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SRMNA

GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH 2007

Our general meeting of the SRMNA was called to order at 6:08pm in the cafeteria of the Susie Rayos Marmon Elementary school.

In attendance were Deaun Lewis, President, Annette Gonzalez, Vice President, Vicky Miera, Treasurer and Renate Sanders, Secretary.

The President welcomed the attending neighbors and advised that both Mayor Martin Chavez and Ed Adams were not able to attend ,but have promised to be present in August for our Annual National Night-Out at the park. Also, Senator Bernadette Sanchez had another commitment and sent a 1 page report to be read by the President .

Captain Candelaria and Councilor Ken Sanchez were announced as guests, to come later.

The Treasurer read the report, with an ending balance of only \$69.37, the lowest balance since the SRMNA inception.

This led to the President's report with the need to increase our membership and a plea for higher participation on the board. Currently, the board consists of 5 members only.

However, according to the City of Albuquerque, our neighborhood is one of the most active with the city and with 1440 homes is also one of the largest.

Due to low turnout the last 2 years for the Mayor's Annual Clean-up in our neighborhood on 04/28/07, the President advised that we could utilize the container at John Brooks.

We will be getting a second Sign Neighborhood Association Sign at Ladera and 72nd Street, thanks to Councilor Ken Sanchez, as well as median beautification on Ladera from 72nd Street to Ouray.

The President explained that Captain Candelaria is very involved in solving issues for us on the West Side.

She then went over the letter that Senator Bernadette Sanchez had sent to us. Of greatest importance for our neighborhood is the budget and timeline for construction of half the elementary school is finally in place. She did provide additional \$300,000 to help fund the library/media center. The portables were only

to have been used for 18 months. Construction will begin in November 2007 and the entire school will be built by December 2009.

At 6:25pm, Captain Candelaria and his assistant arrived and advised of the strong recruitment effort for additional officers. He mentioned the Police Service Aid as a good way to start young people to join the police force. He also recommended the Citizen's Police Academy as another way to get active in the community. He advised that a 6th Area command is being planned to help alleviate the shortages in officers on the West Side. He also commended Councilor Ken Sanchez for having sponsored legislation to support the police department.

He then presented the Annual Criminal Breakdown for our area, with crime and domestic activity down, however suspicious activity having gone up. Also, Auto theft increased from 14 vehicles in 2005 to 36 in 2006. Burglary also increased from 45 in 2005 to 68 in 2006.

Active Neighborhood watch needs to increase, only 11 streets in our neighborhood have active watches, out of 79. He encouraged us to get more neighbors involved.

The Q+ A session with him brought up graffiti along the AMAFCA park, as well as illegal ATV traffic even across the I-40 walkway. Speeding along Miami again was brought up. The need for a left turn Signal on Ouray and 57th Street, this was deferred to the city and we will look into this further. Also, we suggested another red light camera be placed on Quail for the East-West direction as well. He will follow up on these matters for us.

At 6:50 pm, Councilor Ken Sanchez arrived from another meeting and went over several issues he has been working on. He encouraged us all to support the Bond Issue for increase number of police officers to help keep them in New Mexico. He addressed the issues of red light camera fines, he is proposing a fine of \$75.00 for the first offense. He talked about the coming growth of the West side, with more development coming in along Central and Unser, such as a Target and more, the upcoming start of development of the Westland Land Grant that will have a major impact on the city.

In the Q+A session with Councilor Ken Sanchez, we had concerns about the clean-up of the AMAFCA trails, including doggie bag dispensers along the path. We may contact his assistant Elaine Romera at 768 3183.

The meeting ended at 7:45 pm.