

Meeting Minutes District 4 Coalition June 18th, 2025

In attendance: Academy North, Alameda North Valley Association, Arroyo Del Oso, Heritage East, Nor Este, North Domingo Baca, Quail Springs, Quintessence, Vineyard Estates, Vista Del Norte

Friends of D4C: Irene Minke

Guests: Markela Clinton, David Rose, Carolyn Ortega, Desiree Cowley

Guest Speakers: Director-Carolyn Ortega Assoc. Director- Sue Ellis, Public Info Office- Desiree Cowley, Field Captain- David Rose

Meeting called to order by Lorna Howerton 6:32pm

Introduction of the Co-presidents of the coalition. board members, members at large.

Approval of Minutes from May 21st, 2025: Motion to approve the minutes made by Lucy Baca and seconded by Judie Pellegrino, all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent agenda for June 18th, 2025 Motion to amend the agenda to move Markela Clinton up the agenda made by Lucy Murillo and seconded by Jim Souter, all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Markela Clinton Field Representative Mayor's Office

Markela created the City of Albuquerque Government Guide to navigate the governmental websites. While attending neighborhood and coalition meetings one of the biggest concerns she was receiving from people was that they did not know where to go or who to call when they had certain questions. Markela tried to get a PIO (public information officer) to each department that would know everything that that department is working on or someone that will be able to direct you to where you need to go. Each department listed will have a description of what that division does so you know you are calling the right department. This document is included in the email that will be sent out with June minutes.

Q&A

Q- Does every department have a PIO (public information officer)?

Markela- Not every department has a point of contact, but like solid waste has a point of contact for all of solid waste but maybe not someone on a specific team. So she tried to give at least a point of contact for the division as a whole and then they can point you in the right direction.

Q:- Where do we get additional copies to hand out to neighbors? Do we reach out to you or is it online?

Markela: Yes, I can bring copies to you, send a PDF copy to be printed, or come and give a speech on how to use it.

Q:- This is not a document that is put online somewhere?

Markela- No, this is something that I created and I am promoting it.

Q:- Can you add page numbers?

Markela - Yes.

Award and Recognition

We recognized a long time and valued member of the coalition. An award was presented to Jim Griffie and received by his wife Mildred Griffie. Jim Griffie has done a lot for the coalition over the years and has been an integral part of the coalition from his work on the bylaws to the D4C website. Jim has worked on many committees -including the Bylaw Committee. Jim was also the one that created the coalition website and was deemed the "Web Master" for all his hard work and attention to detail on the D4C website.

Councilor Report

Budget passed and it is set. Aquatic center is progressing. The current cinderblock building seen is the mechanical room. Then they are going to start working on the infrastructure or the "base" build. The city is trying to use the money that they have rather than just sitting on it, so they will begin working on the shell, this will actually be the structure that will surround the pool. They will work on the bathrooms, more of the mechanical, they will pour the concrete for the bleachers instead of steel. No windows, doors, or hole in the ground for the pool for quite some time. Then we will need to come up with more money, we still need 20million more for the rest of the indoor facility. Councilor Bassan is starting to explore public & private options for funding.

IDO (integrated development ordinance) is going to begin its process at EPC (environmental planning commission) will start reviewing amendments this fall. By April next year it will be before the council for the updates for the updates to the IDO.

New APD North East area commander - Amie Sedler ajsedler@cabq.gov. Commander Nelson has moved into the internal affairs division. Amie has been with APD for about 20 years and a lot of that has been in field services.

Inspector general- AGO (Accountability Government Oversight Committee) - Councilor Bassan walked away from the committee when they began talking about making changes to the inspector general so she did not have to recuse herself. The council appoints the inspector general and the Internal auditor . Committee decided to post the positions and allow people to apply for both the Inspector General and/or Internal auditor. According to the committee they had a lot of applicants interested for both. They did their interviews, and Santisteven did not make the top 3. The ordinance says the committee has to put forward the top 3 candidates that

they interviewed for either position. The IG and the administration did not get along, and the committee was divided on how they felt about the reports and how they were getting done.

Q&A

Q: What is going to happen to the reports that were being worked on?

A: The committee has asked that REDW (independent auditor that is selected by the city) come in and do an external audit on the investigations that have not left the committee yet. Because the committee is not part of the open meetings act regardless whether they approve an investigation or not it will be published after 15 days.

Q: The 20 million is what they are quoted for the contract. What is it for? And what about inflation?

A: 20 million is the gap to complete the entire facility. There is an amount that is calculated for inflation and once the money is secured the city can lock in the contract with Bradbury Stamm for the work.

Q: When is the Rails to Trails project slated to be completed?

A: I don't really know. About a month ago or so the Mayor said there are a couple of properties that still need to be purchased.

Q: What is the deal with the Block Parties that the city is giving \$500 for?

A: The city is giving \$500 towards Block parties to get people engaged with their neighborhoods, but it is only in metropolitan rehabilitation areas.

Q: Would you support funds for the Wheels museum and give them money towards that project?

A: I think that it is a great museum and it is really cool, but it really needs to be addressed in that district with that councilor. I am not going to initiate getting funding for that when I am fighting to get funding for the aquatic center or our parks in our district.

Guest Speakers - CABQ Animal Welfare

Director-Carolyn Ortega has been part of the organization for 5 years. Animal Welfare is the largest animal shelter in the state. Maximum capacity in one year they helped serve 20,000 pets. We are top 5 in the country in size.

Because animal welfare is not a top priority at times because we have so many other issues in Albuquerque they have to be strategic, cost effective and think outside of the box.

Carolyn was able to go to the Mayor and get a statute changed that said Animal Welfare must go to RFP for pet food (Request for Proposal). They are able to negotiate their food costs with a national food supplier and brought cost down by 90%. Animal Welfare officially has a food

pantry, so if people are going through a hard time they can go to animal welfare and get a bag of food. On an annual basis AW does 3000 spayed and neuter. When they started in 2021 they did a lottery for spade and neutering for ABQ mid to low income and had 6000 applicants. The use a mobile vet to come in and do spade and neuters, they are up to 1700. AW serves about 100 people a week, and the wait time to get seen is less than 2 weeks.

AW is now partnered with Workforce Solutions - 15 interns that are in highschool- they are paid through WorkForce Solutions. AW is a business and entity of its own.

July staffed with 7 vets come July. Creating a mission and a set of values and retention rate of 82%. Prior to Carolyn taking over they were at a 30% retention rate. AW is now open 7 days a week at both shelters.

NEW HVAC at both shelters - no more swamp coolers. New renovations to make sure they are ADA compliant. Privacy panels on kennels. Extended the play areas. This would not be possible without the help of council. Everything that has been brought to council has been voted unanimously.

Pet Tags - reclaims go up by 25% because of the number that are microchipped for free.

Microchip scanners at every substation or fire department

Lowest population since COVID - below 700. Surrenders have gone down. Euthanizations have gone down. Kitten season - Every Spring. Pretty consistent at the same time of year.

Q: Was there a news story about Infrastructure issues at Animal Welfare?

A: That is bernalillo county, they made the mistake of cutting corners when they built their building.

Q: How is help being administered to the unhoused population with pets?

A: We take our mobile unit to the encampments and vaccinate there or transport them and bring them back at the end of the day. With the Gateway centers, it was important to AW that they allow the pets. They will take the mobile unit to the gateway center.

Q: What are some of the problems that you are seeing with the wildlife that comes into the city?

A: It is mostly Coyote's. Educating people on the community cats and feeding them. They have an organization for things like raccoons and other animals. If the animal is dead or injured AW will take that call and they can pick them up or they can euthanize but they will not let the animal suffer.

Q: There is a leash law, does it apply to cats?

A: Yes, technically it does apply but it is rarely enforced.

Neighborhood Roundtable

Arroyo Del Oso Nothing to report at this time.

Heritage East Rotary Park is getting a new shade structure and picnic tables. 1250 homes in their neighborhood. San Francisco runs through the middle of their neighborhood association and the homes that back up to San Francisco are not managing their weeds. Councilor Bassan recommended reaching out to Code Enforcement.

Vista Del Norte New dog park event for the dog walkers. It was to illustrate to them what they could be doing while they are out walking and patrolling.

North Domingo Baca Semi annual meeting coming up in September.

Nor Este Nothing to report at this time.

Quintessence President had a meeting with PNM about 3 areas for the potential new substations along Tramway. They are trying to get the lines that are going down Eubank, they are trying to get them up to Tramway substation.

Quail Springs - Getting ready for their annual hotdog night.

Academy North - Searching for a resource about how to get water to these trees that are planted in their neighborhood easement and are the homeowners responsibility. Because the city will not come and water the trees because they are technically private property. Recommendation was for neighbors to Adopt a tree, someone or a group take a tree and water it.

Alameda North Valley Association - Continuing their legal fights- with the soccer complex and O-69-24.

Vineyard Estates- Some reports a Vineyard park that homeless are showing up. They are encouraging neighbors to call 311.

Academy Acres North - The neighbors have forgotten how to pick weeds and it has been addressed with Councilor Bassan.

Officer's Report

Co-Presidents -Lorna Howerton, Lucy Murillo - Mark Renyolds all community centers in the city. If there are suggestions, bring it up to him, his email is (Renyolds@unm.edu). YDI - HOPE Home that was converted to a home that was for runaways for teens and it has had a lot of problems. The neighbors have made a number of calls for disturbances. Thank you Councilor Bassan for facilitating that meeting to address some concerns. . Albuquerque Meadows - maintenance and lack thereof, there is a gentleman that is working to take care of the community and the residence.

VP-Kathy Economy - Nothing to report

Treasurer -Judie Pellegrino - Balance \$434 and some cents. No new donations, or additional funds at this time.

Secretary – Aubrey Gladwell - Nothing to report

Committee Reports

Zoning and Development – Included with the agenda and minutes

NDBMC – Judie Pellegrino - Nothing to report. Waiting for Tom to let us know when the recertification committee meeting will be. Nothing has been said yet, she thinks they are waiting till they find out what is required of the committee.

Hospitality Report - Irene Minke - Perry Chapman was sent a “get well soon” card.

Metro Parks Advisory Board - Jim Souter - Report attached below.

New Business

Roadrunner Food bank box drop off - Does the coalition want to continue the box? Lucy and Aubrey are going to continue the pick up and drop off of the donations. We have to find out if we have the box or if we need a new one.

Adding reminder to the Agenda for donations to RoadRunner Food Bank.

No Meeting in July.

Meeting adjourned by Jim Souter seconded by Willy Orr @ 8:16 pm

Next Meeting will be August 20th, 2025 @ 6:30pm

Development Committee Report for April and May 2025

4-3-25 – 8912 Adams St. NE. SDV Construction will add 3 ft of steel picket fence on top of chain link around their business property. Wildflower Area NA notified.

4-3-25 – 6706 Akademeia Loop NE. Pulte Homes site plans for another house at Estates at Academy. Cherry Hills NA notified.

4-16-25 – 6744 Akademeia Loop NE. Pulte Homes site plans for another house at Estates at Academy. Cherry Hills NA notified.

4-24-25 – 7401 Snaproll St. NE. Zion Sign application for illuminated wall sign for APIC Solutions. Vista del Norte notified.

4-24-25 – 6705 & 6745 Akademeia Loop NE. Pulte Homes site plans for another house at Estates at Academy. Cherry Hills NA notified.

5-7-25 – 6746 Akademeia Loop NE. Pulte Homes site plans for another house at Estates at Academy. Cherry Hills NA notified.

5-13-25 – 8001 Wyoming Blvd NE, Ste B6. Sign Art NM. Application for illuminated wall sign for Brow and Beauty Bar. Not located in a recognized NA. Adjacent NA Nor Este NA notified.

6-9-25 – 6217 Signal Ave NE. Modulus Architects application for site plan for Precision Storage construction. Not located in a recognized NA. Adjacent NA Nor Este NA notified.

Metro Parks Advisory Board

On May 6th the MPRAB met and at that meeting we updated the application process and added the acquirements of seeking the approval of the involved neighborhood Association and coalition involved. Many of the applications are for park name changes oriole requests.

Then we updated the MPRAB renaming policy.

May 10 the new Vista Del Norte dog park a event was held for our Vista Del Norte alliance dog walkers and teaching them what they could do to help our police patrolling. In addition to our Vista Del Norte Facebook page, I posted this event next door to invite our neighboring Association. Of the approximate 50 attendees, 20 were from our neighboring Association areas. This is also what we commonly see in those visiting our playground and picnic pavilion.

At the May 6 meeting, I asked our parks director if they would give me costs for the enhancements that the Vineyard Estates parks residences were asking for in rehabilitating their park. After my June 3rd MPRAB meeting, this is what I was given.

Now if you agree to this proposal, you need to do this.

- Get it on the city capital expenditure list
- get it to the session
- if you get it approved out of session
- Then you need to get it on the implementation list for our city

OR

get the enhancement ordinance proposal develop and approved where the funds developed are put directly into your city counselors discretionary fund. This has the potential to put \$8 million directly into the hands of the person you elected to represent you in your district. This would move your sales tax from 7.8752 8.25. So, your additional cost is about A PENNY for every dollar you spend.

At the June 3rd MPRAB meeting we primarily discussed the pending city budget, which was awaiting approval of our mayor. It was also noted that eighteen million dollars was on the ballot in GO BONDS and many of our parks and trail enhancements were in these bonds, which can only be used for the listed park or trail.

Respectively

Jim outer district 4 MPRAB representative