



UPPER EAST ASSOCIATION SANTA BARBARA

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UEA Board Meets with 4th District Councilwoman Sneddon

On June 12, 4th District Councilwoman Kristen Sneddon attended the UEA Board Meeting, her second meeting with us. The first was as our speaker at our annual meeting last November. Ms. Sneddon met with Board members Jerry Jacobs, Rod Hersberger, Fred Sweeney, and Lisa Burns.

Among the topics we covered were:

- housing density and similar concerns
- Mission Canyon Bridge studies
- historic preservation zones
- road conditions and repairs
- Zoning Information Reports
- downtown retail situation

Board members asked how State housing policies could potentially affect our historic Upper East neighborhood. Councilwoman Sneddon expressed concern that the Average Unit Density zone proposed along State Street was being looked at as a continuous strip, rather than being sensitive to historic resources.



Councilwoman Sneddon with the Board

The Board highlighted State Street between Mission and Constance where a landscaped median defines our historic residential area. City staff have found at least ten structures that are either designated or eligible for designation as Structures of Merit along this section of State Street. Your Board will continue to monitor this issue.

The Board intends to meet with Ms. Sneddon at least once a year. Ms. Sneddon also encourages UEA residents to contact her [via email](#), phone (805-564-5321) or at established forums for providing input on neighborhood-wide issues.

Finally, the UEA had a successful neighborhood party on July 3rd at the Rose Garden. Neighbors gathered and talked while sipping their favorite beverage and discussing local issues in a relaxed (and beautiful) setting. Children played corn-hole and of course ran around. We plan to make this an annual event and grow it to get more neighbors.

Board Member Frank Paolino Starts SBToDo, Online Calendar for Events

SBToDo is a free calendar of community events. It is crowd-sourced (DIY), meaning anyone can post their event for sharing with the community. Visit [SBToDo](#) to

- search for today's events, tomorrow's events, or events in upcoming weeks
- access it via phone, tablet and computers
- post your event for sharing with the community

Have an event to share? Click [here](#).

SBToDo encourages greater participation in community events. More information about SBToDo can be found on their [website](#).

Mission Heritage Trail Association

The [Mission Heritage Trail Association](#) Board continues to monitor the ongoing initial work that the city and its consultant, Wallace Group, are conducting on the Mission Canyon bridge. The Wallace Group/City of Santa Barbara's [Mission Canyon Bridge Studies](#) team is looking into ways to improve pedestrian access around the Mission Canyon Bridge over Mission Creek. (Initial studies aren't likely to extend south to the Alameda Padre Serra intersection). Their [website](#) highlights why studies are needed now:

- declining lifespan and structural ratings for the bridge, including a hole in the concrete under the bridge
- deteriorating and rusting structural supports on the walkway attached to the bridge
- lack of earthquake retrofitting
- poor sight lines for drivers
- existing collision patterns
- insufficient pedestrian walkways, crosswalks, and bike lanes connecting the Mission, Mission Historical Park, Rocky Nook Park, and the Museum of Natural History
- water flow under the bridge is constricted during large storms

The Mission Canyon Bridge Studies team set up a message line (805-618-5331) to take comments, to sign up for email updates, and review ideas for improvements when they are ready.

The UEA Board looks forward to reviewing the Wallace group's technical studies on the bridge, creek, and surrounding roadways. We will participate robustly once preliminary design concepts and safety solutions are proposed for the community's review.

Emergency Preparedness/Map Your Neighborhood Training in October 6

The Upper East Association is planning a Emergency Preparedness/Map Your Neighborhood training in the early fall. The date and time will first be announced to those already on our waiting list, then those who RSVP to this email (or to ueacomm@gmail.com) and ask to be added to the list.

At the training, we will cover the following topics and leave plenty of time for questions and discussion. Whether you attend or not, you can use the information and links below to learn more.

[Map your neighborhood](#)

- enhance neighborhood disaster preparedness in 1 hour
- rely on each other before first responders arrive

[Flood and mudslide preparedness](#)

- before a flood
- during a flood watch
- during a flood

[Fire preparedness](#)

- prepare a pre-fire plan
- eliminate fire hazards
- add fire-deterrent features to your home
- plan routes to leave your home/neighborhood

[Earthquake preparedness](#)

- develop home earthquake plan
- eliminate hazards
- prepare disaster supply kits for home/car
- know what to do when the shaking begins
- know what to do when the shaking stops

[Preparedness for your pets](#)

- get your pet micro-chipped
- prepare a disaster kit
- collect and protect your pet's veterinary records
- visit CDC's [Healthy Pets, Healthy People](#) website
- plan where your pet will stay in case you need to evacuate