

**SAMARKAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
BOARD AND ASSOCIATION MEETING  
May 20, 2010, 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Mountain Room, Samarkand Retirement Community**

**Draft Minutes**

<b>Guest:</b> None
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1. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:** Meeting called to order at 6:05.
2. **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).*
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the 21 January meeting were corrected. Minutes from the 21 January and 29 April meetings were approved.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim reported our balance as \$1,099.43.
5. **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**
  - A. **ZONING:** Joyce had nothing to report. John noted seeing an announcement that the project at 2717 El Prado was to appear before the Single Family Design Board (May 10). This should have given immediate neighbors the opportunity to air any concerns that they might have about the second-story addition.
  - B. **ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS:** John noted that Allied was still working on critiquing proposed changes to the General Plan for Santa Barbara.
  - C. **TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:** Wayne had nothing to report.
  - D. **SNA WEB SITE:** Peter Basch, SNA web master, reported on usage statistics for the SNA web site. Although much of the usage has been by automated search engines collecting information, there does appear to be appreciable usage. Peter noted that the minutes and newsletters collections were out of date and recommended that these be updated and that some sort of mechanism or routine be established to keep these up to date. Peter also recommended that we remind people to send him information of local interest, articles, etc. For example, he recently posted an announcement for an open house for Mackenzie Park Lawn Bowls. It was moved (Wayne,Ruth) and passed unanimously that the SNA web site offer to post information for our neighborhood garden co-op.
6. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **BevMo** – Peter reported on the situation regarding the BevMo project (the locating of a Beverages and More liquor super store in the vacant furniture store at the intersection of De La Vina and State). There is concern over traffic and parking impacts. There appears to be no venue or mechanism for the City to address potential problems at this difficult intersection. Although at an Architectural Board of Review meeting staff indicated that it had been determined that there would be no adverse traffic impacts, Peter was unable to track down the source of this determination. Also, although ABC (Alcohol and Beverage Control) still needs to make a determination on the issuing of a license, it is expected that this project will go through.
  - B. **Elections** – Ballots will be prepared and sent out listing the five incumbents (and any other volunteers received by Monday). Unfortunately, additional candidates to fill the open positions have not been forthcoming. There was some discussion

about modifying the bylaws to provide flexibility on the size of the board.

- C. **Street Repair** – Jim has drafted and circulated letters requesting that the City repair the following, unsafe conditions:
- i. **Curb Marking** – The red curb marking at corners and in front of fire hydrants has deteriorated. In addition to repainting these, it is requested the red curb marking be continued in front of SRC from near the bus stop on Treasure Drive around to the entrance to the North View building on Tallant Road. There was some discussion concerning the intersection of Stanley with Las Positas. It is recommended that there be red striping on the north side of Stanley, opposite the chicane, to keep two lanes open for traffic exiting and entering the neighborhood at Las Positas.
  - ii. **Sidewalks** – It is requested that the City repair a number of places where sidewalks have developed uneven joints that pose tripping hazards. Jim noted that it is at the City’s discretion as to whether trees in the parking strip that have led to such conditions be removed. Normally the City removes street trees only if they pose a direct hazard.
  - iii. **Stop Signs** – It is requested that a stop sign be placed at the northeast corner of the intersection of Tallant Road with Clinton Terrace, i.e., impacting westbound traffic. There is a corresponding stop sign at the southwest corner already. It is also requested that stop signs be placed on Allegria and Peregrina, where they intersect Clinton Terrace, since these streets have significant cut through traffic.
  - iv. **Street Sealing** – Peter noted that some time ago the City undertook crack repair and slurry sealing of the streets in our neighborhood. The crack repair was completed, but the slurry sealing was performed on only some of the streets. Peter will draft a letter to be sent to the City requesting completion of this work.
  - v. Approval of these letters to the City was moved (Joyce,Terry) and passed unanimously.
- D. **Graffiti Removal** – Ed Hayes from the audience expressed appreciation that SNA has advertised the City’s graffiti removal hotline. He has noticed instances of graffiti appearing and has found the City responsive to instances brought to their attention. He advocates the immediate reporting of graffiti. Anna DeVore noted that even though the Cox Cable boxes are located in the parking strip, they and not the City are responsible for removing graffiti from their boxes.
- E. **SurgiCenter Parking Strip** – The dereliction of the parkway along Samarkand to the north of the SurgiCenter was noted. Peter and Darwin volunteered to approach the SurgiCenter about this, and then to draft a letter to the City on behalf of SNA requesting clean up, if nothing is done.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. **Water Conservation Speaker** – John reported receiving an offer from the City to furnish a speaker on the topic of water conservation. Jim, who is a member of the City’s Water Commission, will arrange for a speaker, targetting the SNA meeting in July.
- B. **SNA Corporate Tax** – John reported sending a request to Sacramento for copies of the SNA incorporation papers, which are needed to work on a resolution to this issue.

## 8. COMMUNICATION

A. Confirmation of meetings:

i. Next meetings: June 17, 2010, July 15, 2010

9. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

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

<http://samarkandneighborhoodassociation.org>