

South Los Altos Neighborhood Association
Albuquerque, NM
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Annual Meeting
Tuesday July 28, 2015
Hawthorne Elementary School Library

Minutes

Meeting was opened by our President Eileen Jessen at 6pm.

Board Members Present: Eileen Jessen (President), Philip Yeats, Allen Osborne (Treasurer), Fred Rodriguez, Arthur Bazan, Jim Ahrend (secretary)

Board Members Not Present: Penelope Buschardt, Bill Reineche

Also Present: Julian Moya (assistant to City Councilor Rey Garduno), State Senator Mimi Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. Luce (J.Walton Automotive), and other residents of the community for a total of 20 present.

There was no report from **APD** as no representative (i.e. Sergeant Yara) was present.

Minutes from Feb 21 were approved.

Treasurer's Report showed balance of 441.38 and was approved.

SLANA By-laws: copies were made available to interested parties. Brief synopsis was presented by Eileen Jessen highlighting the requirement for bi-monthly Board meetings.

There was no report from the city re: **new park**, as Judith Wong was not present. Eileen Jessen presented synopsis. Concerns about security, lighting, etc. were addressed. Allen Osborne presented background on the property's history. Residents were directed to website for diagrams and downloads. It was noted that, as of June, the property has been permanently zoned parkland and cannot be used for anything else. Concern was expressed about the new park raising our taxes, but the consensus was this was unlikely because of where the funds were coming from. Total funds available so far for the park are around \$1.4mil. No estimate was given of total cost. Park is slated to be the "top park" in Albuquerque.

Medians: Eileen Jessen reported on a meeting held last month about new median landscaping by the city on Wyoming between Lomas and Copper. It will resemble the area on Montgomery just East of Juan Tabo. Attendees of the meeting helped choose flowers and trees.

Community concerns were expressed by several neighbors, and they included the need for more lighting on certain stretches of streets, and the problem of speeders on Copper and side streets. Speed humps were asked about, but it was expressed that the city is reluctant to put new speed humps in due to them interfering with emergency vehicles, and also the level of traffic required to warrant the cost. Eileen pointed out the city now prefers traffic circles as a way of slowing down "cruising" routes.

Speeding along Copper: the Board needs to follow up on Sergeant Yara's offer for a blinking speed sign along Copper. Also, Julian Moya will request a speed analysis for Copper with Councilor Garduno.

ABQ International District Festival: flyer was handed out about the festival which will be on September 26, 2015 at the Veteran's Memorial Park on Louisiana.

Methadone Clinic: brief synopsis was given of zoning meetings in March that resulted in the denial of application for variance for a methadone clinic on Gen. Chenault.

State Senator Mimi Stewart reported to us about the capital outlay bill last session that is providing state funds for many local causes, including grants to Hawthorne and Grant schools, 100k toward a new public library (location to be determined but probably on Central), and a long list of others. Sen. Stewart said she will seek additional state funds for continuing landscaping on Wyoming medians for the stretch between Copper and Central.

Julian Moya (assistant to Rey Garduno) reported further on the park progress, as well as noting other projects Mr. Garduno was aiming to "finish up" before his term expires, which included Zuni beautification (continuing Coal/Lead type) and the new library. \$8mil has been allotted to far to the new library which will cost \$11mil total. There was some input from residents about their ideas for location(s). During this discussion, Allen Osborne expressed safety concerns about the building on Central across from Gypsy Liquors, and Mr. Moya said he would look into possible code violations there.

Next 2 meeting dates were set: Tuesday Sept. 22, and Tuesday Dec. 8, 2015, both at 6pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Ahrend
Secretary