

Meeting Minutes from April 2nd, 2008

Announcements

At the site of the Wright Garage Redevelopment project is possible (likely) that they are pumping contaminated water directly into the storm drains. We will contact the City. The citizens who observe this should contact the City directly as well.

Halcyon Neighborhood water barrel delivery is likely to be next weekend. Janet at 510-848-4008 needs help in re-distributing the barrels. In the same vein, the Willard Neighborhood may want to have a disaster preparation as a topic for a general meeting.

By-Law Changes

Vincent went over the changes to the by-law. Please see associated documentation for the exact changes. The additional changes are as follows.

The Secretary will be responsible for starting the process to remove Steering Committee members is necessary

The Secretary will keep track of all email/phone votes

The President will convene all Steering and General Meetings

Janet Byron will develop an email policy that includes topics like flaming.

There was a discussion about having different meeting moderators to help develop leadership within the organization and it removes the President from being tied down to that role.

The By-Law changes were passed with 100% and no abstentions

Steering Committee Members

We discussed the list that was presented at the meeting. Doug Buckwald asked to be added to the list of Steering Committee members.

The proposed list was accepted and passed

Meeting Times

The 3rd Wednesday of the month was suggested as the best day to meet. It conflicts with the fewest City of Berkeley meetings. Final decision on meeting date to be set at the next Steering Committee meeting.

The next meeting will be on April 30th at 7:00 at Mudracker's Café.

Officer Selection

There are 3 officers and an at-large member. The election of officers will be held after the Retreat.

Janet will do the newsletter

David Cottle would like to be the VP.

Retreat

This year there will be a Steering Committee retreat

David Cottle is organizing

The retreat is to help build the organization for growth

A suggested length would be 3 hours one morning to discuss the mission, goals for the year, what members are passionate about etc

George may be able to provide an offsite location

Other Business

Please comment negatively on 2615 Ellsworth this is going to be a very big two unit building. The fear is that it will become one big party house.

BRT will have a big meeting on April 9th at the North Berkeley Senior Center with both the Planning and Transportation Committee

There will be a change to the capacity of Telegraph and the restriction of left turn lanes onto Telegraphy

Condo Conversion passed on the first reading and will be coming up

We would like to work on traffic calming strategies for the neighborhood

This November will have a large number of ballot initiatives and zoning issues that we will need to develop a position on.