

AGENDA – DISTRICT 4 COALITION

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: Classroom 5 North Domingo Baca Center

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1. Call to Order & Quorum Check
2. Welcome-5 min
 - a. Recognize Neighborhood Associations and Guests
 - b. Name Cards
 - c. Sign in sheet
3. Approval of January 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes (5 min)
4. Approval of 2/19/25 Consent Agenda (5 min)
5. City Councilor Report- Brook Bassan (unable to attend due to Council Meeting). (5 min)
6. Guest speaker (45 min)
 - i. Pete Dinelli - Commentator
7. Neighborhood Association Roundtable (20 min)
8. Officer's Report: (10 min)
 - a. Co President Report - Lorna Howerton
 - b. Co President Report - Lucy Murillo
 - c. VP Report - Kathy Economy
 - d. Secretary Report – Aubrey Gladwell
 - e. Treasurers Report - Judie Pellegrino
9. Committee Reports: (10 min)
 - a. Hospitality Report - Irene Minke
 - b. Zoning and Development – Ellen Dueweke
 - c. North Domingo Baca – Judie Pellegrino
10. New Business:
 - a. Neighborhood recognition on the website - Jim Griffie
11. Adjourn – Next D4C Meeting March March 19, 2025

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I. January 21, 2025 ONC Sponsored Coffee with City Councilor, Brook Bassan

The event was sponsored by ONC, Vanessa Baca and held at Tin Can Alley. Guests had an opportunity to talk to Councilor Bassan regarding City, neighborhood issues and concerns. Coffee and cupcakes were provided by Fetish Cupcakes. D4C members, neighboring Del Norte NA President and D4 neighbors attended the event.

2. January 27, 2025 D4C Transition Group

Newly elected officers met with former Secretary/Treasurer, former officers and D4C Webmaster, to continue work on transition items for the new administration. Among many of items discussed were: ONC requirements, Secretary & Treasurer responsibilities, access to D4C PO box keys, bank account and to D4C Contact Us email and website management.

3. The D4C Board of Directors met on February 3, 2025

The purpose of Meeting was to finalize D4C's February 19th meeting agenda.

Steve Wentworth also provided details on the Inter-Coalition Council (ICC) recommended legal action against 0-24-69 (069). The board voted to support the ICC in their action against 069, an amendment to the Integrated Development Ordinance.

Steve sent a letter to the entire D4C membership requesting their vote on the ICC's legal action on 069. A majority of D4C members voted in favor of supporting the ICC's legal action against 069.

Donations for legal expenses are encouraged and need to be sent to: Yntema Law Firm, P.A.

215 Gold Avenue SW, Suite 201, Albuquerque, NM 87102 Reference: Ordinance 0-24-69

4. February 5, 2025 D7 Coalition (D7C) Meeting

The D7C meeting was held at Jerry Cline Tennis Center. Presenters: Councilor Fiebelkorn, APD, AFR, Angie Casias & Laura Kuehn-APD Crime Prevention, Mike Voorhees-WSCONA

Councilor Fiebelkorn gave an update on her Legislative initiatives: Animal Care Services, Middle Rio Grand Housing Collaborative, San Pedro Main Street Streetscaping, Worker's Memorial Park Visioning & Redesign, North Diversion Channel, Menaul Metropolitan Redevelopment Area, Lomas Traffic Calming, Hahn Arroyo, and Girard Streetscaping. Capital Outlay request amount, \$6,950,000.

Mike Voorhees-WSCONA-Impact of 069*

069 may be in violation of 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article II - Bill of Rights § 18 of the New Mexico Constitution. The bill was primarily introduced to address affordable housing and homelessness by changing zoning laws. There is no provision for affordable housing in the bill.

The bill was sponsored by Councilor Dan Lewis and Councilor Joaquin Baca. It was introduced on 12/16/2024. The bill was not referred for committee review, hearings and public comment as is normally done. The bill went straight to the City Council and was scheduled for hearing on 1/6/25. The bill passed with a 7 to 2 vote. (Voting

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YES: Councilors Dan Lewis, Renee Grout, Brook Bassan, Dan Champine and Joaquin Baca, Tammy Fiebelkorn and Nichole Rogers. Councilors Klarissa Pena and Louie Sanchez voted NO). Mayor Keller did not veto the bill.

The bill takes a wrecking ball to NAs since appeals are expensive, time consuming and NA's have limited funds due to NARO requirements that prohibit collecting dues. Neighborhood Associations and the IDO are considered problems.

NA's will be required to pay their fees plus developer fees, if the NA does not prevail on an appeal. The developer can appeal a denial but will not be required to pay NA's fees.

An NA can't use lack of notification as standing. NA's will have less of a voice as result of this bill.

The bill removed height restrictions. A building can be as high as desired within a quarter of a mile on identified roadways. One example provided, Old Town on Central is on an identified road. Do height restrictions apply or can Old Town be protected?

Intense housing/apartment projects may be built on main streets & premium transportation routes.

City owned, leased property has no standing-can't appeal or oppose anything on City land.

The timeframe for filing legal action in District Court is 2/22/25- 2/24/25, 30 days after publication of 069.

Strong Towns Founder (attendee) Brandi Thompson supported 069 due to the housing crises: lack of housing and housing affordability.

Founder also supported the provision requiring 660 of neighbors in the application site be required to sign petitions on appeals. (Developers do not have this requirement. This requirement may violate the right of NAs to exercise their First Amendment right to petition the governments for grievances)

Strong Towns feels the majority of neighbors should be involved in the decision making and must be notified by NA's. A decision on supporting or opposing applications, ordinances, etc. should be made by a majority of neighbors/residents, not only board of directors of NAs and Coalitions.

The founder disagrees with the provision in 069 that requires NAs to pay its fees and developer's fees if NA does not prevail on an appeal.

130 Strong Towns members supporting the 069 wrote to Councilors.

Many Strong Towns members feel left out of NA & Coalition meetings and want to be heard.

The D7 Coalition moved to support the ICC's legal action against 069. The motion was approved by a majority of members with one abstention.

Thank You D4C Members for all your support and hard work in representing your neighborhoods!

* Mike Voorhees's report is abbreviated

Development Committee Report for January 2025

Update: A public information hearing was held at Plaza del Sol on 1-23-25. The Albuquerque Air Quality Control Board chaired the meeting. American Gypsum made their presentation and took questions from in-person and Zoom attendees. It was very technical and hard to understand, but it appears that even though they are significantly increasing their CO emissions, they are still far below state and federal standards. Peggy Norton from the North Valley Coalition was in attendance. Their coalition does not appear to be taking any further action.

1-13-25 – 8041 Ventura NE. Ezzi Signs is applying for a wall sign for Extra Space Storage. The location of SW corner of Ventura and Paseo is within Heritage Hills NA boundaries . But HHNA is no longer recognized by the city, so bordering NAs were notified. Heritage Hills East NA to the east and Vineyard Estates NA to the north.

1-16-25 - 6752 Akademeia Loop NE. Pulte Homes site plans for another house at Estates at Academy. Cherry Hills notified.

1-21-25 – 6747 Akademeia Loop NE. Pulte Homes site plans for another house at Estates at Academy. Cherry Hills notified.