

Singing Arrow Neighborhood Association - Minutes of February 9, 2017 meeting

Meeting was called to order by Mark Burton at 6:47 and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Board members Mark Burton, Sharon Wolfe, Diane Davidson, David McClellan, and Sandy Hays were present.

Motion was made to allow 20 minutes to discuss the new community center.

APD Officer Harmon and an APD new cadet were present. Most of problems in our area concern homeless; by the time police officers respond the persons are gone. Several calls concerning people off Four Hills road (in the arroyo) have been made and the police have responded but residents are still concerned about the homeless and vagrants. APD officers stated that west of Wyoming is much worse. Our substation averages about 15 calls a day from this area, 12 hour shifts. Now shifts are 8-8, and then graveyard has 8-8. The Security Guard at Four Hills shopping center tries to keep disreputable people away from the customers. Smith's – 2 guards, one in store and one in shopping center to keep people safe. How can we help as citizens? Call APD and let them know of suspicious events. Smoke Shop, reported suspicious activities including a shooting of a clerk. Singing Arrow has an average 10 officers a day patrolling.

Bicycle units – any plan to bring them back to this area? As police officers overall the city have dwindled the bike units are only in the valley.

Our NM state representative and senator were not present – at legislature; no other county commissioner or city council member.

Memberships – total including lifetime members is less than 50. Diane Davidson encouraged people to join.

Financial - \$1911.53 end of January. Majority of our finances have been spent for the community center and for the Rocket program Mark Burton teaches to children from SACC.

Board Members Rose Sena and David Smith have resigned. We still have seven board members so we have a majority to vote. Anyone who is interested in becoming a board member can put in his/her name and we will vote on it at our annual meeting in April. A person must have a current membership in SANA.

Community Center update: Lawrence Segura - now looking at summer activities, appreciate what SANA donates. Great staff of five . About 80 children will be served this summer.

Issues:

New community center - There was a good turn out at the city meeting Tuesday concerning the new SA community center.

Brief recap from meeting- many speakers were not from this area and they have no idea of this neighborhood. New facility will be used for before and after school care. Councilor Harris said this new facility would be similar to Holiday Park but no gym. During school year, the showers are off am and pm so the homeless won't interact with kids. Parking--the cul de sac is no parking, but the gate will be closed. Dawn Marie from Don Harris' office has forwarded the

rezoning doc; the new location was chosen for the the low income area they are serving. No security is available when the community center is not open. Will have a problem with the single family homes close to the new location. There will be no outside equipment for children to play on. Harris has said they will rebuild the area to support the kids.

Questions asked from SA residents present:

Money from HSD has been allocated for this project. Can this money be moved to another project?

Martina Messner shared some facts: \$5.5 million project. Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is only 2 miles away. Why do we need a new center? City has bought the parking lot east of Hunter Ridge to be used for the new center. Homeless people get kicked off busses at the end of the line which is just north of the parking lot. Won't that cause even more problems?

Jan Bond- Can we move the center west? Why doesn't the city need to ask neighborhoods so close to the new center our permission/approval?

Mark stated: Conditional zoning approval – best chance of changing location – parking, visibility-- Can request a hearing. Then there isn't a question as to the location of new center. May appeal to the rezoning issues.

Zoning enforcement – Judy Young – many people were not notified about the new cc – only 4 homes got notice of building the CC.

SANA is looking for possible solutions to regular neighborhood patrols: Precision Security – patrolling neighborhoods, check options for patrols. Mark continuing to patrol our area now and we are still looking at alternatives.

New Business:

Discussion: Tiny home village in Albuquerque. – Mark attended 2 meetings. The majority of us all want to do something but don't want it in our backyards. 50 homes, 200 sq feet; includes security and sanitation – pilot program. City of Albuquerque is looking at one location to be drug free and alcohol free, They are not considering our open space and will not be in our area. Want to try to build it by Winter 2017.

Public comment – what is neighborhood watch? A block of people, block captain will keep others informed. Must have a meeting to instruct them as to how to watch out for the neighborhood . We have 130+ neighbors on Next Door Singing Arrow.

Diane Davidson made a motion to adjourn, Joe Candelaria seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Hays, Secretary