

District 6 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations
Meeting Minutes - Thursday, January 31, 2019 @ 5:30pm
Cesar Chavez Community Center 7505 Kathryn Ave. SE

A regular meeting of the District 6 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations was called to order, at the time and place mentioned above, by President Gina Naomi Dennis.

Topic | I. Welcome & Introductions

Thank you to the Elder Homestead Neighborhood Association for hosting this meeting.

The following were present:

See the attendance list of individuals, attached to these Minutes in the Pdf file.

See also the speakers listed in each section of these Minutes.

The following Neighborhood Associations were present:

Campus Neighborhood Association, Clayton Heights/Lomas del Cielo Neighborhood Association, Elder Homestead Neighborhood Association, Fair West Neighborhood Association, Highland Business and Neighborhood Association, La Mesa Community Improvement Association, Nob Hill Neighborhood Association, Parkland Hills Neighborhood Association, Siesta Hills Neighborhood Association, South Los Altos Neighborhood Association, South San Pedro Neighborhood Association, Southeast Heights Neighborhood Association, Trumbull Village Neighborhood Association, University Heights Neighborhood Association, and Victory Hills Neighborhood Association

15 paid Neighborhood Associations were present at this District 6 Coalition meeting. Quorum is 9 of 16 paid Neighborhood Associations.

Among the 17 Neighborhood Associations within the District 6 Coalition, 16 Neighborhood Associations have paid their annual dues for the 2018-2019 year. The paid Neighborhood Associations are: Campus Neighborhood Association, Clayton Heights/Lomas del Cielo Neighborhood Association, Elder Homestead Neighborhood Association, Fair West Neighborhood Association, Highland Business and Neighborhood Association, La Mesa Community Improvement Association, Mesa del Sol Neighborhood Association, Nob Hill Neighborhood Association, Parkland Hills Neighborhood Association, Siesta Hills Neighborhood Association, South Los Altos Neighborhood Association, South San Pedro Neighborhood Association, Southeast Heights Neighborhood Association, Trumbull Village Neighborhood Association, University Heights Neighborhood Association, and Victory Hills Neighborhood Association.

Topic | II. Approval of Minutes & Agenda

The November 2019 Minutes were approved. The Agenda for today's meeting was approved with AMAFCA to speak after the Sherriff's Office.

Topic | III. Treasurer's Report

\$2,079. 77 account balance. Southeast Heights Neighborhood Association has paid their annual dues for the 2019-2020 year. Annual dues are collected at the May 2019 Annual Meeting. Annual dues are \$1 and up based on the amount that each Neighborhood can afford.

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Topic | IV. Sherriff's Office & APD SE Area Command

Lt. Arron Williamson represented the Sheriff's Office.

There was discussion regarding 15 gang contacts and stolen vehicles. The focus is on problem areas; Neighborhood Associations are our eyes and ears.

APD SE Area Commander JJ. Griego discussed the Problem Response Team (4 officers) and a Problem-solving model. He referenced the LEAD program (law enforcement assisted diversion) and commented on the One Million Dollar grant for a dedicated community prosecutor for the SE Area. He mentioned that APD is concerned about root causes like, addiction and mental health.

Topic | V. AMAFCA

Bradley Bingham, a Drainage Engineer with AMAFCA, discussed projects and updates regarding the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority. He explained that the drainage facility is under construction. They are trying to build a detention pond near Eastern and Alvarado.

Topic | VI. Albuquerque Mayor's Office: Lighting in our Neighborhoods, regarding poor lighting in some of our neighborhoods

Aaron Nieto, of the Mayor's Office, discussed lighting and other initiatives. He discussed the consideration of LED lights and then allocating funds for additional lighting. He indicated that PNM lighting is different from City-owned lights and that the PNM grid is not City-owned.

Members of neighborhoods inquired as to where the lights will be installed. Aaron explained that the locations depend on the public input of District 6 coalition and the City; the existing \$95,000 only provides about 7 to 8 lights.

Members of neighborhoods indicated that we want to make lighting a key focus.

Members of neighborhoods expressed that we'd like the City to be creative and put in a lot of lighting.

District 6 President Gina Naomi Dennis explained that we would try to put in a Citizen Capital Outlay request. She referred to Senator Mimi Stewart's encouragement that we should ask for capital outlay funding for lighting. Three (3) Capital Outlay requests for \$500,000 will go to each State Senator listing the areas where City-lighting infrastructure is needed such as blackholes and other totally absent lighting infrastructure. The lights are each about \$12,000; with \$1,500,000 that's only about 125 lights.

Neighborhoods described the areas where lighting is needed, including blocks, street corners, and intersections. Other Neighborhoods will email their lighting needs. The focus of this is new lighting infrastructure and other lighting needs.

Topic | VII. Albuquerque Garbage Transfer Station

Dominic Peralta of the Nob Hill Neighborhood Association discussed the City's Garbage Transfer Station.

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He explained that the City's potential locations for the waste transfer station are: (1) south of the Sunport's rental car services lot and (2) north of Milne Stadium. A motion was made to have the District 6 Coalition support the construction of a waste transfer station south of the Sunport, but not north of Milne stadium. The motion passed.

Topic | VIII. Vacant and Abandoned Properties

We discussed the District 6 Coalition's support to address Vacant and Abandoned Properties (VAAP) in our neighborhoods, including the La Mesa Neighborhood and other Neighborhoods. This included a conversation with Scott Hughes, of UNM Geospatial and Population Studies, regarding the identification of VAAP and a conversation with Elena Gonzales, of Homewise, regarding the title and ownership records of VAAP.

District 6 President Gina Naomi Dennis inquired about the definition of VAAP. There is no government mandate for any agency to track vacant and abandoned properties.

Scott Hughes and his UNM team are engaged in collecting data on VAAP across District 6. He is forming a center for social-actionable data and asset mapping. Scott expressed that this is not a "flash in the pan" project and that this will be comprehensive and intentional.

Members of neighborhoods discussed the drafting of Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with (Scott Hughes) UNM Geospatial and Population Studies for data access and community training regarding the data on the identification of VAAP. Gina along with Nancy Bearce and Charlie Bennett of the La Mesa Neighborhood will work with Scott to form the MOU.

A motion was made to have the District 6 Coalition draft a letter of support for (Scott) UNM's grant (funding) application and the motion passed with the understanding that the neighborhoods of the District 6 Coalition will have real time access to the data and community-based training on the data. The motion passed.

Elena Gonzales (Homewise) discussed the review of the title and ownership of VAAP and the rehabs of VAAP. Homewise buys the VAAP and sells them at an affordable rate for first-time homebuyers. This helps strengthen the financial wellness of families; having real estate services, lending, and community financial services. Elena indicated that something must be done about the homes that are being counted; the City does not enforce municipal leans but if they did the City could take ownership. Homewise is trying to prevent some of the bad actors (preventing bad offerings of bare-minimum standards, just above sub-standard); the goal is to stabilize neighborhoods and to stabilize families.

Topic | IX. Speeding and Traffic: Gibson Bypass

Most of our Neighborhoods are experiencing speeding and traffic issues. We discussed the Gibson Bypass. Dominic Peralta of the Nob Hill Neighborhood Association explained that the Gibson Bypass offers improved accessibility, lowers congestion and traffic, and reduces the presence of overweight and commercial traffic. A motion was made to have the District 6 Coalition support the study and construction of the bypass. The motion passed.

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Topic | X. Homelessness: Public Health and Public Safety

We discussed the implementation of the Coalition's 3-stage strategy to resolve issues such as homelessness and needles (i.e., drug use), including the underlying issues of addiction and mental health. These issues impact the Public Health and the Public Safety of our community, our children, and our families. In addition, the growing homelessness and drug use in our Parks has become a systemic problem that has evolved into more than just a "Park" issue and has also become a Community-Wide "People" issue. The next planning meeting is February 25th 6pm-8pm in the Trumbull Village Neighborhood; the focus of the meeting is Continuous Learning Cycles training as a methodology for succinct planning.

Topic | XI. Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department: Phil Chacon Park

The City Parks and Recreation Department discussed improving Phil Chacon Park and asked the neighborhoods or any input regarding that improvement. The City would like more park attendance, and they are soliciting ideas to bring more youth and families and discourage needles in the park. Send an email to District 6 President Gina Naomi Dennis for ideas and she will forward that to the Department.

Topic | XII. Follow-up: Projects

Lead Avenue and Coal Avenue: Public Safety and Public Health

We discussed our new Coalition Support Letter to the City to support the Lead-Coal Task Force, involving the City, the University Heights Neighborhood, the Nob Hill Neighborhood, and others. The drafting of the Letter is in progress.

Emerson Elementary School

We discussed our new Coalition School Support Letter to APS and the Mayor's Office to address the needs of Emerson Elementary School. The drafting of the Letter is in progress.

Whittier Elementary and Hawthorne Elementary Schools

We discussed our Coalition Schools Support Letter that we sent to PED on July 5th. APS Representatives and School Staff will provide a status update and answer questions.

Whittier reported that 90% of students have experienced significant improvement.

Project in the Trumbull Village Neighborhood to serve people experiencing homelessness

We discussed the District 6 Coalition's support and the status of the Compassion Services Center in the Trumbull Neighborhood, to serve the people experiencing homelessness there. A modular will be delivered for the Center.

Topic | XIII. State Legislation and City Ordinances

Email President Gina Naomi Dennis to inquire about State Legislation and City Ordinances that impact our Neighborhoods.

Topic | XIV. Neighborhood Association Concerns

The next District 6 Coalition meeting is on March 28th @ 6:30pm @ Bandelier Elementary School.

Topic | XV. Community Input & Announcements

Email President Gina Naomi Dennis regarding Community Input & Announcements.

The meeting adjourned @ 7:45pm.

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Sign-In Sheet

Name - Print

✓ Brien Thompson

✓ Zevier Thompson

✓ Zabdici Aldoaz

✓ Ike Biel

✓ Eugene Trosterud

✓ Gary Epst

✓ Ron HALBGEWACHS

✓ Pat Honey

✓ Robert Leming

✓ KEVIN ARTHUN

✓ Dominic Peralta

✓ Eliza Peralta

✓ Hank Nguyen

Sign-In Sheet

	Name - Print
✓	Kathleen Pierson
✓	Mara Hoffman
✓	Jeanne Landry
✓	Carmen J. Remington
✓	Colvin Martin
✓	Brad Bingham
✓	Charlie Bennett
✓	Nancy Pearce
✓	Joseph Aquirre
✓	Christopher Ramirez
	Gina Dennis
✓	Ryan (Treasurer)
✓	Diana Cooper
✓	Chris Sanchez

Sign-In Sheet

Name - Print

- ✓ Patty Willson
- ✓ Miguel Valdez
- ✓ Barb Villa
- ✓ MARIAN JORDAN
- ✓ ~~PM BURSECH~~ ^{Phyllis}
- ✓ DR. Phyllis J. Jell
- ✓ M. Ryan Kious
- ✓ Bruce Thomson
- ✓ Janyra Vigil
- ✓ Pat Wheeler
- ✓ Donna Orozco - Buis
- ✓ Maureen Terry
- ✓ Katherine Salazar
- ✓ Sara Osborne

Speaker Sign-Up

Name - Print

Scott Hubner

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Celia Cortez

Craig Murray

David Cooper

Charlie Bennett

Nancy Pearce

Phil Pleyer

Robert Leming

Robert Nelson

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Speaker Sign-Up

Name - Print

- ✓ ~~Joan Landay - Mumbai~~
- ✓ Aaron Metz - Mayo
- ✓ Elena Gonzalez