

South Los Altos Neighborhood Association  
Albuquerque, NM  
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Special Meeting  
Saturday November 8, 2014  
Los Altos Golf Course

### Minutes

**Present (partial):** Eileen Jessen, Philip Yeats, Allen Osborn, Jim Ahrend, City Councilor Rey Garduno, Julian Montoya, Chris Moya (owner of golf course), and others totaling 12 persons.

**Purpose of meeting:** To receive an update on the status of the plans for the new park on Copper and discuss.

#### **Councilor Garduno - opening remarks**

Mr. Garduno explained that currently there have been objections by the Department of Municipal Development to the Copper St. location as far as the plans for a park. Some had wanted further development of the 5 acres, and splitting up the lot had also been proposed. However Mr. Garduno made it clear that he will support whatever SLANA wants.

Some historical context was given: that the 5 acre lot was returned to the city by the Federal Government, which is why the fate of the property is now being debated. However the plans for a park on that property have already been deep in development for months and at least \$40k has been spent in that direction developing a game plan.

#### **Reactions to City agenda for property**

The City has proposed using that 5 acre lot as an impound lot. There was widespread objection to putting an impound lot on Copper. Alan commented that an impound lot would not be in accordance with the sector plan, or with the original intent of the Army Reserve/National Guard.

The "alternative park location" proposed by the city was to use a "triangle" of land further up into the golf course to locate the park. This was universally disliked by everyone at the meeting, because of low-visibility/safety concerns, access concerns, and concerns over golf balls flying directly into triangle.

Chris remarked that a risk assessment on "triangle" would show it to be too dangerous an area for a park, and said there were already safety issues with the access road and parking areas for the "Towers."

Alan reiterated the desire/need for a park stating SLA has 1600 residents, 900 homes, 700 apartments, and 600 children at the Hawthorne School, all of whom live here with no park. The "triangle" area would quickly lead to increased illegal activity and safety concerns for children and residents.

South Los Alto Neighborhood considers itself an up-and-coming place made up mostly of owners, and attracting young families is a priority.

**Misc. Discussions**

There was also some discussion about the delays in implementing improvement plans for Eubank and Central, but that improvements are happening. There was also a question about street lights being out along Central. Mr. Garduno basically told us to "keep calling 311" about light issues; that would get the fastest attention. Mr. Garduno then reiterated his intent to take the wishes of SLANA to the City Council.

**We adjourned** after approximately 90 minute with no date set for a future meeting.

Submitted:

Jim Ahrend

Acting Secretary