

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
OF
LOWER RIO PUEBLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

The annual meeting of the Lower Rio Pueblo Neighborhood Association met at 2:00 p.m. on April 1, 2007, at the National Guard Armory Building, Ranchos de Taos, NM.

Present at said meeting were the following Directors constituting a quorum of the full board: Irene Gates, Bob Long, Larry Brooks, Mark Cowan, Robert Gates, Douglas Scott, Cal Merriman, Bob Brock and David Douglas. Absent were: None.

Acting President and Vice President Bob Long introduced himself and everyone went around the room to introduce themselves. There was a representative from the Country Club Association, Rich Sanders, who introduced himself and asked if he could speak first since he had another meeting to go to at 3:00 p.m. that afternoon.

Before Rich Sanders spoke, Irene gave a treasury report as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT 2005 & 2006

Started January 1, 2006 with	1,414.50
Disbursements in 2006:	
Stamps, Envelopes and State Public Reg. Commission	-47.80
Deposit dues 2006	+ 680.00
Ended year with	2,046.70
Started January 1, 2007 with	2,046.70
Disbursements to date (03/31/07):	
Stamps, photocopies, Entertainment and State Public Reg. Commission	- 141.96
Deposits to date (03/31/07)	+ 375.00
Balance as of 03/31/07	2,279.74

Rich Sanders started out by informing us that on April 21, 2007, the Country Club neighbors are meeting with the developer to take the homeowners association over and to officially represent the area. He is the designated person for the homeowners association. Rich said he has talked with our commissioner representative, Gabe Romero, and he is willing to attend one of their meetings to meet with the neighbors and discuss any questions and concerns they may have. We are also welcome to attend.

Rich said he is on one of the Judicial Complex Committees, the building and real estate committee. There are five different committees and each one has a commissioner on it and a non-governmental person. Rich updated us with the latest information about a new judicial complex. He said that the County has three years in which to become ADA

compliant. There are numerous problems with the existing buildings, Radon being one of the problems that needs to be corrected, including the structures themselves.

The jail complex has a gym which cannot be used and has been condemned. The County is spending much money per year because they are housing prisoners elsewhere in other counties throughout the state since there is not enough room at the Taos County Jail to house all the prisoners.

A new Taos County Judicial Complex needs to be built. There are a few methods of raising money which are being considered. One is a bond issue, which is low on the list. Another is passing a gross receipts tax, which is a fairer and equal way of paying for a new structure. There is also the possibility that just turned up and that is the purchase of the Comanche Inn, which has just closed and has gone into bankruptcy. This is a fairly new alternative, and Rich did not have too many other specifics on this proposal.

Someone in the audience asked about the 40 acres that the County owns down on County Road C110. Rich said that according to his information, that area is dead as far as a judicial complex is concerned.

Rich ended by stating that there will be a public forum meeting at the Armory on May 10, 2007 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Bob Long brought us up-to-date on the sewer line construction which is to go from UNM Klauer Campus, down County Road C110, onto Los Cordovas Road and down to the sewer plant. The construction is slated to start in July-early August of this year. A representative of the construction company was asked to be at our meeting, but he had other commitments, and said he would be happy to meet with us at another time. The construction is supposed to go right down the middle of Los Cordovas Road and take 90-120 days to complete. There will be a couple of pumping stations in the low parts of the route which will be underground like an underground vault. Once the construction has been completed, Los Cordovas Road will be graded with road base and should be in much better condition than at the present time. The residents will not have to hook up to the new sewer line.

Next to speak was board member Mark Cowan who is also the property manager for the Klauer Manufacturing Company. Initially, the Klauers bought 10,000 acres in this area. They donated 80 acres to UNM (hence Klauer Campus) and also donated 10 acres for the National Guard Armory. Their intention is to not do a lot of land development.

They have a current project going on in the Stakeout area (El Mirador) with 44 new lots. The relief route (bypass) property was also to be donated by the Klauers, but it looks like at this point in time that will not be happening.

There seems to be some question brought up by the Llano Quemado NA that our boundaries for our association overlap their boundaries. Mark is looking into this matter but doesn't seem to feel that there is a problem with this.

The next matter that was brought up before the meeting was a public hearing that is to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Taos County Commission Chambers. The hearing is to consider a request from Brant Lake Boys, LLC and the Grand View Casitas, represented by the Natelson Law Firm who is requesting a special use permit to build a cluster of eight (8) condominiums on four (4) acres in two (2) phases. Anyone who is interested in this development was urged to attend. With more and more developments going up in our area, traffic concerns and water concerns are at the top of everyone's minds.

Board member and our website designer and keeper, David Douglas, suggested that since Janet and David Noll no longer live in this neighborhood, the Association should get its own domain registration and not be connected with Janet Noll's. He said the price of this would be approximately \$120 per year. By unanimous vote, it was approved that our domain registration would be moved and David was to take care of this.

There being no further discussions or business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Irene S. Gates, Secretary