

**SAMARKAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
BOARD AND ASSOCIATION MEETING  
November 17, 2005, 5:30 p.m.  
Mountain Room, Samarkand Retirement Community**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.  
*Guest Presentations: A summary of the guest presentations is appended at the end of the minutes.*
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Peter Basch, Wayne Beckman, John Calder, Anna DeVore, Terry Johnson, Jack Meyer, Dave and Gwen Morse, Jim Smith, and Charlie Stapleton. (Dave Barnhouse and Judy Freeman absent.)
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Minutes were approved as written (M/S/C Charlie Stapleton/Anna DeVore)
4. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Lacking an active bank account, there was no report. Jim Smith has agreed to take over the job effective immediately. Plans to initiate the active account should consummate this Saturday with a signature card ritual at the local branch of Washington Mutual. Deposits should follow in a timely fashion.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - A. Committee Updates
    1. **Candidate Forums:** We successfully sponsored two very successful meetings. We have a written report on file to help doing something like this again.
    2. **Oak Park Area Traffic Planning:** Wayne Beckman reported that ballots will be sent out in the next couple of weeks for a vote on implementing the recommendations of the Oak Park Neighborhood Traffic Association. The Core group will be around to answer questions. The ballot will be an all or nothing ballot. This makes sense given the long series of public meetings and input covered over the last year and a half.

Comments were accepted from the audience, speaking both for and against Core Group recommendation that will be distributed by ballot to the neighborhood.
    3. **Allied Neighborhood Associations:** Joe Guzzardi reported that he has represented the neighborhood at Allied. They have been working on the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance (NPO). The Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance is strictly for houses. Diane Channing from the Riviera who ran for City Council has also been a part of the process. He recalled twenty seven meetings about single family home

rules. The big issue is FAR(floor area ratio), and that is still in question. Diane and Joe were trying to keep the FAR modest. A 35-40% FAR is projected, and Mr. Guzzardi illustrated this with an example (6000 sq. ft. lot, with a 2400 sq. ft. house). City Council will be discussing this in public. Also, the City will be updating the overall master plan for the city, a roadmap for planning done every 20-25 years. The committee will have seven members of the public plus City officials. Joe G. will be a public member. Public input will be appreciated in this process.

4. **Security:** Judy Freeman has arranged for our police “beat” coordinator to present at a future meeting. A suggestion for a neighborhood disaster plan has also been received.
5. **Website:** Peter Basch discussed the Web site. It is located temporarily on Cox, now, and we can decide about a more permanent location later. It has a mailing address: [S-N-A@cox.com](mailto:S-N-A@cox.com). We need to discuss how to handle mail directed to the association. Should it go to other members? Any input (photos, etc.) is welcome. Anna DeVore said that future meeting agendas will be posted on the site, as well as the minutes.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Treasurer Position:** Jim Smith has agreed to be Treasurer (by appointment)
- B. **Neighborhood Projects Notification:** Anna DeVore, Joe Guzzardi and Don McDermott (a member of the previous SDIA board) are currently receiving notices of neighborhood projects triggering review. Joe Guzzardi is another, and Don McDermott is third. We have received notice of one project, which will be having an ABR hearing on Monday. Joe Guzzardi suggested that the board make itself available for people who have concerns for local projects, rather than try to follow every project. This way, the board would be responsive to the neighborhood, but not overburdening itself.
- C. **Zoning Violations:** We have been contacted by a member with a zoning violation concern, a problem in particular with a business being run from a home and trucks parked on the street. Discussion speculated on whether the City was trying to discourage complaints because they require a name when a complaint is registered. Discussion also focused upon the role the organization should have in these matters. Charlie Stapleton suggested that we clarify our priorities. Joe Guzzardi suggested that it was a responsible thing for an organization, and there was general agreement that we would be available to communicate issues to the City.

A motion was entertained to appoint a committee to deal with zoning violations. (M/S/C Charlie Stapleton/Jack Meyer)

John Calder, Peter Basch, Gwen Morse, and Anna DeVore volunteered for this sub committee.

- D. **Other: Member Resignation:** Dave Barnhouse has resigned. Anna Devore announced that we will consult with the election committee to find out who received the next highest number of votes in the recent board election and come back with a recommendation at the next meeting.
- E. **Other: Future Topics:** Anna noted three items that she would like to address in the near future: a directory, a newsletter, and a revision of the by-laws.

**8. COMMUNICATION:**

- A. Confirmation of next meetings-
  - 1. Next meeting: Thursday, December 15, 5:30 pm  
Guest: Ken Noreen, Samarkand Retirement Facility
  - 2. January meeting: Thursday, January 19, 5:30 pm  
Guest: SB Police Dept. Beat Coordinator

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jack Meyer, Secretary

**Appended Notes**  
**Presentations, November 17, 2005**

Ron Biscaro (Cottage Hospital)

*Note:* On Dec. 6 there will be a neighborhood meeting, part of agreement of Cottage with the City, to see how things are progressing.

Presentation Goal: To provide an overview of master plan

Mr. Biscaro has worked for two years at cottage, prior to this, he was at St. Francis.

Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital is under the mandate of SB 1953, with a 2013 year deadline, to provide for a rebuilt hospital according to new standards.

In Santa Ynez, they are trying to retrofit by 2013, and rebuild by 2030  
Goleta will be rebuilt by 2013.

Castillo abandoned in May. Eye center demolished. Pueblo area has been demolished. The energy center will begin construction soon, with a finish date of 2007.

Child care center will be rebuilt (hopefully) starting next March.

Parking structure for employees (Knapp structure) will begin soon.

Culvert (drainage system) will begin in March. This will improve 100 year flood plain situation for residents north of Castillo by providing drainage.

In year 2010, the beginning of the new hospital that will be up to standards identified by SB 1953.

Cottage identifies six phases, some with overlapping times, for the construction.

Some Benefits:

Cottage has commitments to improve traffic circulation, particularly around the hospital.

Investment in utility improvements

Incentive program for employees to reduce driving to work

Cottage has a commitment to investigate Las Positas/Calle Real access (two-way traffic on Calle Real)

Browning Allen and Staff (City of SB Transportation Dept.)

Browning Allen (City Transportation Dept.) reviewed some of the work of the Oak Park Traffic Management Core Group in improving traffic calming and safety in the neighborhood.

A new plan for improvements in the area requires 65% approval of the respondents to the next area ballot. If it is not approved, City monies will be spent elsewhere.

Answers to Audience Questions:

An engineering firm will engage in a project study to look at ways to improve access to the hospital with respect to Calle Real. There are no answers, just a commitment to take a look at traffic. (Allen)

Cottage has agreements with two churches for employee parking, with a shuttle service at appropriate times during the day. There is also a valet option. Mr. Biscaro feels it is going well. Construction workers have been using the construction site, and will use the showgrounds in the future, with a shuttle. Cottage will be responsive to issues as future problems become apparent. They want to get the first parking structure done by Labor Day of next year. Shuttle from Earl Warren has been asked to use the freeway for access to the hospital. (Biscaro)

Pueblo parking structure will be 3 levels (631 cars), whole block. The Knapp will be 500+ parking, on a smaller site, but it is still in design. They will probably charge nominal fees for parking at the hospital. At this time, it would probably be free for the first x minutes, and then a fee for time beyond that. They want to discourage patients to other offices from using a “free parking” situation provided by the hospital. The Knapp building will have restricted parking, controlled, so that patients with “tokens” and employees will only be able to use it. (Biscaro)

Tully Clifford was introduced by Mr. Allen. The City is trying to reduce the impacts of the construction. He has a Canadian accent. When complaints are received, Mr. Clifford meets with the hospital, and they believe that the issues are being resolved.