

Holiday Park Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

4/3/18

Meeting was called to order by Jack O'Guinn at 6:00pm

Welcome and introductions were made after the Pledge of Allegiance. 17 people present.

City Councilor Trudy Jones spoke. If you ever need her call 311 and ask to be connected to her office. Her assistant Aziza will be there. Trudy said she works for you in District 8 and the city overall. This is her third term in office. She was in commercial real estate. She probably wont run again and will happily help and communicate the job to anyone interested.

*This community center was her first project. After 18 months remodel funding was there to expand the building, rooms facing trees and grass, the gym facing the mountains and enlarge the parking lot.

*Juan Tabo library expanded, new carpet, shelves and parking.

*Bear Canyon Senior Center is a community center. Meals cooked on site for \$1.50-\$2.50, Thursday nights dancing. This center is very much used.

*Foothills police area command also remodeled. Replaced roof, parking, fencing, new gym, new bathrooms, bullet proof glass and signage (so you can find the building). Parking flow redone.

*Dog Park put in at Tramway and Montgomery.

*Upgrades to most parks = Academy park re-irrigate successfully, 2 walking trails and prescription trail for ADA standards.

*Raised the gross receipts tax 3/8 cent to mostly go to public safety. (police/fire/programs) City spending more than what was coming in. Had to raise the tax. Trudy is not a proponent of raising taxes, but it was necessary.

*Auditing social programs and if they are not doing what they committed to they are no longer getting tax dollars.

*APD crime down did a sting recently on freeway and caught over 100 drivers for speeding.

*Decriminalizing marijuana 1oz or less pay fine \$25.

*ABQ becoming a sanctuary city. ABQ cannot report a violent immigrant being released to ICE or any law authorities. Will lose 500k in federal grant money.

*ART six buses will be running in two weeks. There is federal money of 25 million coming once it is up and running. Central avenue was dying and was ugly. Large cities have booming downtowns we needed to revitalize down Central. Over 300 building permits for construction issued from the private sectors since ART started. Future buses to run Louisiana to Paseo, Central to sports complexes, Central to Tramway, and expand hours or operation for PopeJoy performances. Goal to increase public transit.

*Homeless or panhandling – ACLU suing the ABQ council. Once lawsuit is settled which ABQ council attorney feels like they will win then we can site people. We can't help if we enable them.

*DOJ has new command staff. Have to monitor APD for another 4 years. Nothing we can do about it.

*Alcoholic person – will respond with multiple resources AFD/APD/Police aide/Social worker.
*Crossing Guard at Tivoli and Mt Everest needed. It's part of our city budget. Crossing guard gets pay with benefits and unemployment/WC thru summer. Future budgets will go down and down. Will ask and need the community to pick up in this area. Training will be provided. Need involvement and personal responsibility for areas like these. Lawsuits can happen.
*This is not a career job. Watch politicians and see their agenda lines up with yours. Pay attention to candidates.

Minutes for 3/6 were approved with no changes made. Barbara Ann approved, and Joyce seconded. Vote and approval of minutes were complete.

Tim Englemann's Treasurer's report, 3 new members. Balance of \$479.64. Currently have 40 household members. That is 6%. Membership drive 4/8 and 4/15. Contact Tim if you can help.

First Annual Easter egg hunt was a huge success. Debra Herber was the lead in this. 38 children showed up, had over 500 eggs and so many donations. Even a raffle for adults.

Yard Sales on 5/5 from 8am – 1pm at the community center. Safe, ample parking, and assigned space for a fee. Ads in craigslist and city of Abq website and flyers to pass out. Need volunteers to take money and assign slots. Have a person who will take any items not wanted after event. Does anyone have a garage or storage trailer that donated items could be stored until event? Contact Jack if so.

Open discussion_

*Melanie Stansbury running for District 28 in November election. Introduced herself.
*Barbara Ann was a little concerned with yard sale. Maybe not enough attendance but HPNA is going through with it. The Easter Event was success hoping this will surprise us as well. Please take packet of flyers to pass out to advertise the yard sale.

Adjourned 7:17pm