

MINUTES - DISTRICT 4 COALITION OCTOBER 18 2023

**In attendance:** Alameda North Valley, Arroyo del Oso, Bear Canyon, Cherry Hills, Highlands North, Knapp Heights, Nor Este, North Domingo Baca, Quail Springs, Quintessence, Vineyard Estates, Vista del Norte. Friends of D4C: none

**Guest Speakers:** none

Meeting called to order by President Mark Reynolds at 6:32pm.

**Approval of Minutes from August 16th, 2023 Correction:** Representatives from Vista del Norte were present at the meeting; inadvertently excluded from attendance list. Motion to approve as amended made by Lucy Baca, seconded by Dan Regan. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Consent agenda for October 18th, 2023** Motion to approve by Willie Orr, seconded by Dan Regan. Motion passed unanimously.

**CITY COUNCILOR REPORT:** There is now a chain link fence around the aquatic center grounds; this marks the beginning of Phase 0 of this project. Beginning Monday 10/23, the retaining wall will start to be built. The priority is building the natatorium. APS has contributed approx. \$2 million towards this project.

In January 2024 Bob Stetson will step down as a member of the EPC. Brook needs two names to send to the Mayor to fill this position for District 4. In addition, there is an opening on the Impact Fee Advisory Committee. This committee determines developer fees for utilities, sidewalks, parks, etc. at new developments. Every District must nominate a person to serve for that District. Candidate recommendation requirements will be sent to D4C for distribution by Brook. The Mayor will also nominate two people.

At the last City Council meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Councilor Tammy Fiebelkorn introduced R-23-178 to suspend administrative appeals regarding Safe Outdoor Spaces (SOS) applications. Judge Joshua Ellison issued an injunction against the City because the City doesn't have enough beds for the homeless – as a result the homeless cannot be required to move from any public space after 10/31. The resolution allows the Planning department to approve applications for SOS locations (limited to 2 per district). It also directs the Department of Health, Housing and Homeless (DHH), within 45 days, to identify three locations for SOSs and submit documentation for resources for operation of those SOSs, which will be operated by the City. The DHH will also be required, within 60 days, to identify the number of beds needed for the homeless within the City and the funding required to provide those beds and how to obtain those beds in the shortest timeframe possible. Brook is requesting feedback from her constituents on this.

United Soccer Stadium at Balloon Fiesta Park – some land use matters are still unresolved, and many questions remain regarding the lease for the stadium. This matter was deferred until the next Council meeting on 11/20.

**OFFICER REPORTS:** Distributed with the meeting agenda prior to the meeting. Additions:

**President's Report** – Mark reported that the ATLAS app, a new mobile app that would provide real-time crime information, is still not fully functional. Alerts can be pulled but not pushed out to the pertinent areas. APD does not know when it will be fully functional.

**Vice President's Report** –

The Vice President's Report was updated to include a summary of ONC's Meet and Greet Event held on October 14th at Los Duranes Community Center. Guest Speakers included:

I. AFR-Station 10. Approximately 80% of dispatches are for medical needs and 20% are fires, rescues, etc. Dumpster, single family home and abandoned structure fires are the on rise.

II. Cyndy McCrossen, City Film Office Liaison. The office issues approximately 300-400 permits annually. NA's are encouraged to contact the film office if interested in featuring neighborhoods for filming. Daily compensation may be provided to qualifying NA's. Visit [www.cabq.gov/film](http://www.cabq.gov/film) for more details.

III. 311 Call Center Division Director, Carrie Prothero. The Call Center handles approximately 850,000 to 900,000 service requests per year. The number one call to 311 is transit, "when is my bus coming?", followed by solid waste and animal welfare requests. 311 may be contacted via: phone, email- [ccc@cabq.gov](mailto:ccc@cabq.gov), ABQ311 App, and on-line reporting.

Councilor Bassan stated that transit routes have been modified to improve the reliability of bus scheduling for commuters.

IV. APD Crime Prevention, Laura Kuehn encourages everyone to register their security alarms using the Community Connect Registry. [Smart911.com](http://Smart911.com) allows creation of personal profiles, and providing health information and provides alerts/notifications. Porch pirates are increasing due to the upcoming holiday season. Report suspicious activity to 242-COPS. Speeding remains a concern throughout the City. Contact Traffic Engineering to request speeding traffic strips.

V. New ONC initiative: Neighborhood Walk Program. This initiative encourages neighbors to walk in groups on pre-planned routes (neighborhoods) in the City. For more details see ONC-Frequently Asked Questions and select Neighborhood Walk Program.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Distributed with the meeting agenda prior to the meeting. Additions:

**Hospitality:** Lucy sent flowers to Irene on behalf of the Coalition due to a mishap at home.

Steve Wentworth did a Candidate Forum wrap-up, thanking everyone who participated. Turnout was not as big as hoped for. He also mentioned [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org), a website to get a ballot for your area by entering your address.

Jim Griffee provided an update on the newly introduced D4C website. URL: [d4cabq.org](http://d4cabq.org)

Jim notified ONC of the D4C website and provided the URL so it could be listed with ONC. Any questions about the website or if you want to add content, use this e-mail address:

[ContactUs@D4Cabq.org](mailto:ContactUs@D4Cabq.org)

### **NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE**

Knapp Heights – Dan stated that a Board meeting will be held on Sunday to ratify their by-laws.

NENA Meeting on November 1st, elect members and ratify by-laws.

Lucy gave update for Quintessence NA's July 1st event at their park. The NA had a park pop- up park climbing wall, ice cream was provided and many neighbors attended the event.

Arroyo del Oso - Willie Orr – they are holding a Halloween party. CPC Liaison will be attending upcoming ADO General Meeting.

Bear Canyon NA meeting will be held on 10/25/23 at the JCC. The NA will also have a Halloween Trunk or Treat event on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> at WEEMS parking lot from 4-6PM.

VENA will hold its General Meeting at NDBMC at 7:00PM on 10/26/2023. Weeds issue reported on Signal Street reached 2nd stage escalation. One concern is that weeds on Signal have been an ongoing issue and block sidewalk & street.

Highland North NA Held Block Party Event.

Vista del Norte - reported incidents with the proposed battery location, the agreement with our City Councilor in selling the city owned Police Athletic Building, VDN is willing to quick deed the J1B property to the City since its only function is accommodating their resources and a complaint that our City Councilor was not notified of a city sponsored event in her district.

**NEW BUSINESS** Dan Regan made a motion recommending that D4C take a stand against approving the Soccer stadium lease as presented at the City Council meeting on 10/16. This letter needs to be sent to Brook before the 11/20 Council meeting. Seconded by Ellen Dueweke. Motion approved. Dan to work on composing letter with input from Ellen & Steve W., among others.

Mark stated that meeting minutes and agendas will no longer be distributed via e-mail. These documents will now be on the website. Notices that these items are on the website for review will be the only e-mail notifications sent out in the future. Please make a note to check the website for updates during the month.

Motion to adjourn made by Lucy, seconded by Dan Regan. Meeting adjourned at 8:36PM.

Respectfully submitted  
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