

**SAMARKAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD AND ASSOCIATION MEETING
April 16, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Mountain Room, Samarkand Retirement Community**

Minutes

Guest: Ms. Christine McLeod, Southern California Edison Speakers Bureau.

1. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:** Meeting called to order at 6:09.
2. **SPEAKER:** Ms. Christine McLeod, "Ways to be Efficient With Energy and Ways to Conserve IT".

Ms. McLeod introduced herself and offered a variety of handouts and lovely parting gifts for attendees (energy saving light bulbs, efficiency tools). Christine works in regulatory affairs for Edison, acquiring permits for infrastructure. Speaking to groups about energy efficiency is a volunteer component of her job.

Edison has been around for about 120 years, and has an interest in energy efficiency and renewables. Edison has an interest in educating youth and community. Everyone has a responsibility to conserve and use energy efficiently. If everyone replaced five traditional light bulbs with efficient bulbs, it represents an equivalent saving of energy and CO2 of taking 414,000 cars off the road. Edison offers rebates and incentives for many different user activities.

Edison charges are based upon a tiered system of usage. Less usage returns more savings. Ms. McLeod encouraged members to be aware of savings that are possible through good energy consumption habits. Edison maintains an online survey that can be taken to obtain feedback on family efficiency. Edison also maintains programs for families and individuals with limited financial resources. Another program, "Friendly Reminder," is designed to outreach to households who may miss a billing because of travel, or other limiting factors. A full listing of these programs can be found on the SC Edison Web site.

Of interest, Ms. McLeod noted that CFL's (Compact fluorescent lightbulbs, energy efficient lights) do contain a small amount of mercury and should be disposed of properly at a hazardous materials drop-off; she shared that CFL's last a very long time. Another technology that will become important in the near future is LED lighting. They have been used mainly for smaller lights, such as Christmas lights. A comparison of energy usage from incandescent to CFL is a ¼ usage, to an LED it is a 1/10th usage (shared by Jim Smith).

A/C adaptors, plasma televisions, and computers were all discussed as passive users of energy. Resources on the Edison Web site can support a review of individual household usage.

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 Absent.*)
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES*** Minutes were unavailable.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim reported that we have a current balance of \$1365.67. The last newsletter cost \$307.36. An additional \$90 in checks were given to Jim this evening, and that will bring our total up to \$1455.67 when deposited.

6. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

A. ZONING: No new issues.

B. ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS: John reported that they do not meet until next week.

C. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:

i. **Cottage Hospital Access:** No new information.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Guest speaker(s): Next month, Owen Dell will be coming to talk to us about food sheds. He was a guest host on "Garden Wise Guys," on public access television. Owen was instrumental in starting this nation-wide program. The concept involves sharing garden bounty among neighbors.

B. 2009 Elections (see attachment): John reported that we have vacancies. We have three terms that are ending, and three vacancies, for a total of six positions.

C. Help with newsletter distribution: John organized materials for distribution.

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

A. City Elections: We discussed setting an early schedule for a candidates forum. John will inquire at Allied about the procedure. John wondered if we might do two forums, one for the candidates and one for the mayor. The main interest in this would be to increase the time available to hear from all of the candidates. However, two meetings would require more effort to organize.

B. Guest speaker suggestion: Jim Smith suggested a guest speaker from the City on water conservation. Overall, the City does an excellent job of conserving water. Jim will investigate this for the June meeting.

10. COMMUNICATION

A. Confirmation of meetings:

i. Next meetings: May 21, 2009 (Owen Dell on Neighborhood Foodsheds)

ii. Guest/location: Mountain Room

11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

*** 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 29

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 300 words summarizing their qualifications and interest to accompany the ballot. We reserve the right to edit statements to 300 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