

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

In attendance: Alameda North Valley, Albuquerque Meadows, Cherry Hills, Highlands North, Knapp Heights, Nor Este, Quail Springs, Quintessence, Vineyard Estates, Vista del Norte

Friends of D4C: Irene Minke

**Guest Speakers:** Representative Bill Rehm

**Approval of January 17, 2024 Minutes:** Motion to approve made by Dan Regan, seconded by Lucy Baca. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of March 20, 2024 Consent agenda:** Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Bob Stetson, seconded by Ellen Dueweke. Motion passed unanimously.

**CITY COUNCILOR REPORT:**

Councilor Bassan reported getting closer to acquiring money to finish and repair the walking trail and dog park at Vista Del Norte.

\$1Million was acquired for the Aquatic Center. \$9Million was initially requested. The Governor provided no funding for the Aquatic Center which was disappointing. The Governor provided \$15M to Balloon Fiesta Park for renovations and upgrades. The soccer field was not related. Councilor Bassan asked that she be contacted for additional questions and/or Aquatic Center updates and not to rely on social media.

Where do we go from here? The City finishes the RFP process. Once it is complete, it will be referred to Council and the Mayor.

The Indoor Pool is still an option depending on cost and if the money is available. The City can't start a project that is not fully funded. There are no answers available yet on RFP but it may be finalized in mid-April. In the meantime, Councilor Bassan will continue to request additional funding and plans to contact UNM, APS, and the County. Private funding and/or donations are also possible revenue resources.

Councilor Bassan is now Chair of LUPZ (Land Use Planning and Zoning) Committee. There are 10 amendments to the overall IDO currently as work on the IDO gets started. The Planning Dept is ready to go live with testing the Opt-In feature trial. This trial will be for notification of developments only. Contact Brook if you are interested in participating in the trial.

There was a question regarding Airbnb by Heritage East Rep. Do Airbnb rentals go against Covenants? There is a five bedroom house advertised as an eight bedroom house causing havoc in the neighborhood. President of Quail Springs, who is a Realtor, advised that a room can be considered a bedroom if it has two methods of egress (e.g. door & window). Councilor Bassan indicated that covenants fall into private category. The City can enforce City Laws but not

private Covenants. The Heritage East Representative will contact Brook for contact information and further assistance.

**EPC discussion** - Robert Stetson said that the EPC had approved the IDO amendments and had sent everything to Council to go through LUPZ.

**Guest Speaker Representative Bill Rehm:** Clean Fuel Bill (tax on driving mileage) The price per gallon will increase to \$.50 per gallon effective 7/1/27. There are many unknowns on this legislation.

Gun Laws: 1.) Felons with firearms-Bill did not get out of Committee. The Legislature focus is not putting people in jail. 2.) Drugs deals with firearms. 3.) Kids with guns. Kids that buy guns are getting them off the street and are not getting them from their homes, as has been said.

The Firearm Accountability Act will shut down gun stores, manufacturers in USA. Manufacturers can be sued "if you think their product can cause harm".

The Red Flag Law tried to increase the Bill to put a Red Flag on gun owners & take their gun. The Bill did not pass with the proposed change that anyone in healthcare could file a Red Flag complaint.

HB 129- 7days waiting period for purchasing guns. That law applies to Police officers also. One problem is that in small communities, officers are required to buy their weapons. This Bill leaves officers without weapons during the waiting period.

NM Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Bill was in addition to Federal FMLA. The Bill failed.

The State Land Commission royalty increase request from 20% to 25% failed. State would be losing money since the current Land Commissioner will hold back certain tracts of land from leasing until the requested 25% royalty percentage is passed.

There was a question regarding tax credits. Guest shared that HB252 provided State income tax credits for Solar Panel installation. The Bill enhances 2023 tax credits for homeowners.

Brook will be working with ONC to determine the number of NA and HOAs that lost recognition status as a result of the NARO.

### **Neighborhood Round Table**

Jim Souter will assume the Secretary position if D4C moves to quarterly meetings.

District 4 lost 7 NAs as a result of the NARO. It is estimated that there were 380 NAs previously in Albuquerque. There are approximately 160 NAs currently.

**Cherry Hills** - Ellen attended a NA meeting and was elected as Treasurer of NA.

**Knapp Heights** – Annual meeting will be on 3/23.

**Albuq. Meadows** – homes are owned but the land they sit on is owned by a corporation, and the corporation is currently not maintaining the property

**Quail Springs** reported that their Annual Meeting was held in February and elected Aubrey Gladwell as President of NA & new D4C Representative.

**VENA**-General Meeting will be on held on 4/24/24 @7:00Pm at NDBMC.

VENA has been working with Councilor Bassan regarding the DMS (middle school) before and after school traffic which creates gridlocks blocking access to neighborhood homes.

**Vista Del Norte** PAL Nuisance Building request: There is a Nuisance Building located within Vista Del Norte NA. Jim Souter requested the sale of the building by the City in order to alleviate all issues. Steve Wentworth made a motion to write a letter to the Mayor supporting Vista Del Norte NA's request to the City, to either renovate or demolish the PAL building. Perry Chapman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Business**

Motion by Mark Reynolds to go to quarterly meetings instead of monthly. After some discussion it was decided to go to every other month for now. Next meeting will be in May. Seconded by Lucy Baca. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, seconded by everyone.