

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

An informal meeting of the Lower Rio Pueblo Neighborhood Association met at 6:30 p.m. on September 8, 2005, at the UNM Klauer Campus, Taos, NM.

Present at said meeting were several members of the LRPNA along with several members from the Vista Linda NA.

President Dave Noll started out the meeting by talking about the County Commission meeting which had been held on September 2, 2005, and at which meeting the County Commissioners voted that the future site for the justice center/jail complex (jc/jc) would be in our neighborhood on County Road 110 on land owned by the County.

Dave Noll had spoken at the commissioner's meeting and requested a cost analysis, at which request the commissioner did not respond. Dave Noll felt that the commissioners had already decided in their minds that the County Road 110 site would be their chosen site for the jc/jc. Dave Noll talked previously with Darren Cordova who is the president of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Darren informed Dave that both the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Taos Chamber of Commerce will demand a cost analysis from the County before the election in March 2006 to raise the gross tax receipts (our sales taxes).

The meeting then proceeded to discuss our strategy as to which direction we should go to defeat the gross tax receipts measure or to change the minds of the County. It was unanimously decided that the County's decision would not be changed. Our only option seems to be to defeat the gross tax receipts measure.

The following points were brought up by members at the meeting:

- ◆ Establish a citizen review committee
- ◆ Get the City (Town) of Taos involved
- ◆ Start a "My Turn" or Letters to the Editor campaign
- ◆ In January and February get a real aggressive campaign going
- ◆ Call voters in January and February to go out and vote (precinct chairs to organize)

In the next 60 days or so we will contact Mark Cowan, who represents the Klauer Family, to set a day and time for Mark to be available to come to one of our meetings and let us know the feelings of the Klauer Family about the jc/jc site. At the same meeting, we will invite the various other neighborhood associations to participate in the campaign and to

attend our meeting, along with reps from the local news media. We will go ahead with the letter-writing campaign along with looking into bumper stickers to be printed and distributed (i.e., “no more tax in Taos”).

We will have representatives contact local real estate brokers to get their opinion about the jc/jc location and their attempts to try and sell property in that location.

All in all, it was a very productive meeting and the campaign has started.

There being no further discussions to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Irene S. Gates, Secretary