

**SAMARKAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD AND ASSOCIATION MEETING
March 19, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Mountain Room, Samarkand Retirement Community**

Minutes

Guest: None.

1. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:** Meeting called to order at 6:02.
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 absent*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES*:** A correction to last month's minutes-"CCRC" was corrected to "Continuing Care Retirement Community" and minutes were approved as corrected (M/S/C Falk/Johnson).
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Current balance is \$1,428.03. Checks were given to the treasurer for membership to bring our total to \$1658.03.
5. **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**
 - A. **ZONING:** No report.
 - B. **ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS:** A meeting was held on Monday. Nancy Graff (City Parks and Recreation Director) spoke for a long time. Nancy Graff wanted to get support for encouraging the City to support the Parks department. She encouraged neighborhood organizations to become involved in supporting local parks.

The Save El Pueblo Viejo organization requested support for their efforts by neighborhood organizations. Joyce spoke strongly in favor of supporting the Save El Pueblo Viejo initiative; she felt that the City was including too many exceptions to guidelines. Wayne cautioned about straying away from our local neighborhood issues. The group spoke generally in favor of taking a position on a City issue because it affects all residents. Joyce moved that we support the Save El Pueblo Viejo initiative as it is written, without the exceptions suggested by City Council. (M/S/C Falk/Smith, one absention-Beckman).

On a side conversation: The City has a lot of trees to care for. Joyce thought that trees might be a good topic for our next newsletter. Conversation referenced the eucalyptus tree on Tallant and Treasure that was cut down recently. The City arborist was invited to speak to our group. Jim introduced issues related to a metal grate in the sidewalk on Tallant Rd. on the east side of the Samarkand facility.

John shared about a development plan for the Sandman Hotel area.

John noted that there is a call for more participation on the Allied Neighborhoods organization. They meet on the third Mondays of the month.
 - C. **TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:**
 - i. **Cottage Hospital Access:** Wayne shared that the recent combined meeting of the Planning Commission and the Traffic and Circulation Committee was not contentious and that there was a lot of agreement on replacing the current North-bound offramp at Las Positas with a hook

off-ramp across from the Showgrounds, similar to the Hope exit, so that Calle Real could be returned to two-way traffic between Treasure Drive and Las Positas Road. The City's new traffic model was used to project the impact of these changes. The cut-through traffic in our neighborhood would be significantly reduced. Other possible changes include extending De La Vina to two way traffic a couple of more blocks to provide an egress from the Cottage Hospital area. The major problem in the plan would be if Caltrans judged that the new hook offramp were too close to the Hope exit.

The group discussed other information from the meetings concerning plans to improve access to Cottage Hospital.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Guest speaker(s): Next month we have Ms. McLeod, followed by Owen Dell. The group shared some preliminary feelings about neighborhood foodsheds.
- B. 2009 Elections (see attachment): John presented information about the election process. We are looking at three presentations this spring: two newsletters announcing speakers, and one for the purpose of the elections. We estimate about one thousand neighbors. We will do a regular newsletter for the energy conservation speaker along with the election announcement. The presentation on foodsheds will be advertised to the whole neighborhood.

8. OTHER BUSINESS: Ron and Shelly Tan offered their resignation.

9. COMMUNICATION

A. Confirmation of meetings:

- i. Next meetings: April 16, 2009 (Christine McLeod on Energy Conservation) and May 21, 2009 (Owen Dell on Neighborhood Foodsheds)
- ii. Guest/location: Mountain Room

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:54.

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

<http://samarkandneighborhoodassociation.org>

Elections Announcement Blurb

For the News Letter Announcing the Upcoming Elections

SNA members are invited to submit nominations (including self-nominations) for board of director positions open for election this spring. We are a working board and welcome (need) your involvement.

The Association's membership year runs from July 1 to June 30. Board members serve staggered two-year terms. This year there are 5 two-year positions plus 1 one-year position to fill out a vacancy. The top 5 vote getters will be elected to the 2-year positions and the next highest vote getter the 1-year position.

The timeline for nominations, the Spring 2009 election, and board transition is:

Deadline for receipt of nominations: Wednesday, April 15

Ballots mailed by: Monday, May 11

Deadline for receipt of ballots Saturday, May 31

Old board/new board meeting: Thursday, June 18

Candidates must be members of the Association and may submit a statement of up to 200 words summarizing their qualifications and interest to accompany the ballot. We reserve the right to edit statements to 200 words, if necessary.

Please submit your name, phone and/or email contact information, and statement of interest in a board position in either of the following ways:

Mail to SNA, P.O. Box 3612, Santa Barbara, CA 93105-3612

Email to staff@samarkandneighborhoodassociation.org with "SNA Board Nomination" in the subject line.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Current Term</u>
Wayne Beckman	08 - 10
John DeVore	07 - 09
Joyce Falk	08 - 10
Terry Johnson	08 - 10
Fred Marsic	08 - 10
Jack Meyer	08 - 10
Jim Smith	07 - 09
Ruth Young	07 - 09