

South Los Altos Neighborhood Association
Albuquerque, NM
<http://www.slananm.org>

Open Board Meeting
Tuesday July 22, 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, Penelope Buschardt, Jim Ahrend (secretary)

Board Members Not Present: Arthur Bazan, Bill Reineche

Also Present: Ten other residents of the community for a total of 16 present.

APD: Officer Zach Kessner was present to discuss police-related concerns. Residents related many concerns, including: continued speeding along Copper and elsewhere; drivers ignoring the Hawthorne School zone (need for enforcement); evidence of unwanted activity in school park, as well as homeless persons sleeping in park; vandalism (paint) of school buildings and our neighborhood sign. A multi-faceted response to these problems should include: use of the various phone numbers (311, 242-COPS, 911 for emergencies, etc.) by multiple persons (not always the same ones); continued vigilance and patrolling of grounds by school personnel; more police presence (as strained resources allow), especially when school lets out around 2:25; more enforcement of current APD tac plan regarding the homeless; and a radar speed cart to be placed on Copper.

Minutes from July 28 were approved.

There was no **Treasurer's Report**.

Park: There was no specific report from the city regarding the new park to be located on Copper. However certain residents noticed activity starting there and that we should soon notice new trees being planted in the 5-acre lot. Documents and plans available online at slananm.org.

Medians: new median landscaping is currently under construction along Wyoming. There was some discussion about how to encourage the city to extend the landscaping beyond Copper to Central, noting it is a sign of appreciation for those who commute to Kirtland AFB each day.

Miscellaneous community concerns included complaints about fireworks being disruptive, and that we should be reporting fireworks to encourage police presence. A request was made by our president Eileen Jessen to remember to use outside lights, especially because time change is coming up soon and it gets dark early.

Hawthorne School: Penelope Buschardt reported that Hawthorne was officially recognized as a "Community School" and was eligible for new grant monies which will enable new after-school activities such as yearbook club, family cooking class, dance, tutoring, and possibly basketball and soccer. It was noted that some children are at the school until 6pm on school days, staying well past 2:25 dismissal and the need for after-school activities continues to grow. They are also applying for a "Title one" grant for a dinner program for these children. About \$240k has been approved to re-do the parking lot to facilitate better traffic flow and increased safety for students. Other goals include: GED programs (with Catholic Charities); ESL programs; more attention to wheelchair accessibility and ADA compliant bathrooms.

One resident noted increase need for better response time from APD for school issues, and better awareness of our neighborhood about the needs of our school (i.e. better turnout at SLANA meetings), and that the school is really the "heart" of our neighborhood.

Next meeting will be: Tuesday Dec. 8 at 6pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Ahrend
Secretary