

## Meeting Minutes District 4 Coalition – May 20, 2026

In attendance: Alameda North Valley, Albuquerque Meadows, Arroyo del Oso North, Academy North, Bear Canyon, Cherry Hills, Del Norte NA, Heritage East, North Domingo Baca NA, Quail Springs, Quintessence, Vineyard Estates, Vista Del Norte

Friends of D4C: Irene

Guests: Nasham Tafoya and Courtney Phillips

Meeting called to order by President Lorna Howerton at 6:30PM. A Quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes from **April 15, 2026** meeting: Bob Stetson moved to accept. Steve Wentworth 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda for **May 20, 2026**: Mary approved as presented. Vanessa seconded.

### **Guest Speakers:**

Najan Tafoya- Recruitment specialist for CYFD

Courtney Phillips

2100 kids in foster care, in ABQ there are 850. Most are with family members or next of kin.

Licensing steps and what it takes to be a foster parent: First step- complete online questionnaire and then licensing process takes around 120 days. 3 to 4 home visits and lasts 1-2 hours. You do have to do a physical and a 32 hours training. In person and online, training can be completed nights and weekends. There is no financial requirement but they do ask for pay stubs to make sure you are working.

### Q&A

The average age of kids currently in foster care? 8-12, but the most 0-5.

What if the kids are in school? They do try to keep them in the same school district.

How long is the average stay with foster care?

It varies case by case, but there are respite care - for emergency care that can be short term placements.

What about the kids that age out?

They will receive a stipend and CYFD has a department that works with them to get them set up.

### **Councillor Report**

Brook was not in attendance.

### **Committee Reports:**

**President:** The remainder of the year's guests are as follows:

June: real estate agents both residential and commercial.

July: No meeting

August: Cecily Barker- new chief of police

September: Someone from command staff with Bernalillo county sheriff

October: Norm Guame

November: Annual Meeting and elections.

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**Vice President:** Nothing to report.

**Secretary:** Over 1000lbs have been picked up and delivered to Roadrunner foodbank. Website renewed for 1 year and will be renewing for hopefully 5 years.

**Treasurer:**Judie not present.

Ellen resigned from the zoning and development committee. She is asking for someone to take over the PO box key and Bob Stetson agreed to taking over the PO box key. Vanessa Stranski volunteered to take over the zoning and development committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm by Willie Orr seconded by Vanessa Stranski.

Next meeting June 17th, 2026

**Del Norte Neighborhood Association is having a finale celebration of the San Pedro Drive Beautification Project. The information about the event and the map with traffic notice are below.**

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*Del Norte Neighborhood Association cordially invites you to celebrate the finale of the  
San Pedro Drive Beautification Project*

Over 300 hours of work, 75 bags of trash, more than 50 pounds of glass, over 600 volunteers hours, tree trimming, 50 holes in cinder block and gap repair, 140 gallons of primer, 50 gallons of paint and 60 gallons of anti-graffiti have transformed a 1200-foot stretch of space, *San Pedro Drive Northeast*, into a vibrant corridor in our neighborhood.

**Saturday June 20, 2025, 10:30 A.M. – Topke Street NE & San Pedro Drive NE**

**Note: San Pedro will be closed off to enter on Topke St. NE.**

(Please enter via Downey St NE and left on Loftus St. NE or via Brand and left on Baker St. NE)

**Agenda**

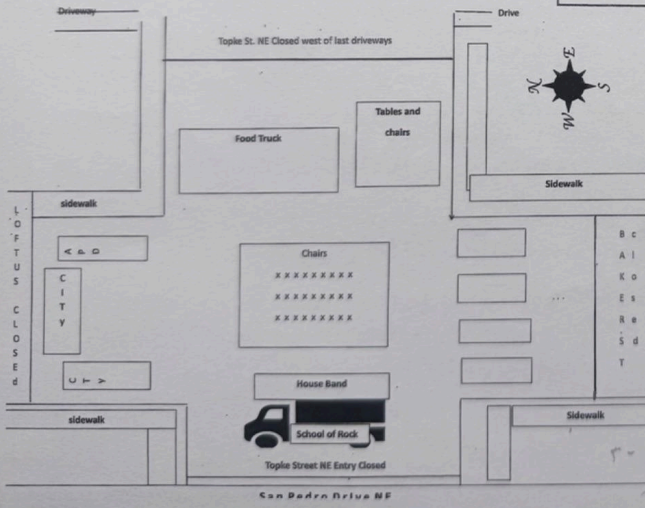
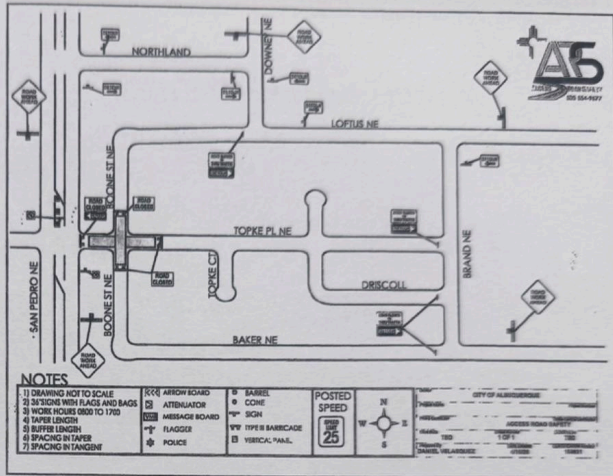
- 10:30 am - Introductions of officials: Mayor Tim Keller, NM State Senator Heather Berghams, NM State Representative Diane Torrez-Velasquez, Councilwoman Brook Bassan, County Commissioner Adriann Barboa, Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury, Albuquerque Mural Artist-David Santiago. Thanks to Angie Caceras and APD for coming out to join us.
- 10:45 am - Speakers, Ribbon cutting
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Music by School of Rock, Albuquerque
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm – Royal Estate Food Truck – Meet the “Fritter Man”!
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm - Information Tables – City, County, APD Sr, Affairs, and DNNA (Giveaways!)
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm - Door Prizes announcements

**(Map on Reverse side)**

**Traffic Notice:** Topke St.NE will be closed from San Pedro to the first driveway on Topke; to the first driveway left and right on Baker. No driveways will be impeded in this square area. Parking is limited, so close neighbors please walk (and bring a chair) if you are able.

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DNNA Area Street Map



Area Activities Map

