

MINUTES

SOUTHEAST HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting
Bandelier Elementary School
October 21, 2008, 6:30 pm
P.O. Box 8711
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87198

Board Members

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. John Pate, President | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Richard Macpherson, Vice President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Phyllis Taylor, Treasurer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Mary Carter, Secretary |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Glenda Armstrong | <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Yvette Narath |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Nathan Masek | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Dona Upson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Roland Penttila | |

1. Call to Order 6:30 pm – *about 45 people present*
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction: David Flores, City of Albuquerque
Burton Park Playground Renovation
 - a. David is the PM for the City of Albuquerque on the project. He got input from neighborhood, people in proximity.
 - b. David described the project and showed a graphic of the new equipment, which includes slide, climbing equipment, swings.
 - c. All benches, picnic tables and trash cans will also be replaced and some new benches added in the play area.
 - d. Shade shelters will be added as well. These will help reduce the heat load on the structures and are a high priority for new playgrounds in the city.
 - e. A comment was made about the maintenance of parks – it seems the city is not keeping up with it. David mentioned that new parks are being designed with lower maintenance requirements. Due to the high acreage per person of parks in the City, it is a constant challenge to keep up. David encouraged the members to dial 311 to report problems.
 - f. A question was raised about the prairie dogs. David mentioned that the city works with Prairie Dog Pals to relocate them in a humane way.
 - g. The City would like to start construction as soon as possible since costs are expected to rise. David said a fence will go up and it will take about 3 months to demolish & construct the new park. The plan is to be completed by the time school is out.
4. Review Garden Wall Policy
 - a. John Pate, SEHNA President, reviewed the Garden Wall policy of SEHNA. He explained why the policy is in effect and SEHNA's position on this issue. SEHNA opposes all zoning variances to construct fences higher than 3 feet within the setback of homes.
 - b. Discussion followed from the public about various problems they have experienced with walls and other structures.
 - c. John asked neighbors if they see a wall go up without a permit (yellow sign should appear 30 days before construction) to call 311 and ask zoning to be notified. Also email or call John so he can follow up.
 - d. No objection was made to adopting the policy statement.
5. Review Finance Report – *see report at end of meeting minutes*
6. Election of Officers
 - a. Slate from Nominating Committee
 - i. Mr. John Quinn Pate, President (incumbent)
 - ii. Mr. Richard Macpherson, Vice President (incumbent)

- iii. Mr. Nathan Masek
 - iv. Ms. Kim Jensen
 - v. Mr. Clay Campbell
 - b. Nominations from the floor – NONE
 - c. Moved, seconded and passed
- 7. Board Member Comments – NONE
- 8. Public Comments
 - a. A question was asked about the Lead-Coal restriping. Roland Penttila, SEHNA board member, explained that the current situation is the first phase of a 30m 10 year plan to redo lead-coal. Trees and other improvements will be added over the years, including storm drainage improvements. The plan is to make these two beautiful boulevards. They will remain one-way streets with two lanes + bicycle lane. A question was asked about the type of trees, but Roland commented that that is not known yet. He did mention that the City has an Urban Forester.
 - b. Roland also mentioned that a change in FEMA flood plains (see newsletter) may eliminate the need for neighbors to pay flood insurance. He urged people to call the city to see if they can remove the payment of flood insurance.
 - c. Silver Ave. will be turned into a bicycle boulevard – plan to be approved by City Council. Parking will not be eliminated on Silver.
 - d. A comment was made that the timing of the lights on Lead/Coal from Carlisle should be improved.
 - e. A question was asked by someone new to the neighborhood – When do the luminarias go up? John Pate explained that the luminarias go up on Christmas Eve and are taken down the next day.
 - f. A question was made about landscaping – are there public guidelines about that? John responded that there are and mentioned ways to reduce grass, but maintain “greenness.” Among with many other resources.www.ASLA.org
 - g. Question was asked about two-story houses – is there anything that protects solar rights? John Pate answered Yes but not generally in older neighborhoods. There is a height limit only.
 - h. Question was asked if anyone else has experienced theft (Carlisle & Pershing)? Board encouraged people to report crime so that the incidents are accurately reflected. This can result in an increase of staff for our neighborhood. A neighbor reported that when their home was burglarized, the officer encouraged reporting anything suspicious.
 - i. Car window breakage – in past years higher than this year. These incidents should be reported.
 - j. A question was asked about the Kirtland fuel leak and the “ultra superfund site” at Mesa del Sol reported on in the High Country News (nucleatides). Dr. Bruce Thompson, an environmental engineering professor at UNM replied. He said contamination has not reached wells. He said the contaminants do not move in the environment quickly. At Mesa del Sol some of the contamination has been remediated. Dr. Thompson said he feels comfortable with the situation with which he is very knowledgeable – there is no danger of well contamination. The city, county are very active in the investigations.
 - k. A question was asked about the helicopter noise from KAFB. Neighbors hear them running all night. Discussion, but no resolution.
 - l. John Pate asked people to make sure to water existing trees. The groundwater level has gone down from when a lot of our older trees were planted. The trees really need water! Plant new xeric trees near old trees you feel might be in jeopardy and they will grow faster.
 - m. Dead trees – call city. Hazard.
 - n. A question was asked about the space between sidewalk & street (parkway) – who is responsible? Answer: homeowner is. Also for condition of sidewalk.
 - o. Question about widening of driveway. Answer: must have a design plan and a bonded contractor authorized to work in right-of way on curb& gutter.
 - p. Roland relayed that the city recently did a study of all 500K+ miles of streets in ABQ. They rated the street conditions & took photos which helped the planning dept develop a rehab plan. Unfortunatly the water utility authority (a separate

govt agency) is replacing 50 yr old pipe replacement and does not coordinate with city paving efforts. Sometimes repaving does not include concrete curbs – asphalt only.

- q. Comment about jet fumes in neighborhood. C-130s dumping fuel? North/South runway is not decommissioned and is still used occasionally (rarely).
- r. Suggestion for SEHNA to have a sign for the annual meeting to post outside meeting location. More signage needed. Taken under advisement by Board.
- s. Block captains discussion. No action.
- t. EULA – Enhanced Use Lease Agreement – mixed use development near base. Many improvements – will really enhance that area of Gibson, also n of Gibson to the housing area (Maxwell area) – for more info see KAFB website.

9. Adjourn – 8:15 pm

Minutes submitted by Mary Carter, Secretary