain Room, Samarkand Retirement Community**

Minutes

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| Guest: Mr. Paul Peterson, Executive Director of the Samarkand Retirement Community (SRC) |
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1. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:** Meeting called to order at 6:05.
2. **SPEAKER:** Mr. Paul Peterson 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 xeriscape 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 focussed on construction impacts, e.g., noise, dust, traffic blockage, etc. Paul expressed the intention of trying to mitigate such impacts.
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*** Postponed
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim Smith reported our balance as \$1,213,93.
6. **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**
 - A. **ZONING:** Joyce Duncan-Falk and the board discussed the construction proposed for 2717 El Prado. Board concerns mostly centered on the possibility of conversion of the proposed 1318 square foot second story addition to a detached garage to an unpermitted secondary unit. There seemed to be little concern about views. Joyce noted that there would be a Single Family Design Board review. This should provide a mechanism to help to mitigate potential privacy, solar blockage, and other problems with the immediate neighbors.
 - B. **ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS:** John DeVore noted that Allied took a stand against a large increase in the fee for appealing hearing officer or commission decisions as it would severely hamper neighborhood input into planning. A minor increase is to be implemented. Allied also has been busy with critiquing the general plan update proposed for Santa Barbara.
 - C. **TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:** Wayne Beckman noted that there has been no change relative to possible Calle Real – Las Positas reconfiguration associated with improving Cottage Hospital access.

7. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Elections** – The Board discussed the spring elections, and bemoaned the difficulty of getting people to volunteer to be on the board. Wayne and Joyce agreed to stand for election to the board again.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A. **California Taxes** John DeVore mentioned the letter from the Franchise Tax Board, a copy of which he had scanned and sent to the Board, and asked whether anyone on the Board had any expertise or knew anyone who could help in this matter concerning past taxes due. Peter Basch will help sort through the incorporation issues. John volunteered to contact the accountant that he uses for his personal taxes.
- B. **Sidewalk Repair** Jim Smith presented a draft letter requesting sidewalk repair and street tree removal in connection with certain of the damaged sidewalk sections. The consensus of the board was that SNA should request the sidewalk repairs to be performed, but to leave out the explicit recommendations for tree removal. Jim will rewrite the letter for transmittal to the appropriate department within the city.
- C. **Curb Painting** Jim Smith presented a draft letter requesting that certain curbs be repainted or newly painted red for safety reasons. The consensus of the board was that Jim should proceed with this action.
- D. **Campaign Forum** Fred Marsic inquired as to whether SNA should host a forum for the 5 Republican candidates running in the primary for state representative. The consensus of the board was that a partisan forum was not appropriate for our organization (despite the apparent partisanship exhibited in various supposedly non-partisan city elections).
- E. **SRC Life Center** Jim Smith requested that the board reaffirm its support for SRC's Life Center project in a letter to Paul Peterson, that he could use as he seeks support in the city for this project. The consensus of the board was that John should update the earlier letter sent in support of this project for review and approval by the board.

9. **COMMUNICATION**

- A. Confirmation of meetings:
- i. Next meetings: May 20, 2010, June 17, 2010

10. **ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

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

<http://samarkandneighborhoodassociation.org>

SNA Elections

The Association's membership and board year runs from July 1 to June 30. Board members serve staggered two-year terms, and there are eight open positions this spring.

Suggested timeline for nominations, the Spring 2010 election, and board transition:

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| Request for nominations (email and snail mail): | Monday, May 10 |
| Deadline for <u>receipt</u> of nominations: | Monday, May 17 |
| Ballots mailed: | Monday, June 1 |
| Deadline for <u>receipt</u> of ballots: | Monday, June 14 |
| Old board/new board meeting: | Thursday, June 17 |

Terms of current members:

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| Wayne Beckman | 2008 - 2010 |
| John DeVore | 2009 - 2011 |
| Joyce Duncan Falk | 2008 - 2010 |
| Terry Johnson | 2008 - 2010 |
| Fred Marsic | 2008 - 2010 |
| Jack Meyer | 2008 - 2010 |
| Jim Smith | 2009 - 2011 |
| Ruth Young | 2009 - 2011 |

There will be 8 board vacancies, of which 5 are from board members finishing 2-year terms and 3 from unfilled positions in the 2009-2011 group.