

ALVARADO GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES : MARCH 21, 2013

6:30pm Education Building at the Rio Grande Nature Center

Present: 37 people signed in. 60 chairs we occupied; We collected \$215 in membership payment fees (some residents paid more than the required \$5)

1. Welcome and Introduction of current AGNA Board Members

2. Treasurer's Report

Yolanda Homann, Treasurer, reported that we have a bank balance of \$1,524

3. Introduction of Guests and Elected Officials

County Commissioner Debbie O'Malley

City Councilor Isaac Benton (planning to run in our district this fall)

Senator Bill O'Neill

Marianna Padilla, Congresswoman Lujan Grisham's staff member

(**Note: Councilor Roxanna Meyers was invited and declined)

4. Presentation about our website, listserve and other communications avenues

Don Michaelis, Secretary, gave an overview and answered questions
The website is www.alvaradoneighborhood.com
People go there and sign up for the neighborhood alert list

5. Presentation about Community Activities

- Board Member Sallie Andrade-Cevera presented the idea of voluntary street landscape care and asked for sign-up from interested neighbors
- AGNA Member Kathy Chilton presented the idea of "Alvarado Academy", neighbors sharing expertise with neighbors, and passed around sign-up sheets. She plans to request funding from Bernalillo County to get it up and running.
- Board Member Yolanda Homann presented the idea that we organize a neighborhood clean-up dumpster and/or neighborhood shredder and passed around sign-up sheets
- We discussed the annual yard sale/block party for September. The Board will post information on the web site and listserv.

6. Presentation and Q/A about crime/traffic issues

Officer Padilla from North Valley Command reported/commented:

- We are a “very safe” neighborhood
- Suggests we request a “speed trailer” to be placed in the neighborhood to monitor speeders.
- Suggested we request “Extra Patrol” by calling 761-8800 if we are concerned about neighborhood safety

7. Planning/zoning/infrastructure discussion

-Yolanda Homann reported on the All Faith’s Home status: Day care is no longer at the facility. The building is currently used for Grief Counseling.

-Bob Poyourow brought us up-to-date on ABQ The Plan.

-Roundabout at Candelaria & Rio Grande Blvd. Carolyn Siegel, Pres., AGNA, noted that the roundabout issue is not yet resolved and that there are various viewpoints on the issue. She urged people to keep up to date on the issue, contact City Councilors and participate in the future discussions.

9.. The following three people were nominated and elected as Board Members

Patsy Catlett (2624 Campbell Rd NW)

Joan Lewis (2600 Veranda Rd NW)

Veronica Reed (2612 Oro Vista Rd NW)

**Note: Bill Wagner has resigned from the Board due to lack of time to participate.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM with thanks to the Rio Grande Nature Center for welcoming these neighbors to the meeting place.

Respectfully submitted by Don Michaelis, Secretary & Carolyn R. Siegel, Pres., AGNA