



**Neighborhood
Association**

Pride In Community

**MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2009**

Officers in Attendance: President Mike Quintana, Vice-President Louie Tafoya, Secretary Gretchen Elsner; Treasurer Michelle Beltran

Members and Friends in Attendance: **Error! Reference source not found.; Error! Reference source not found.;** Ruth Marciano; Michael Marciano; **Error! Reference source not found.;** **Error! Reference source not found.;** Elaine Romero, from City Councilor Ken Sanchez's office; Lenton Malroy, Bernalillo County; Councilor Ken Sanchez; Senator **Error! Reference source not found.;** Cynthia Martinez; Mary Herrera, NM Secretary of State

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm. Pledge of allegiance. The membership discussed and approved the agenda.

Five members became board members: **Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found.,** Michael Marciano, and **Error! Reference source not found..** With the addition of new board members, nine board members were present and we had a quorum.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Michelle Beltran reported that we had \$409.07 as of March 10, 2009; \$501.07 as of April 14, 2009; and \$625.07 as of May 12, 2009. \$108 belongs to the Youth Board. Both Sen. Bernadette Sanchez and Rep. Moe Maestas contributed \$50 to support the community center's dance group as promised at the last meeting. Louie Tafoya moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Michael Marciano seconded it, and all were in favor. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Secretary's Report

Error! Reference source not found. moved to accept the meeting minutes from April 14, 2009. **Error! Reference source not found.** seconded the motion. All were in favor, so the minutes were approved.

Public Safety Report

Error! Reference source not found. reported that there were two recent break-ins on 56th St., near the West Mesa Market. **Error! Reference source not found.** also knows of neighbors who had burglaries but didn't want to report anything. Elaine Romero encouraged residents to report everything. It is also possible to report a crime that happened at a neighbor's, in case the neighbor doesn't want to report it. Call 311 or 242-COPS. Reports can also be made online. Reports can be made anonymously. Mike Quintana will talk to the Pat Hurley Neighborhood Association about Pat Hurley Park and see what their concerns are. Perhaps APD can resume locking the gates to the park at 10 pm?

Neighborhood Watch: Commander Candelaria would like us to consider starting one. There is an upcoming class. Mike Quintana offered to go if anyone will go with him.

Councilor Error! Reference source not found.

Regional Library: A regional library is proposed for Central and Unser, near the retail complex Unser Crossing. It will be approximately the size of the downtown library. The money for the design work will be on the ballot this fall. The library will cost approximately \$10 million to build and will take several years.

Unser Crossing: The groundbreaking for the retail complex is expected before the end of May.

Health clinic: UNMH may break ground in July on a medical facility at Unser and Central.

Park and Ride: July will be the groundbreaking for a new park and ride, which will cost \$1.5 million.

Bonds: Councilor Sanchez urged us to support the bond package. These will be general obligation bonds, not tax increases. There will be a continuation of the quarter cent tax, if approved by voters.

West Mesa High: The school still doesn't have sidewalks, nor did it have them in 1974 when the Councilor graduated from the school. The voters are being asked to pay for storm drainage on Fortuna.

Mass Grave on the West Mesa: KB Homes may be willing to donate land for memorial garden. A transitional center for women is being contemplated. Sen. Sanchez spoke about the need for substance abuse treatment.

Soccer field: Construction has started on city-owned land for a soccer field on Fortuna, across from West Mesa HS.

Councilor Sanchez is running for re-election.

Secretary of State

Census and redistricting: NM Secretary of State Mary Herrera encouraged everyone to complete the census because it means \$3k for every person in our neighborhood. The goal is to count every one, even undocumented immigrants. The census takers are not immigration officers. Neighborhood associations will need to be really involved in 2011 because of the redistricting that will occur as a result of the 2010 census. Westside has the highest growth. School redistricting will occur after the census.

2010 Election: She's applying for grants for the 2010 election. They need more money to make election sites accessible. No photo ID is needed to vote in New Mexico.

Confidential address program for victims of domestic violence and stalking: The program has 149 participants and they register about five more people a week. Children can also be registered. The Secretary of State is working with the Motor Vehicles Division so that addresses can be confidential on driver's licenses. Voting information is also confidential.

Mary Herrera will be running for reelection in 2010.

Land Use

Project # 1007729, 476 57th st NW, Christian Academy Daycare. The representative was supposed to be present, but she did not show up. Mike Quintana moved and Louie Tafoya seconded that we write a letter to the Zoning Hearing Examiner requesting deferral due to lack of clarity. The membership agreed. We want to find out what their drop-off plan is for kids, where parent parking is located as well as potential traffic impact to neighborhood.

President's Report

We tabled the President's Report because our City Councilor covered the relevant information.

Membership Drive

Mike Quintana spoke about importance of members so that we have a stronger voice in participatory democracy. **Error! Reference source not found.** offered to chair a membership committee. **Error! Reference source not found.** volunteered to serve on the committee.

The following members offered to contact these businesses and request that they become business members:

Jeanette Dalton: Vern's TV repair, Popeye's Chicken

Jackie Wenner: Staceys Exotic Piercing, Christian Ministries

Error! Reference source not found.: Businesses on Bluewater -- Sunfun Pools, DirectTV Master Craft, Beauty Shop on Bluewater

Mike Marciano: Tony Gutierrez' business, El Charritos, Holy Rosary Church

Louie Tafoya: Western View, Mac's, others on Central

Mike Quintana: Twisters, Cranky Franky's Car Wash

Gretchen Elsner: Big Lots and the shops in that center

Adjourn

We adjourned around 8 pm.