

Upper East Association
Board Meeting
January 5th, 2012 at 7 p.m.

The Board met at the home of Milt Hess, 14 E. Los Olivos St. In attendance: Lisa Burns, Tony Fischer, Steve Forsell, Milt Hess, Joan Livingston, Marie-Paule Hajdu, Don Olson, and Fred Sweeney. Apologies: Beth Perry.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 5th meeting (the last meeting with a quorum) was made and seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report. As of November 30th 2011, the balance in the UEA account was \$6,132.67. Since that date 20 more members have joined. A request by Treasurer Joan Livingston to buy new Quicken software for \$39.00 was approved.

Membership Report: To date, there have been 151 renewals, and 42 new members. 44 former members have not yet renewed. Milt is going to do one more try to those 44 by mail. It was suggested that it would be very useful to identify where the members are located geographically.

Election Results. 91 ballots were submitted in favor of the slate by email, 5 by mail. There was one negative vote. Lisa moved to accept the results. The motion was seconded and approved.

Strategy. A discussion followed on how active the UEA ought to be - just "stand-by" or "full steam ahead". Do we want to meet monthly or quarterly. Joan suggested that we rather act as a conduit, reacting to issues on a case by case basis, and that our energy should be devoted to legacy projects such as the Safe Passage project. The latter project involves interfacing with institutions (such as St. Mary's Retreat house, the Mission) and interactions with other neighborhood associations (such as the Riviera Association). The Safe Passage project may include undergrounding of utilities. If the City makes Safe Passage a priority, this neighborhood would be certainly be tackled.

Member Communications: Milt feels that a monthly newsletter is not too much, because there is always "something to report". Board members and other members are to be urged to contribute items of interest, ready to "paste".

A communications subcommittee will consist of Lisa Burns, Milt Hess, Joan Livingston, and Beth Perry.

Annual Meeting: Joan proposed that we form a committee to plan the Annual Meeting, with enough lead time to create an event that will attract greater attendance.

Election of Officers: It was moved, seconded, and the motion carried to approve the slate of officers: Milt Hess, President; Steve Forsell, Vice-President; Marie-Paule Hajdu, Secretary; Joan Livingston, Treasurer.

Issues for Decision

- **Approval of new website.** It was moved, seconded and the Board approved the replacement of the old website with the new one (www.sbuppereast.com).
- **Do we spend some of our bank balance on beautification?** Joan will inquire at the next meeting of Looking Good Santa Barbara if the City would like the Association to pay to replace the oleander trees on the first block of E. Pueblo.
- **Safe Passage Funding.** The subcommittee (Don Olson, Fred Sweeney, and Steve Forsell) has been meeting with other affected institutions to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety in the Los Olivos/Mission Canyon corridor. There are real difficulties in circumventing historic elements such as the aqueduct, and defining exact boundaries between the City, County etc. Fred presented a large map of the area, the initial documents he prepared for presentation to decision makers such as the City, the County, the Army Corps of Engineers etc. who will be implementing the improvements. Expenses are being incurred to produce the documents, and the Board was requested to contribute to a fund to cover these expenses. Other organizations involved in the project have contributed \$300 each, so the Board approved a \$300 contribution as well. The Museum of Natural History is managing the funds for the Safe Passage project.

Board Meetings. It was decided that the Board will meet on the second Tuesday of each month, with the option to omit a meeting when there will not be a quorum.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.