

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OF
LOWER RIO PUEBLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

A meeting of the new Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Pueblo Neighborhood Association met at 6:30 p.m. on January 10, 2006, at the house of board member Helen Doroshow, Ranchos de Taos, NM.

Present at said meeting were the following Directors, constituting a quorum of the full board: Irene Gates, Mark Cowan, Sheila Grainger, Bob Long, Larry Brooks, Greg Scott, Bob Brock and Helen Doroshow. Absent was: Elmer Garcia. Also present was Suzanne Brock and Jim Steinbach.

Bob Long opened the meeting with Larry Brooks presenting two motions before the Board. One was to establish a task force or committee to monitor activities of the justice complex and then make recommendations to the Board.

The second motion was to elect/appoint Jim Steinbach as the chairman of the task force or committee to keep us informed of the progress of the jail complex.

Both motions were seconded and passed.

Jim Steinbach gave us some background as to what has transpired since October: A letter with 19 or so questions was read and presented to the County Commissioners at their October meeting. The questions were such as “how much will this jail complex cost”, “why and where are you (the Commissioners) going to build it?”. Early December was set as the time to answer the letter. To date, no one has heard from the Commissioners or Tom Blankenhorn (the County Attorney) as to any answers to the letter.

Jim Steinbach talked with the new County Manager and at the January 9 Commission meeting the letter was brought up again. However, the Commissioners voted to postpone the special election for raising the gross receipts tax. The bottom line, according to Jim, was that the Commissioners could not answer the letter because they did not have any concrete figures to support the decision to build a new justice center.

Jim is to going to work with the new County Manager to get some of these questions answered and to keep abreast of any new developments with regard to the justice center.

There was discussion had as to presenting this letter for publication in the Taos News and informing the public that the Commissioners could not answer any of the questions with specifics. Jim is to look into that.

Jim’s presentation ended and he left the meeting. He was thanked by the Board for his presentation and for his continued work regarding this issue.

The next order of business was the nomination and election of new officers for our Board. Bob Long was nominated and seconded as Vice President. Irene was nominated and seconded as Secretary/Treasurer. Bob Brock was nominated as President, but declined due to his lack of knowledge as to what has been happening with the Board and the jail complex.

No one stepped forth to take the position, so it was decided that we would temporarily go without a president. Irene will e-mail past information to Bob Brock and Doug Scott. Doug Scott is to prepare a newsletter informing the members that dues are due for 2006 and bring them up-to-date as to what has been happening in the neighborhood. We will also alert members about our web site and that current news and information is always posted there. Bob Long & Irene will make sure the newsletter gets sent to all dues-paying members.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors has been set for Monday, February 6, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at UNM Klauer Campus.

There being no further discussions or business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Irene S. Gates, Secretary