

MINUTES - DISTRICT 4 COALITION AUGUST 16 2023

In attendance: Alameda North Valley, Albuquerque Meadows, Arroyo del Oso, Bear Canyon, Cherry Hills, Highlands North, Knapp Heights, Nor Este, North Domingo Baca, Quintessence, Vineyard Estates. Friends of D4C: Irene Minke

Guest Speakers: Kathleen Moseley, RN, MS; APD Detective Coty Maxwell, Crisis Intervention Unit

Meeting called to order by President Mark Reynolds at 6:30pm.

Approval of Minutes from June 21st, 2023 Motion to approve made by Bob Stetson, seconded by Lucy Baca. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent agenda for August 16, 2023 Motion to approve by Dan Regan, seconded by Willie Orr. Motion passed unanimously.

CITY COUNCILOR REPORT: Brook discussed the proposed stadium at Balloon Fiesta Park and said the administration should be sending out announcements about what is being proposed. She will not support this if constituents don't want it.

There were reports that stated that the vote on the Housing Forward Initiative was unanimous. The vote was actually 5-4, with Brook voting against it.

The splash pad ribbon cutting will be soon. Aquatic Center groundbreaking in September. \$38 million funded, which will allow start on groundwork and the retaining wall – this is Phase 0. The bid process is complete and a contractor has been selected. Phase I will be starting the build of either the natatorium or the outdoor pool, probably early next year.

Brook also mentioned the recent India Day at North Domingo Baca Park, and suggested that everyone try to attend this interesting event next year.

After our Guest Speakers' presentation, Brook asked them to partner with her on some future events to get the word out on ERPOs.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Kathleen Moseley and Coty Maxwell

Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO), commonly known as Red Flag Law NM ranks 3rd in gun violence and 5th in suicides. People closest to the person often see the situation/crisis first.

Encourage them to get help. Ask yourself – does your loved one have access to a gun? 25M die by suicide each year. 90% of suicide attempts with a gun are successful. Remove the gun from the situation – gives the person a better chance of survival. Prevent them from getting a gun until the crisis passes. For every 10 ERPOs issued, one life was saved.

ERPOs prohibit the person from purchasing or possessing a gun until the ERPO expires or is cancelled ERPO is a civil order – does not result in a criminal record

Bipartisan Safer Communities Act – 1st major federal gun safety law of the century

See attached PDF for the presentation that was made during the meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS: Distributed with the meeting agenda prior to the meeting. No changes or additions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Distributed with the meeting agenda prior to the meeting. Hospitality: Irene reported sending a card to Lucy Baca for her brother. North Domingo Baca: Judie reported working on the District 4 Candidate forum. EPC: Bob Stetson reported that the summary action report from last month will be available soon. He also discussed the ongoing efforts to convert a long-closed hotel on the frontage road north of Albuquerque Meadows into apartments.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE President Mark requested that everyone bring something back from their neighborhood associations to discuss at the October meeting.

Jim Souter read a letter rebutting the letter from Dave Simon from Parks & Rec that appeared in a recent Sunday Journal that contained some negative comments about Councilor Bassan. Steve offered to assist Jim in editing the letter so that it may be accepted for future publication in the Journal.

NEW BUSINESS Steve Wentworth discussed the upcoming District 4 Candidate forum and the process we will follow. He also asked for additional volunteers. There will be a few planning meetings before the forum on September 20th.

Mark asked everyone to get the word out to their neighborhoods so that we have a good turnout for the forum.

Motion to adjourn made by Judie Pellegrino, seconded by Willie Orr. Meeting adjourned at 8:04PM.

Respectfully submitted
Mildred Griffiee
Acting Secretary
District 4 Coalition