

VALLEJO HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 28 2008

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am

Introductions: Kathleen O'Sullivan opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. David Cates asked members to share what they like about living in Vallejo and the Vallejo Heights Area.

Minutes for April 26, 2008 General Meeting. *MOTION: Katy Miessner made a motion to approve the Minutes for the April 26, 2008 General Meeting. Bob Weir seconded the Motion. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.*

Treasurer's Report: As Val Duda is on vacation, Kathleen O'Sullivan reported that there is \$327.95 in the saving account and \$984.32 in the checking account. Membership renewals are being received.

Action committees:

Vallejo Bankruptcy: There was a discussion of the effect of Vallejo's financial crisis and bankruptcy action that was approved by the City Council

MIRAcle workers: David Cates reported that the MIRA Theater building was power washed to prepare it for painting. MIRA Board elections were held and the following elected: Stacey Lowe, President; Julie Charles, Vice-President; Katy Miessner, Secretary; Carmen Slack, Social Chair; and Sandra Risser, Treasurer. *MOTION: Kathleen O'Sullivan made a Motion that the VHNA donate \$25.00 to the MIRA Theater. Val Duda seconded the Motion, Unanimous approval. Motion passed.*

Benson Avenue: Kathleen O'Sullivan said the City's financial problems put a hold on putting together the final plan for Benson Avenue, but the request for proposals should be sent out by September. The street work won't start until 2009. The project is funded by Community Development Block grant funds and not by the City's general fund, so the City's bankruptcy should not impact the project. *MOTION: David Cates made a Motion that VHNA should write the Mayor and City Council to state support for moving forward on the Benson Avenue renovation project. Katy Miessner seconded the Motion. Unanimous approval. Motion passed. (who will write?)*

Board Expansion Survey: David Cates explained that a member survey is being developed to see if members want to expand the Board to add new positions. Surveys will be distributed after Board members "tweak" it a bit more.

Miscellaneous Items:

- VHNA will have a vehicle in the City's July 4th parade.
- Bob Weir mentioned that his neighbor has her son pick up litter on their street.
- Tony Pearsall is the Executive Director of Fighting Back Partnership.
- VHNA has the most members participating in the Graffiti paint out days.

Speaker: Marti Brown

Marti Brown provided information on the process for preparing the Draft Solano County General Plan, the formation of the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Orderly Growth Ordinance and Committee. She pointed out that changes provided in the new General Plan will increase development in the County especially for rural ranchettes, commercial and industrial development leading to a loss of up to 30,000 acres of agricultural land. The Draft Environmental Impact Report indicated that many impacts are significant and unavoidable without an attempt to identify adequate mitigation measures. Voters will have an opportunity on the November ballot to approve or disapprove the changes, which include changes to restrictions in the Orderly Growth Ordinance. .

MOTION: Bob Weir made a Motion for the VHNA to send a letter to the County supporting the current Orderly Growth Ordinance. Joe Paurel seconded the Motion. Unanimous approval. Motion passed. (who will write?)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.
Minutes submitted by Patricia Gatz