

# **RCPC** ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY PLANNING COUNCIL

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY MINUTES - Thursday, May 3, 2007 Danica Truchlikova Residence, 6725 Manor Crest**

Present: Jennifer Edmister (partial attendance), Susan Montauk, Ellen Peterson, Jeff Small, Ronnie Spitzer, Peter St. John, Richard Smith, Danica Truchlikova, Stephanie Upp, Margaret Wahlberg

Absent: Gloria Bruce, Annette Floystrup

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM.

### **Item 1. Administrative**

A) Margaret Wahlberg was appointed secretary pro tem.

### **B) Motion made to approve April 24, 2007 minutes. M: Susan, S: Jeff, all in favor.**

C) April 5, 2007 minutes remain unapproved. John Gussman submitted minute revisions for the April 5, 2007 minutes.

Ronnie Spitzer collected CONSENT TO TAKING ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING forms from the members.

### **Item 2. Redbook & Orientation**

Susan Montauk distributed the Redbook to the members and conducted an extensive orientation covering policies and bylaw particulars. Items possibly requiring updates: Chair duties, communication policies, public meeting testimony, committees.

### **Item 3: Rockridge News**

A) June article list

Deadline for Rockridge News articles is May 17. Ideas for articles: General Plan vs. Zoning, Chabot School building, pedestrian bike plan, NCPC & RDA, Bike for College Ave. OPD Officer. Email other suggestions for articles to Cy Gulassa

B) Distributors' Party-May 18

The Rockridge News will host a "Thank you Party" for Rockridge News distributors on Friday May 18, 2007 at the Rockridge Methodist Church on Hudson near College Ave. A concert by the Jazz City Singers will follow dinner. Tickets to this concert will be sold for \$5 in advance and for \$7 at the door. Event decorating starts at 4:00pm.

### **Item 4: Land Use Committee**

A) Appoint Chair

**MOTION:** Richard Smith to be new Land Use Committee Chair. *Motion:* Peter St. John, *Second:* Ellen Peterson *All in favor. Motion passed.*

B) Update on Projects-Ronnie, Richard

Ronnie Spitzer reported that the Hauser project was sent back to review and will post the review speaking points.

Ronnie Spitzer reported on the appeal of the Peterson project. The neighbors lost their appeal but the building includes a relocated roof deck and setbacks. Neighbors can appeal CEQA only to the City Council.

Ronnie Spitzer reported that the Kingfish/Co-Housing applicant is conducting a traffic study, and requested a best fit re-zoning determination.

C) Berkland Church-Peter

Peter St. John reported that the Berkland property is currently for sale. The board decided that the local neighborhood group should first speak with the realtor to voice their concerns.

D) **Infrastructure** purchases-zoning, maps. Decided to purchase necessary supplies.

The group briefly discussed the 2 upcoming Planning Commission appointments.

**Item 5: Committees**

A) Kitchen Tour--Susan reported that the Kitchen Tour is on schedule. On May 17 the selection of 9 kitchens will be made. The committee is still working on publicity and food for the event.

"Let's Make It Green" is the theme of the September meeting. This will be a prelude to the Kitchen Tour.

B) Fourth Bore (Ranking Priorities-First Pass-How to proceed)

Kent Deverell and Ronnie Spitzer will prepare Fourth Bore mitigation letter.

C) Schools –Susan

A discussion was held concerning fund-raising for the fire-damaged Peralta School.

**MOTION:** The RCPC will donate \$500 to the Peralta School for fire-damage cause and a coupon for donations be included in the upcoming issue of the Rockridge News so that Rockridge residents may send a tax deductible contribution to the Peralta School Fire Fund. *Motion:* Jeff Small, *Second:* Danica Truchlikova; *All in favor. Motion passed.*

D) Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

Ronnie reported that the Traffic & Pedestrian Safety committee is moving forward.

**Item 6: Financial**

A) Overview of RCPC finances-Susan presented, and reviewed with the board, the first quarter 2007 Financial Report.

Sally Fitzhugh, the RCPC accountant/money manager will give a full report at the June meeting.

**Item 7: Meetings**

A) Monthly Meeting – All

1. The members discussed restoring monthly meetings. No decisions was made but monthly meetings are scheduled through September. The next meeting on June 21, 2005 will be announced in the Rockridge News.

2. Future meeting topics and responsibility: Rockridge Projects, such as under BART landscaping & Kiosk.

**Item 8: Other Business**

A) Danica suggested that board members should submit a "list of skills" and write a short blurb about themselves. All agreed.

B) The board decided to solicit a contribution for Peralta from the upcoming Toyota commercial filmed in Rockridge. Susan and Jeff to follow up.

C) It was suggested that we contact Trader Joe's. Ronnie and other board members to follow-up.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.**

*Respectfully submitted by Margaret Wahlberg, secretary pro-tem.*