

District 6 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations
Meeting Minutes - Thursday, March 28, 2019 @ 6:30pm
Bandelier Elementary School

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 Southeast Heights Neighborhood Association for hosting this meeting.

The following were present:

For the first time ever, the attendance list of individuals was stolen. This is a democratic forum, for the community, by the community. We have worked hard to create a safe and healthy space for our community and we want it to stay that way. We must love each other.

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, 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.

16 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 January 2019 Minutes were approved. The Agenda for today's meeting was approved.

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

The Sheriff's Office discussed: Gang Prevention & Identification, Traffic Infractions, and Coordination with APD for Air Support.

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APD SE Area Commander Lt. Yara talked about key positions in APD: Impact Detective, Narcotics Detective, the Problem Response Team. Lt. Adam Anaya (the Swing-Shift Lt.) discussed homelessness and in-house narcotics as well as gangs.

Members of neighborhoods inquired about the excessive speeding on Coal, and further inquired about addressing public intoxication among people experiencing homelessness. APD indicated that there is no law for public intoxication, and disorderly conduct would be the likely charge.

APD introduced a team: Graveyard Lt., Daytime Lt., and the Problem Response Team Lt.

APD is working to restructure beats to drop response times. The Mayor has placed more emphasis on downtown.

Topic | IV. Fuel Spill: Kirtland Air Force Base

Kathryn Lynnes, Senior Advisor with Kirtland AFB, addressed the GROUNDWATER MONITORING NETWORK. Contamination concentration is at a given depth. This includes measuring where the water is moving. Extraction wells are being pumped to shrink the Plume. They treated 600 million gallons of groundwater. They removed 86% of contaminants that were at the drinking level.

Topic | V. AMAFCA

The AMAFCA team discussed the intersection of Louisiana & Gibson and the flood control facility at KAFB (partnership). 500 cubic ft/second will be knocked down to 13 cubic ft/second coming off KAFB.

There will still be a small pond at the caravan site. There are upcoming projects with KAFB as well. Members of neighborhoods inquired about the pipelines, and the AMAFCA team indicated that pipes are encased in concrete. Members of neighborhoods inquired as whether AMAFCA's revenue stream will be disrupted, and the AMAFCA team indicated that they have their own bond (funding source).

Topic | VI. Lighting in our Neighborhoods, regarding poor lighting in some of our neighborhoods

District 6 President Gina Naomi Dennis explained that the District 6 Coalition's Citizen Capital Outlay requests of \$1,500,000 were intended to address the absence of City lighting infrastructure in some areas, the black holes, and the absence of mid-block lighting (which could be addressed via capital outlay in the future). That differs from PNM's retrofit/upgrade project, which is a wonderful project commencing in phases this Spring 2019.

PNM's team discussed focusing on retrofits/upgrades, which differs from mid-block lighting. PNM indicated that 11,000 lights (within the city limits) will be converted through December 31st. PNM's priority areas include the International District (phase 1). The lights are longer-lasting, with less light pollution. PNM will be working with the City to clean-up the inventory map that depicts the city-owned lights and the PNM-owned lights.

Maggie Stebbins talked about 8 new lights that have been installed (from APD's priorities).

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Topic | VII. Department of Municipal Development

Johnny Chandler, of DMD, discussed road maintenance, crosswalks, parking enforcement, storm drainage, and traffic lights. There are 8 hawk signals in the City, one is located at Lomas & Alvarado; the idea is that hawk signals increase pedestrian safety.

DMD is working to ensure that the City is ADA-compliant with any new construction projects.

Topic | VIII. Whittier Elementary and Hawthorne Elementary Schools

APS Representative of Whittier Elementary School, Miguel Valdez, indicated that community support helps Whittier stay open and transition into being a community school.

ABC Community Schools (resource event)
Saturday, March 30th @ 10am – 5pm at Whittier Elementary School
Food and entertainment.

APS Board Rep, Barbara Petersen, indicated that community schools are different because they reflect the needs of their communities; an upcoming informational meeting on the budget is forthcoming.

Topic | IX. Lead Avenue and Coal Avenue: Public Safety and Public Health

There are hazardous driving conditions on Lead and Coal. The District 6 Coalition continues to support the Lead/Coal Task Force.

Topic | X. Homelessness in Parks and Streets: Public Health and Public Safety

President Gina Naomi Dennis 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.

President Gina Naomi Dennis discussed the idea of changing the narrative for those experiencing homelessness. More than a pamphlet, it's about building relationships. Using community-based resources. 3-tier initiative in partnership with 12-step recovery programs. Dealing with root causes. Dual diagnosis is part of the work.

Topic | XI. Vacant and Abandoned Properties (VAAP)

We discussed our confirmed Coalition support to address Vacant and Abandoned Properties (VAAP) in our neighborhoods, including the La Mesa Neighborhood and other Neighborhoods. We will discuss our progress towards (1) drafting the Memorandum Of Understanding with (Scott Hughes) UNM Geospatial and Population Studies for data access and community training regarding the identification of VAAP, as well as our confirmed Coalition support for (Scott) UNM's grant (funding) application and (2) our strong

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relationship with (Elena Gonzales) Homewise regarding the title and ownership records of VAAP and property rehabs.

Scott Hughes, of UNM, indicated that they reached out to potential partners at the City, Catholic Charities, and others in the community.

Topic | XII. Follow-up: Projects

Emerson Elementary School

No school buses; they need a school bus. Staff walk students to and from school. No school zone signs; they need signage. Insufficient lighting; they need lighting.

Gibson Bypass: Public Safety and Public Health

We'll continue to discuss the Gibson Bypass.

Albuquerque Garbage Transfer Station

We'll continue to discuss the City's Garbage Transfer Station.

Project in the Trumbull Village Neighborhood to serve people experiencing homelessness

The Compassion Services Center in the Trumbull Neighborhood will serve the people experiencing homelessness there.

Topic | XIII. City Councilor

Monday night is the final vote on the city budget.

New money for a gym at Loma Linda.

Neighborhood Community Projects grant (\$10,000) from the county.

Topic | XIV. Neighborhood Association Concerns

The next District 6 Coalition meeting is on May 30th @ 6:00pm.

Topic | XV. Community Input & Announcements

Email President Gina Naomi Dennis regarding Community Input & Announcements.

The meeting adjourned @ 8:50pm.