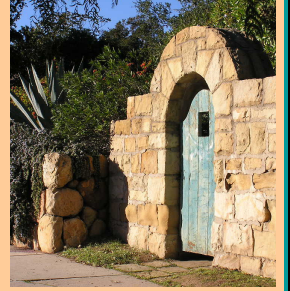


Upper East News

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Overall Progress and Plan for Upper East Association by Lisa Burns, Interim President

Efforts towards goal of using Internet to allow instant and effective communication.

As you may know in Nov. 2005, I was elected Interim President. We also appointed 14 block captains. But we need to at least double this number. Why do we need to work on this?

The UEA can only be an effective voice if we are organized and can communicate with each other. Therefore, we need to assist Dick and Sandy Moss, who I have recently appointed as membership committee chairs, to continue our membership drive. Dick's Excel list currently has almost 200 of the estimated 480 potential members. The most effective way of communicating with each other is through a representative ("block captain") who lives within a neighborhood block. Dick estimates that there is a need for a total of 30 captains (assuming 16 homes per square block).

If block captains would gather emails from their respective neighborhoods, then all members whose email addresses are on this list can be contacted via email, without disclosing any of the addresses, to alert members about current issues and information that is posted on our website (<http://geocities.com/SBUpperEast>).

We are fortunate that the Internet is available to us to communicate FOR FREE. But it takes YOU to sign up at <http://www.geocities.com/SBUpperEast>. If you do not have Internet access, your block captain can drop off printed newsletters at your door; or they can call you for important public hearings or neighborhood alerts - like notices of crime in the neighborhood, meetings/hearings on proposed traffic calming devices, emergency preparedness plans, or development proposals that may affect our area. But they will need your contact information for this to happen. Please see our "10 reasons to join the UEA" posted on our website. If you don't know who your Block Captain is, or wish to volunteer, please call me (Lisa Burns) at (805) 682-1246.

Organizational Structure Update

Dick Moss, a Juris Doctor and retired CPA, has volunteered to research possible organizational structures for our association. We will give this information to the interim UEA board to assist us in making some important organizational proposals for approval of the members. Jim Kahan, Attorney and President of the Allied Neighborhood Association, has also offered his advice. We need to have a formal legal organization to be recognized as a member of the Allied Neighborhood Association. We anticipate having a corporate or other structure to insulate officers and board members for legal liability, and adequate directors and officers (D&O) insurance as well.

NEWS

Transportation & Circulation

Per direction by the City Transportation & Circulation advisory Committee (TCC) on March 23rd, Chapala Street is to be restriped into single lane with bicycle lane(s) with on-street parking on both sides beginning at Mission Street, north to Alamar. To see street plans, contact Dru van Hengel, Mobility Coordinator for the City Transportation Planner at (805) 564-5544, City of Santa Barbara Transportation Division, located on the first floor of the Community Development Department office (corner of Garden/Cota Streets). The Chapala neighborhood had an effective public turn out in support of reducing the number of traffic lanes on Chapala Street. Their effectiveness shows that the city is interested in hearing from neighborhoods affected by traffic calming devices. Heather Bryden, a resident from Upper East was in opposition to City Public Works traffic calming devices from an emergency evacuation and fire response perspective, but Andy Young liked roundabouts because they slow traffic down on his Upper East block. The UEA is interested in finding out what YOU think about proposed road devices.

Transportation & Circulation Committee: See minutes of meetings, staff reports, and Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Newsletters at:

<http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/government>

Then click on Boards & Commissions N-Z for Transportation & Circulation Committee.

Upcoming Public Hearings

May 3, 2006 at the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) on seismic retrofit of St. Anthony's Seminary property where San Roque High School and Santa Barbara Middle School are located (2300 Garden Street). HLC meeting starts at 1:30 pm at 630 Garden Street. A public notice is posted at 2300 Garden Street, near driveway entrance. For more information check out website: <http://www.santabarbaraca.gov> (http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/Boards_and_Commissions_D-M/Historic_Landmarks_Commission/)

Neighborhood Watch

Daytime burglary at 2319 Garden. City Police arrived promptly to clear the house and take fingerprints. They asked that we spread the word to our neighbors to keep front doors locked at all times to prevent strangers from walking in!