

2019 Alvarado Garden Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting  
March 30<sup>th</sup> 2010  
La Puerta Del Niño's  
3001 Trellis Road NW  
Albuquerque NM 87107

Meet and Greet and PIE!

Introduction and welcome

The meeting was called to order by Interim(?) President Diana Hunt

The Treasurers Report was presented by Treasurer Yolanda Homans

- Balance in the AGNA bank account = \$664
- Dues are voluntary
- Average Dues in Neighborhood Avocations in Albuquerque = \$ 20.00 annually
- AGNA dues are suggested at 10.00

Special Guest Speakers

Ike Benton, City Councilor

Councilor Ike Benton Reported on his support for:

- Living Minimum Wage in Albuquerque
- Rail Yards purchase by the city
- Homeless Facility of Tiny Homes planned for SE Albuquerque
- The progress on the Roundabout

Bill O'Neil, State Senator

Senator O'Neil reported on his support for:

- Education increased State budget
- Same day Voter Registration
- Ethics commission
- De-Criminalization of Marijuana
- State wide Minimum Wage Increase
- Campaign Finance Laws
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Debbie O'Malley County Commissioner

Commissioner O'Malley reported on:

- Progress on the Roundabout

- Bond Issue
- Tiny Homes for the Homeless
- Located at Zuni and Texas
- 30 units
- Not HUD funded
- Partners with. UNM and Local Carpenters Union 1319 and UNM for planning and construction
- Medical Clinical next door
- Ground breaking in May
- Model for other communities

#### Questions from Attendees

##### To Councilor Benton

What to expect from Rail yards purchased by the city for 7.5 million?

Rail Yards Market Farmers Market and Crafts – local and tourist attraction  
 Amazing Industrial Architecture preserved and asset for film industry  
 3 million dollars will be on roofs to protect the asset  
 Environmental remediation  
 CNN Domes School  
 Neighborhood support and engagement - Barrales

##### Roundabout Up Date

- There will be landscaping
- Center art in the Roundabout paid by % for the Arts
- Reach out to Rio Grande Conservancy District to find more info about Roundabout
- Contact Benton for updates
- PNM has finished their line movement for Roundabout.
- Water Authority has finished
- Gas Company still has to do their part.
- Then the Roundabout will begin.
- Who is the General Contractor? Not known
- They will finish at the end of the year. Schedule is fluid.

##### To Bill O'Neil

##### Gun Control

- Purchasers of firearms must pass the background check
- Domestic violence barred from owning /buying guns
- Sheriffs fighting it in rural NM
- Some Counties reversing the decision
- Legislature stood firm
- Resisted the NRA
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Time change to stop switching to Day Light Savings Plan - Pending

AGNA Received a funding grant for the neighborhood safety and traffic calming that we applied.

\$60,000 Grant goes to us

- For Candelaria traffic calming entrance for the Nature Center
- Speeding /Calming
- A traffic circle at Candelaria and Trellis
- A traffic circle at Candelaria and Glenwood
- A traffic slow down where the acequia crosses Candelaria
- Items are not specified but are for safety.
- Head of La Puerta De Los Niños gave out her number and said to call her and she will facilitate communication with parents of students regarding parking and speeding near La Puerta.

#### Debbie O'Malley

Traffic UPDATE - it continues

Traffic Committee – she is glad to work with us and the city, county on calming Initiatives and safety.

#### CABQ Crime Prevention /Neighborhood Watch/Neighborhood Watch

#### Laura Trujillo

Explains the process to set up Neighborhood Watch program in AGNA neighborhood

- How to proceed for a Neighborhood Watch on each block
- Simple to do
- CABQ Crime Prevention provides kits to begin
- CABQ also provides signage
- Contact by e mail [ljtrujillo@cabq.gov](mailto:ljtrujillo@cabq.gov)
- Please attend the neighborhood policing council every other third Thursday contact her for more information.

#### Announcements

- Candelaria Nature Preserve TAG Committee
  - Subcommittee of the Open Space of the City of Albuquerque
  - Funded by Federal Soil and Water Conservation Fund
  - Currently the use of Candelaria Farms is out of Compliance with SWC original plan
  - Plan committee TAG assigned the task to update the plan
  - Working for 2 years
  - Finally got the city to fund 2 advisors 1. Wildlife biology firm and 2. local architectural firm

- Goal : Preserve the land and return the area back to the original plan
- Purpose is to develop a mosaic of habitats for bio diversity.
- Outdoor recreation restricted and infrequent to preserve wildlife
- Working to find other types of funding to care for this aside from agriculture.
- Complex issue.
- In terms of the agriculture – Intention of the plan was not to have croplands.
- TAG trying to create wildlife habitat.
- Keep some agriculture for wintering sand hill cranes and other migratory animals.
- Recreate other wildlife habitats similar to Education. Area South of the Nature Center.
- Remove trash and invasive species replace with Native plant species.
- Meeting to open to the public April 11, 2019 230-430pm at Education Building at the Nature Center.
- Public Comment.
- Less Farming encourage the birds to come.
- How to pay for this is the complicated part.
- Budget discussion at the meeting on April 11, 2019
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#### Nature Center News and Updates

- Heather McGurdy - the new manager of the Nature Center –
- Rio Grande Nature Center State Park - the most visited Park in the state.
- Regularly Scheduled Bird Walks 830-10 am on Saturdays
- Also story- teller 1030 1130
- Nature Walks
- Herb Feast May 11- 12, 2018
- Nature Center a valuable asset to AGNA

#### Book Drive Kathy Chilton

- AGNA is the model for book drives
- 100s of books going to children in ABQ
- Book works will give a 20% discount if you buy a book to donate
- Put books in Kathy's porch
- We give about 10,000 books to children
- We put 8000 books on city buses
- Books also go to clinics
- You can request books to be placed in other locations – i.e. day care center, schools etc.

#### Great American Clean up Saturday April 27 2019

- Largest Nationwide improvement project
- City provides bags and gloves
- Volunteers needed

#### By Laws Melo King

- Every neighborhood association is required by the city to have and follow by laws.
- By laws explain how AGNA works
- Last updated in 2004 so they were revisited to be updated
- Cleaning up language
- Make it more understandable.
- Some references to nonprofit organizations were removed because AGNA is not a nonprofit.
- Membership definition - a single adult or a legal entity that lives or has a home or a business in the boundaries.
- Meetings will be proposed for specific days throughout the year.

AGNA Board recommends the change.

Does the AGNA vote to accept the revision?

Moved, Seconded and Accepted.

#### AGNA Board Elections

- Board members serve for 2 years.
- Board membership is staggered so half of the members are replaced or changed every two years.
- We seek To re-elect the following members:
  - Bruce Baumgartner
  - Yolanda Homans
  - Leroy Lehr
  - Diane (?)
  - Jill Schneider
  - Kathy Chilton
  - Carolyn Siegel
  - Diane Hunter (?)

We ask for nominations for these people to become board members:

1. Bob Potrouw
2. Jennifer James
3. Mike Dexter
4. Jimm Palmer

Above nominated and accepted.

#### Open Comments

Do we want to have a block Party and a block Party? Yes

What about the meeting area proposed for the corner of Trellis and Veranda?

We have asked for plants from the city via the Neighborwood Program. We were advised to re-apply next year.

Suggested that Rocks for seating would be better than installing a table and seats.

Discussion ensues about purpose and safety

Meeting was adjourned.