

Meeting Minutes from June 26th, 2008

1) Housekeeping

- a. The secretary will email out the minutes before hand in the future
- b. There was a motion to accept the minutes from 5/22 that passed
- c. Laura Lynch-Miller and Tim Shaw resigned due to time constraints.
- d. There is a meeting with Supervisor Carson on Wednesday 7/9 from 12-1PM
 - i. Possible agenda items include: health, safety, community stability, crime, employment, role of the county in Berkeley
- e. There is no change in the treasure's report

2) Physical Environment

- a. Move Out
 - i. There is a meeting with the City and UC
 - ii. Move out went smoothly
 - iii. Dumpsters got left out to long
 - iv. Dumpsters didn't get emptied enough
 - v. Be more proactive about recycling
 - vi. The dumpsters were being used by contractors and others—including neighbors
- b. Motion made and passed to send a thank you note for all the work done
- c. Signs for the neighborhood
 - i. Meet with Jim Hynes
 - ii. \$75 with graffiti coating, \$35 without
 - iii. Would like 15 signs in total
 - iv. Possibly apply for Chancellor's Grant
 - v. Possibly ask Sup. Carson for some funds
 - vi. George would like to re-design the sign
 - vii. A request for a budget of \$75 was seconded and approved
 - viii. George will donate a couple of signs
 - ix. A possible fund raising campaign to help pay for the signs
 - x. 'Welcome to' preferred to 'Now Entering'

3) Community Outreach

- a. National Night Out on August 5th
 - i. Ice cream
 - ii. Will need help putting flyers up in the neighborhood
 - iii. Get a fire truck from the City
 - iv. Contact Council members and Mayor asking them to come
 - v. Conrad got a band/guitarist—does he need anything?
- b. Disaster Prep
 - i. Give away whistles and LED flashlight, but ask for a donation
 - ii. Require a \$5 donation for the gas shut off wrench

- iii. Have a table or 2 of demo products
 - 1. Water barrel
 - 2. Other product from Amazon
 - 3. Possible flyer with all the products on it
 - iv. Is there a Berkeley Earthquake Awareness Committee? Would they like to speak?
 - c. Street Fair
 - i. The street and park have both been reserved
 - ii. Can give the park back
 - iii. Need 3 volunteers to help
 - 1. Co-ordinate neighborhood groups
 - a. David Cottle will share list
 - 2. Work with and help Greg
 - a. Conrad, Janet and Zofia
 - iv. George would like something more exciting
 - 1. Jumpy castle
 - 2. Dog parade
 - 3. Live band
 - 4. Decorated bike parade for children
 - 5. George will work on entertainment

4) Crime Prevention

- a. Outdoor lighting ala Le Conte
 - i. Found reasonable cost for motion sensitive light including install
 - ii. More at National Night Out and Street Fair
 - iii. In July will have a sub-committee meeting

5) Political Action

- a. Mrs. Dalloway's expansion into Ozzie's—small vs. large bookstore
- b. Claremont Safeway
- c. Fire and Library tax measures
- d. AC Transit Parking Removal—ploy for BRT?
- e. 2615 Ellsworth will be presented at the next meeting
- f. Elmwood Hardware—subdivided with wine store
- g. George will make a presentation at next meeting

6) Organizational Structure

- a. Community Information/Noisy Book tabled until next meeting
- b. Privacy vs. Courtesy
 - i. Motion and 2nd on Courtesy Policy
 - ii. Approved
 - iii. Should go into newsletter
 - iv. Go to all new board members
- c. Policy on getting items onto the Agenda

- i. How to get items on to the agenda
- ii. What if executive committee stonewalls?
- iii. Discussed part of the policy

7) New Business

- a. Zofia Rybkowski is the newest member of the steering committee.
- b. Several members have not been attending—Jeff Bradt, Doug Buckwald, Colleen Donovan, and Tim Ruckle
 - i. Letters will be sent
- c. Next meeting is July 24th.
- d. Possible items for discussion are
 - i. Alta Bates and RPP
 - ii. Pilot Parking program