

Eastern Sandoval Citizens Association

Minutes of Jan 15, 2018 Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by President George Franzen (GF) at the new location Placitas Community Library (PCL).
2. Board members present: GF; Christopher Daul (CD); John McNerney (JM); Dick Ulmer (DU); Richard Rief (RR); Diane Pellechio (DP); and Susan Fullas (SF). All board members were present. A quorum was present. Lynn Koch (LK) appeared at 6:35 pm
3. SF moved to accept the December 2017 meeting minutes. JM 2nd, the minutes were accepted.
4. Guests introduced themselves and were recorded in the sign-in sheet. They were Jim Harre (JH); Jodilynn Ortiz (JO); Kathy Bruch (KB); Lew Fisher (LF); Jean Roberts (JR); Gregory Bergmark (GB); Alan Friedman (AF); and Tony Pellechio (TP).
5. Monthly Reports:
 - a. Treasurer's Report: SF had both monthly and annual reports. For the Monthly Reports, she reported that as of 12/31/17 ES-CA had a balance of \$24,631.42 after dues for 33 members paid \$1,713.00, and interest of \$1.04 for total income of \$1714.04. Expenses include \$64.88 for the Gift Recognition Plaque, Insurance D&O (yr 3/3) cost of \$826.00 and legal fees related to updating the by-laws of \$96.85 for total expense of \$987.63. LPT has a balance as of 12/31/17 of \$33,434.26 including interest of \$1.37, and no reported expenses. For the Annual Reports, ES-CA reported income of \$8,040, expenses of \$3,889, with an annual surplus of \$4,150. Annual 2017 budgeted income: \$9,000 and actual: \$7,747, a (\$1,252) deficit. Annual 2017 budgeted expenses: \$9,000 and actual: \$3792, a \$5,207 surplus. LPT reported an income of \$12,423, expenses \$29,940, an annual deficit of (\$17,516). Annual 2017 budgeted expenses: \$15,450 and actual \$29,843, a (\$14,393) deficit. Annual budgeted income: \$15,450 and actual \$12,423, a (\$3,026) deficit. These over budget expenses were covered by the reserve. -CLOSED-
 - b. Membership: JH reports that he is engaged in moving the membership database to new software called "MemberShipWorks," the target date for having it online is 1/31/18. -OPEN-
 - c. IT: JH reported that with the new MemberShipWorks, renewals can be done totally online. Former Membership Chair Jerry Saxon sent out 44 renewal notices before leaving. SF and JH will get together between 1/20 and 1/29 to coordinate bringing the s/w online with the website. -OPEN-
 - d. Watchdog: LK was absent at the time this report was called. She appeared later and reported that through her Real Estate clients, she has been promoting ES-CA and has managed to recruit 3 new memberships. -OPEN-
 - e. Political/Communications Report: CD's report is attached. The main points were the publication by the Signpost of ES-CA's new meeting time and location, the State Legislative session begins Thursday and there are some pre-filed bills of interest to ES-CA, and the County Commission meeting for Thursday 1/18, the agenda is available and includes increasing PCL's State bonds and the Right-to-Work ordinance. The fall agenda is on the County website. Be sure to be very early to Commission meetings if you want to speak. There is also a pipeline issue, one of the pipeline owners wants to replace one (of three it owns and five overall) pipeline(s) that runs through Placitas to a different area. JO was present and asked to make a presentation. She has been working on pipeline issues in Placitas for over a year and has submitted a report to stakeholders that Placitas is currently in a state of emergency, all the pipelines in ES-CA's area are over 40 years old, this is age at which they begin to fail, and in fact one has failed downline from Sandoval County

but still within New Mexico. This is the pipeline that the owner, Enterprise, wants to replace. JO met with US Senator Tom Udall, Sandoval County Commissioner Holden-Rhodes, and Elaine Cimino of Common Ground. Her proposal is supported by the School District. She sent a model resolution to all the Sandoval County Commissioners based on water and safety. She envisions a collaboration between all the water users in the Albuquerque Basin. She has also presented to the Pueblos and plans to meet with Bernalillo Mayor Jack Torres. JO is attempting to have a 'State of Emergency' declared about the pipelines before they fail. She wants the stakeholders to meet so all can be on the same page. See attachment. -OPEN-

f. LPT & Buffalo Track Update: CD reports no activity since the mining issues were resolved. No report. -CLOSED-

6. Old Business: None to report. -CLOSED-

7. New Business:

a. Appointments for Corporation Officers, Committee Chairs, & Coordinators: JH duly elected by members of his district, District 3. DU moves to appoint those listed to the positions indicated, JM 2nds, unanimous. -CLOSED-

1. President - George Frantzen
2. Vice President - Dick Ulmer
3. Treasurer - Susan Fullas
4. Assistant Treasurer - Dianne Pellecio
5. Secretary/HOA Coalition & Membership Coordinator - Richard Reif
6. Political/Communication Coordinator - Chris Daul
7. Recording Secretary - John McNerney
8. IT Committee Chair - Jim Harre
9. Watchdog Committee Chair - Lynn Koch
10. Highway Cleanup Committee Chair - Irene Gale
11. Membership Data Entry Coordinator - Judy Labovitz

A separate committee to deal with Oil & Gas issues, similar to LPT, was suggested. CD suggested an Ad Hoc committee with Lew Fisher and Mike Neas who have been very interested in this issue for many months. To be discussed between GF and DU, and brought up at a future meeting. -OPEN-

b. Meeting Expenses for Facility Use: Some discussion was held about whether ES-CA should pay for the use of the facilities for its meetings, the Fire House last year and the Placitas Community Library for this coming year. \$300 was proposed for the Fire House to be paid to the Placitas Volunteer Fire Brigade (PVFB), and \$50/month (or \$600) for PCL. RR wondered do non-profits support other non-profits? The library, completely community funded except for books, can use the money. Some organizations donate to others, especially in the case of grants. Item 7. e: a letter from KUPR soliciting support as has been the case in the past two years, was brought into the discussion. ES-CA has given KUPR \$600 a year for the past 2 years, since its establishment. Does KUPR provide a community service? Their mission is similar to ES-CA's and PCL's, and they have offered to provide air time for interviews in service to ES-CA. How would ES-CA's membership feel when they learn that their membership fees are being given to KUPR or PCL for that matter. Meeting expenses are a professional cost of doing business, but neither the Fire House nor PCL has asked for rent or anything like it, this is strictly volunteer on the part of ES-CA. SF says \$300 for PVFB, \$600 for PCL, and \$600 for KUPR totals \$1500, which feels like a large expenditure. She proposed \$300 for each entity. She made this a motion, RR 2nd. Approved. -CLOSED-

c. Monthly Report Information for the Minutes: Is it appropriate to require a written report for any presentation? RR says, how about a proposed report for the agenda? GF says pre-meeting

reports could still be submitted, it could make a report for the minutes for old & new business. He asks presenters to submit an outline and more comprehensive reports for formal presentations. The whole purpose is to reduce the complexity of the taking and transcribing of minutes so that they could be presented more quickly after the meeting. -CLOSED-

d. Buffalo Tract Protection Act: GF has sent letters on behalf of ES-CA to NM US Senator Martin Heinrich and US Representative for NM CD1 Michele Lujan Grisham proposing legislation that would protect the Buffalo Tract and other natural resources. See attachments. The likelihood of any legislation being introduced and passed in the current environment is minimal, but it does send a message to the BLM. -CLOSED-

e. KUPR Letter asking for support. This issue was covered in 7. b: above. -CLOSED-

8. OPEN DISCUSSION: GF reports that he introduces himself as the President of ES-CA, but has no business cards. Several suggestions were tendered. The cost to produce a different card for each board member might be prohibitive and wasteful, and board membership is likely to change. CD produced a blank ES-CA card on the back of which individuals could place their contact information. LK said she might have some cards from prior printings. GF and LK will meet and explore it. -OPEN-

The need to redefine the districts was discussed, with emphasis on the easternmost part of Sandoval County on the East Side of the Sandias. This could be expanded into District 4 or even a District 5 could be created. Sandoval County residents in the East Mountains do not, for example, receive the Sandoval County Signpost. This needs to be studied further. -OPEN-

There was some mention of a USDA workshop for Bernalillo, Sandoval, and Los Alamos Counties. KB reports that this is really not the purview of ES-CA. It's a grant writing workshop about Agriculture, Health Care, and Tourism. -CLOSED-

CD welcomes a Pena Blanca resident, even though this is beyond ES-CA's boundaries.

There was open discussion on several other topics. LF remarked that the New Mexico Oil and Conservation Division oversees and has to approve energy drilling, it has a standard response. Casing failures overrule concerns about contamination. The earthquake issue should be brought into the conversation, DU remarks that the earthquake has some traction. He says there will be a presentation about this on Feb 18th in Placitas, see attachment. -CLOSED-

9. Next Meeting: Monday February 5, 2018 at the Placitas Public Library, 6:00pm.-CLOSED-

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:00pm. -CLOSED-

Respectfully submitted,
John McNerney, Secretary