

Meeting Minutes District 4 Coalition November 20, 2024

In attendance: Albuquerque Meadows, Arroyo del Oso North, Cherry Hills, Heritage East, Highlands North, Knapp Heights, Nor Este, North Domingo Baca, Quail Springs, Quintessence, Vineyard Estates

Friends of D4C: Irene Minke

Guests: Markela Clinton, Constituent Services; Patsy Beck, Bear Canyon Neighborhood Assn.

Guest Speakers: Nina Chavez, Director of Government Relations, Goodwill Industries

Meeting called to order by President Mark Reynolds at 6:34 PM

Approval of September 19, 2024 Minutes: Motion to approve made by Robert Stetson, seconded by Lucy Murillo. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent agenda: Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Lucy Murillo, seconded by Goldialu Stone. Motion passed unanimously.

Albuquerque Meadows, Quail Springs and North Domingo Baca brought a copy of their neighborhood newsletters to show the types of information they share with their members.

Guest Speaker: Nina Chavez, Director of Government Relations, Goodwill Industries. Goodwill has 19 retail stores in 26 counties in New Mexico. Among the goals of Goodwill are to reduce homelessness and recidivism, and to improve reintegration for homeless vets and justice-involved juveniles. The mission is to provide skills training, job development & social services to NM residents.

Workforce development/Re-entry – work with incarcerated individuals 90 days prior to release – set up job interviews, get a case manager assigned, help create resumes.

Donate, shop, change lives – 80% of donated items can be re-sold. Eighty-eight cents of every dollar goes towards job training, programs and services; the rest to overhead expenses.

For 2025, Solar tech will be a focus of new jobs training. Jobs in the film and other clean energy industries are also focuses.

CITY COUNCILOR REPORT:

Holiday Extravaganza – Thursday December 12th from 6pm to 7:30pm at North Domingo Baca. Dawn Marie will send out an invitation. All residents of District 4 are welcome.

Councilor Bassan stated that she is getting ready for the Legislative session in January. She is hoping to get funding for the Aquatic Center and Vista del Norte park. Council resolution #24-99 lists the funding priorities of all the City Councilors. Please use [this link](#) to read the full list.

Officer Reports

Submitted with agenda prior to meeting.

Vice President's Report – Lucy briefed the group on the incident involving the Ezee Fiber employee and the VENA resident. Her full report can be found [here](#). Bob Stetson also mentioned that Albuquerque Meadows has been in talks with Ezee Fiber and negotiating lower rates for their area. He advised everyone to do the same – “you don't ask, you don't get!”

Brook stated that the City has permitted 3 companies to provide broadband connections, and Ezee Fiber is one of those companies. Kathleen Economy from Heritage East reported that there has already been damage to one home within her NA. President Mark Reynolds stated that companies can dig in a property's easement but cannot dig on private property without the homeowner's permission. He also cautioned that some older homes may require new wiring to support the faster data speeds.

Committee Reports

Hospitality – Irene will send a 'get well' card to Steve Wentworth & wife, who recently tested positive for COVID. A card was also given to Bob Stetson to thank him for his many years of service to District 4.

Zoning and Development – Ellen is waiting for more information about an Air Quality permit application that would allow the company to increase CO emissions by 50%.

New Business

Election of officers for the 2025/26 calendar year. Candidates gave a brief statement introducing themselves and why they were running for their respective positions. After requesting any floor nominations for any of the positions and getting none, President Mark Reynolds called for a motion to approve the slate of candidates as presented. Motion made by Willie Orr, seconded by Bob Stetson. Motion approved unanimously.

Mildred Griffie asked the group if they wanted to make donations to charities this year. This had not been done for a few years. Three that were supported by the Coalition in 2021 were Roadrunner Food Bank, Locker 505, and Paws and Stripes. Judie Pellegrino made a motion to accept all three charities; Willie Orr amended the motion to give \$100 to each charity. Amended motion was approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday January 15th 2025 with the newly elected officers presiding. Please be sure to fill out your Membership Applications if you haven't already done so – these need to be filled out every year with your current representatives listed.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Willie Orr, seconded by Paul Fugitti. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Griffie
Treasurer and Acting Secretary
District 4 Coalition