

Singing Arrow Neighborhood Assoc. Annual meeting 4-13-17

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, 6:40 pm.

Item added to the agenda: limit discussion about new community center to 20 minutes—approved

Feb 9, 2017 minutes approved as read by Sandy Hays.

State Representative Jim Dines gave a summary of the legislative session.

Legislative session ethics commission set up will be worked on by Nov 2017. A coalition was set up and with both sides. Governor Martinez vetoed a privacy bill that house members approved. Children family, health, safety bill to be improved to alert officers and how to recognize violence in family as well as animals. Bill passed by the house to require legislators and others to wait a year to become paid lobbyists but didn't get ultimately get through. Representatives will be working on changing rules in education committee and judiciary committee. NM is constitutionally required to have a balanced budget; it may cost \$50,000 per day for special sessions. What would he like the bottom lines to fund?

1) Education – proposal to give education as much as before without raising taxes. 2) Higher education needs to be more accountable. 3) Mental health

County Commissioner Wayne Johnson

The County Commission passed a bill to raise gross receipts taxes to 7.5% Bernalillo County July 1. He opposed it. Negotiating with UNM over mill levy money. The money comes from the county and goes to UNM – wants the county to have some say in how UNM uses 98 million a year they receive. (operation and maintenance of hospital quarterly) Behavioral health in Bernalillo county and regional issue needs every county involved. If not, it affects our safety – substance abuse, homeless usually ends up in problems.

Three free “movies in the park” this summer sponsored by the county: Los Cocinos – Tijeras 6-24; Embudo Canyon Park – 8-11; Vista Grande – north 14- 7-22

Commissioner Johnson answered many questions from constituents. Please contact his assistant Mella Tyler if you want answers to specific questions- 505-468-7212.

County spends \$20 million per month. When it can't be met, investment advisors have made poor choices on investments. Accounting standards – county used to ignore losses, but now have had to recognize that loss to hold the office accountable. Can't totally blame investment companies, but county has the right to not have certain people trade.

Don Harris – City Councilman - cell 681-7902. Please call 768-3213 – Dawn Marie assistant

Capital budget funds bricks and mortar and police.

Go to Google earth if interested to see outlines of archeological site. Archeologists want to dig it up see it, cover it up for another number of years. Contract signed with archeological group to see how people lived in late 1700's.

Funding new fire station in this area is for rescue EMT (90) ARS Alternative response (Juan Tabo Hills and Four Hills).

City Budget revenues are fairly flat – last taxes were for transportation in 1999. City is working with County Commission to put public safety a priority – free up money to support police officers; we have 850 now, need over 1000; community policing need 1200. About 35 officers trained by Albuquerque are now working for Rio Rancho police.

Sara Mancini – Office of Neighborhood Cooperation. Newsletters out once a month. They want to build up and support our neighborhoods. Weekly news events happening, and helping city departments to communicate with neighborhoods.

Celina Espinoza - Civilian Community Policing council is a way to gather information (it is an independent council – goes directly to chief and he has to respond) Way for your voice to be heard. Settlement agreement all agreed to by APD. Fed judge and parties report and he will report where the council stands. * Policy and procedure. Approved by everyone. * Training to those policies and procedures. All council members have gone thru this. * Is it working? Jan – Oct = 2000 calls for clinical diagnosis people in crisis.; 77% hospitalization; 9 % no transport; 8% referred to specialized unit, 57 suicide possible; only 6 of these 2000 resulted in force. They are also working to recruit police officers– last year, 94 recruited. 1000 allotted spots for police, 844 have now, about ½ are beat officers.

Tim Wray (Wakeland Housing and Development) non profit developed in San Diego currently own 6000 apts now looking to expand in Albuquerque; they will build and rehabilitate housing (seeking bond money and tax credits to invest in this community city and state) They are planning to spend \$3.4 million improvement – Four Hills Village inside and outside. This is a 15 year commitment; the purchaser plans to have it ready for review in early 2018. It includes: Security – gates; renting to people earning \$30-35 thousand; affordable housing, they want current residents to stay. The current owner – LTD PARTNERSHIP from San Diego. If Wakeland doesn't follow through, have to pay back money received from bond money and tax credits.

Membership & Financial – Diane Davidson

23 current memberships, 21 lifetime memberships
Balance - \$1911.53. Have new memberships tonight.

SACC – Lawrence Segura - Summer Rec Program

The program will run from 6-12 to 8-4, 7:30 – 5:00. It is a lottery program, parents complete form and sign up on line starting 4-17. The drawing will be 5-3 to see if accepted. At least 80 children will be accepted.

SANA Board Member Elections

Board and Officers--board members are elected for 2 years, officers for 1 year.
All current board officers will run this year for reelection.

Anyone who wants to be on the board needs to be a member. Susan Romano, Roberto

Salazar will run. Penny Simpson nominated Judy Young and Judy Young nominated Martina Messner.

The full slate was nominated and approved by SANA members and will be board members until 2019. New board members must serve one year before running for office.

Officers Election – all current officers agreed to run again. Mark Burton, President; Sharon Wolfe, Vice President; Sandy Hays, Secretary & Diane Davidson, Treasurer.

All members vote for the full slate - one member Martina opposed full slate but otherwise approved.

Neighborhood security patrols – questions, voluntary or hired or both? Still many questions regarding contracts, commitments etc. Read newsletter for information on paying for security patrols.

Suggestion that people who commit pay up front. Nextdoor requests people to keep look out for your neighbors. More information at June meeting.

Issues

New community center. Judy Young researched the bond issue – it said renovations only; nothing says new location. This effort is causing residents to move out of area. Currently we have 4.6 acres in East Gateway sector green space in this area. One half will be taken away when building a new center. Parking lot the city purchased just off Wenonah & Central was to be for people parking to use the park. Zoning appeal on April 25 Tuesday 9:00 am . The Comprehensive plan/zoning ordinance; other associations are appealing this. If it goes through the East Gateway sector plan – Welcome to Albuquerque Route 66 will be thrown out. Difference between rezoning and land use changes – many historical sites are being desecrated which will change Albuquerque for the worse.

Martina Messner – totally disagrees with entire project. Her comments - politicians wasted money \$5.5 million from a bond issue. The current SACC should not be torn down. This compares to Holiday Park – the people in the neighborhood didn't want it; it is not worth the expense; it will be serving the low medium income.

Lawrence Segura thanked his staff.

Next SANA meeting June 8, at 6:45.

Diane Davidson made a motion to adjourn – 9:10 seconded by Joe Jaramillo.

Respectively submitted,
Sandy Hays, Secretary