

Meeting Minutes District 4 Coalition July 17, 2024

Meeting called to order by Vice President Lucy Baca at 6:30 PM

In attendance: Alameda North Valley, Cherry Hills, Highlands North (via phone), Knapp Heights, Nor Este, North Domingo Baca, Quail Springs, Quintessence, Vineyard Estates

Friends of D4C: Irene Minke

Guests: Shawn Nashboo and Markela Clinton, Constituent Services

Guest Speakers: None – Animal Welfare had to cancel due to a death in the family of the Director.

Approval of May 15, 2024 Minutes: Motion to approve made by Ellen Dueweke, seconded by Judie Pellegrino. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent agenda: Motion to approve amended Consent Agenda (adding guests from Constituent Services) by Judie Pellegrino, seconded by Aubrey Gladwell. Motion passed unanimously.

CITY COUNCILOR REPORT:

Councilor Bassan was unable to attend but did request our input on a proposed bike lane along Holly between Wyoming and Ventura. Several questions and concerns were raised and people were urged to contact Councilor Bassan with their concerns so she could take them to the proper departments before any changes are made.

FURTHER UPDATES FROM COUNCILOR BASSAN (RECEIVED AFTER THE 7/17 MEETING):

First meeting back after our July break – August 5th

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 6th. We will do our best to attend as many events. We make a map of our route, depending on the invites we receive.

North Domingo Baca Tennis Courts Resurfacing – Start date is 7/29/2024. The project should last 2-3 weeks, depending on the weather. Courts will not be available during this time.

Officer Reports

Submitted with agenda prior to meeting. No changes

Committee Reports

Hospitality – Irene sent a ‘get well’ card to President Mark after his recent surgery.

Zoning and Development – Report included with the meeting agenda.

North Domingo Baca – Judie had requested that the Roadrunner Food Bank donation box be put into the North Domingo Baca monthly newsletter, but it hasn’t happened yet.

EPC – new District 4 representative not present at meeting.

Neighborhood Round Table

Cherry Hills – the area west of Heritage Hills Park has been fenced in for a new dog park, but no one seems to be using it. It was suggested that Parks & Rec or Councilor Bassan be contacted. Due to the condition of the park Ellen will reach out to Councilor Bassan and ask for assistance.



Knapp Heights – No report.

Arroyo del Oso – No report.

Albuq. Meadows – No report.

Alameda North Valley – Los Ranchos still trying to figure out what to do with the housing complex at 4th & Osuna. Still continuing to fight with the City on the soccer stadium at Balloon Fiesta Park.

Quail Springs – recent hot dog night at the end of June had a very good turnout.

VENA – No report.

Quintessence – their park event on 7/3 had its usual great turnout.

Highland North – No report.

Vista Del Norte – No report.

Nor Este – No report.

North Domingo Baca – semiannual meeting will be held in September; Board meeting in August. Fewer houses for sale or for rent than usual for this time of year.

Heritage East – a great turnout for their Easter party. Although they are one of the largest NAs in terms of number of houses within D4, they have the smallest covered picnic area. Freedom Way south to Harper is full of weeds. More shade is needed for play structures within their parks.

New Business

Steve Wentworth said that Bill Rehm will be at the September meeting. We will give him a plaque thanking him for his service.

The Nominating Committee is in place. Members are Steve Wentworth, David Willems, Paul Fugitti, Bob Stetson and Ellen Dueweke.

The Intercoalition Council is looking into voting issues due to the Mayor's veto of the proposed City Charter Amendment ballot question that would have lowered the threshold for Mayor and City Council to be elected from the current mandatory majority system—50% plus 1—to a plurality, meaning there would be only one election where the most votes wins.

Guest - Candidate Vicky Estrada-Bustillo requested D4C hold a candidate forum with assistance by the League of Women Voters. Steve Wentworth indicated the League has criteria and procedures for forums. This forum request would require a lot of time to put together. Both D4C and the League do not have the resources nor required time to comply with this request at this time.

The guest speaker for September will be Alice Main from the City's Sustainability department, who will discuss what the office is and what they do.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mildred Griffie, seconded by Steve Wentworth. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.