

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

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Pueblo Neighborhood Association met at 6:30 p.m. on June 22, 2005, at the Klauer Campus of the UNM, Ranchos de Taos, NM.

Present at said meeting were the following Directors constituting a quorum of the full board: Dave Noll, Irene Gates, Bob Long, Sheila Grainger, Elmer Garcia, Patricia Corral and Suzanne Courier. Absent were: Jim Hansen, Helen Doroshow, Mark Cowan and Larry Brooks.

Also present at said meeting were various interested parties from within the neighborhood association.

President Dave Noll opened the meeting by saying that our first order of business was the proposed Justice Center/Jail Complex. He read an e-mail from Mark Cowan who had attended the latest County Commissioner's meeting regarding the Complex. Essentially, it said that the County Commissioner's believe that if they want the Complex out here, they will put it out here, no matter what the neighborhood thinks or wants.

Dave Noll said that he has already sent letters to the Commissioners informing them that if they decide to build the Complex here at their 40 acres, he will do anything he can to defeat their gross receipts tax initiative. He suggested that as many people as possible who also oppose this site for the Complex should write to the Commissioners informing them of the same. Janet Noll said that she has already spoken with several residents and business owners of the Vista Linda N.A. and they will join us in the fight to keep the Complex out of our neighborhood. The general agreement is that we need to work together to convince the Commissioners that the Albright Street site is the best site for the Complex. Dave Noll said that he will contact the Los Cordovas NA to see what their reaction and opinion is to the building of the Complex in our neighborhood.

Patricia Corral suggested that we need to show the Commissioners the reasons for our refusal to want the Complex in our neighborhood. Traffic would be one issue; this is a "residential" neighborhood; the proximity of UNM campus and the many young students attending plus the future building of a day-care center for students with young children. Robbie Steinbach, who teaches at UNM, volunteered to contact the business office to get their view on the proposed Complex to be built in our neighborhood.

A committee was formed of four volunteers to put together a plan to fight the proposed building of the Justice Center/Jail Complex on the County's 40 acres. They are Sandra Kovacs, Bob Long, Janet Noll, and Sheila Grainger. A meeting has been set for Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Janet Noll's house. Irene has been asked to send e-mails to all committee members to remind them of the meeting.

Dave Noll said he would keep track of when the commissioners are to meet next about the jail complex. He suggested that we all keep on top of the meetings by reading the Taos News or Horsefly. Sheila suggested that we contact Renee at the County.

The next order of business was to find out the progress of the nominating committee. There are currently 14 nominees for the new board of directors with nine of the 14 present board members. Nominations will be accepted until July 10; August 1 a ballot will be mailed to all dues-paying members; August 15 the new board will be named.

The Association now has its own web page. All meeting information and other upcoming events, including important announcements will be posted on our web page.

A question was brought up about the proposed by pass and where it was slated to go. As far as most of us had heard, it is still proposed to go 500 feet west of Los Cordovas Road.

There being no further discussions or business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Irene S. Gates, Secretary