



MEETING SUMMARY FORM

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Meeting Date: Thursday, June 21, 2007

Plan Santa Barbara representative(s): Bettie Weiss (City staff); and Das Williams (City Council)

Host Organization: Samarkand Neighborhood Association

Number of Participants: 35-40

Please take a moment to summarize the meeting. What were the overall themes? What issues arose? What concerns did the participants express?

- * **Heights** of buildings regulations - what is the status? Height isn't everything - **setbacks** are important too.
- * Given **timeline of PlanSB** - how will the current development review process proceed and how will the City operate during this time period?
- * **Streets** need to be made safer for pedestrians (particularly State & Las Positas). Why have improvements not happened yet?
- * Need to be able to **enforce** even existing codes. Not satisfied with current enforcement standards, and people continue to do illegal work because they can get away with it. What will happen in the future?
- * If the planning process comes up with good ordinances, then we need to apply them and not grant so many **modifications**. Council needs to take this seriously.
- * More and more people are **parking** on the streets. How can zoning address this problem?
- * Need creative ideas to deal with **shopping carts** ; ones that many neighbors can share and keep at their apartments.
- * **Remodeling** - of homes can create problems in neighborhoods. We need to be diligent to ensure quality

projects and architecture.

* Given that 30,000 people **commute** into SB from other places - we do not need more jobs.

* How much more **development** will be allowed and how will we limit it? We are almost at our limit, so we need to be very careful and realistic. What will the framework be to deal with major issues, of limited space and desire for growth control? There are many things the City cannot control. This is as big as "good & evil" people want property rights and want to see the public good - the hard issue is how to balance, and money is always a factor.

* Will the **voters** get the opportunity to decide on these big issues?

* **Transit Center** - it needs to truly be a center and for many modes, not fragmented. How can we make it work and increase rider-ship?

* Want more information on water resources given our arid climate and costs.