

Eastern Sandoval Citizens Association

Minutes of May 7, 2018 Board Meeting

1 . Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by President George Franzen (GF) at the Placitas Community Library (PCL).

2 . Roll Call Present: GF; Christopher Daul (CD); Dick Ulmer (DU); Richard Rief (RR); Jim Harre (JH); Diane Pellechio (DP); and Susan Fullas (SF); Jacques Ramey (JR); Dick Ulmer (DU), John McNerney (JM). All Directors were present.

3. Acceptance of Minutes. Minutes are accepted.

4. Guests introduced themselves and were recorded in the sign-in sheet. They were Kathy Bruch (KB); Tony Pellechio (TP); Jean Roberts (JR); Wayne Gaede (WG); Lew Fisher (LF); Gale Fisher (GF); Elaine Cimino (EC); Allan Taylor (AT); John Calvin (JC); James Neal (JN); Maria Adang (MA); Peter Adang (PA); David Craig (DC); Juliet Jones (JJ); Alan Friedman (AF); and Randy Erickson (RE).

Peter Adang Representing Placitas P&Z and Citizens' Working Group approved by the County Commission presented a briefing to ESCA on the O&G Ordinance. A summary of his presentation is attached.

Randy Erickson Presented a briefing to ESCA on the O&G Ordinance. A summary of his presentation is attached.

Elaine Cimino Made a brief presentation on pipeline safety, noting a safety mitigation meeting of Common Ground and the Albuquerque Peace and Justice Commission on May 9 at 10AM 1021 Eubank in Albuquerque.

5. Monthly Reports

a . Treasurer's Report: SF had the Monthly Report, she reported that as of 4/30/2018 ESCA had a balance of \$25,352.08 after dues for 2 members in the amount of \$98.25 and interest of \$1.04 for total income of \$99.29. Expenses include \$25.35 for ESCA business cards for directors paid to Lynn Koch (LK), \$50 for annual membership in the PCC trade commission, \$62.35 to George Franzen for gifts and recognition plaques, and \$29.00 for MembershipWorks; Total expenses were \$166.70. LPT has a balance as of 4/30/18 of \$33,439.73 including interest of \$1.37, and no reported expenses. SF also reports receipt of a thank you letter from Marjorie Majka, attached.

b . Memberships Report: RR reported 129 paid members, including 5 since 4/1/18.

c . IT report: JH reported a training session with Kathy Kitts for GF so he could better understand the software and process.

d . HOA Coalition & BLM-Recreation: RR reported that he has not met since the last ESCA meeting. He has a list of HOA Coalition members, and that some HOAs are difficult to contact due to no public presence or web sites

e . Political/communication: CD reports an article from ESCA appears in the Signpost, no other report.

f. LPT: DU reported that the LPT Webpages have been reviewed & updated: the current balance was added to Contributions Page and the loss of embedded images repaired. -CLOSED- DU asked if ES-CA will be having a presence at the Placitas Appreciation Days (Saturday, 6/2). LPT contributions and gravel mining have been the primary emphasis last three years—this year would seem to need an Anti-Fracking and membership recruiting focus (including handouts for membership applications)

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Office Guidelines and Policy for ESCA: – GF and RR- Guidelines for each of the Director's duties were reviewed and are currently being corrected and formatted by RR. At the next closed session the guidelines will be reviewed and policies will be added. – Open - GF

b. Internal Audit: SF reports an internal audit of the books by Karen Cox has been completed, and an official letter with the specifics will be sent to the board via GF. -CLOSED-

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Inaccurate Fracking Ad on TV: Some ideas were proposed to counteract the ad and point out its inaccuracies and fallacies. It has spurred a conference on water at UNM on 5/19. RE reported that Greg Bergmark is involved. Some talk of placing an ad in the Albuquerque Journal and/or The Signpost took place. DU will explore what the cost. -OPEN-

b. Reassignment of Membership Chair and HOA Coalition Leader: GF exercised his President's prerogative and appointed DP this responsibility. DP will continue to be assistant treasurer and RR will remain the Corporate Secretary. - Closed

8. OPEN DISCUSSION

a. ESCA will sponsor the annual Candidates' Forum on 9/8 at the Placitas Presbyterian Church from 2pm to 4pm. We will host candidates for County seats and the NM legislative seat. Detail planning still remains. – Open – Board

b. ESCA needs a content manager for its website. JH takes care of the technical aspects, DP with membership (i.e., information to be sent to the membership through the website). Responsibility for content approval is GF, DU volunteered to edit it. -CLOSED-

c. What to do about the “Watchdog” function of ESCA Now that LK is no longer a Director. SF suggested disbanding it, it has outlived its usefulness. DU disagrees, this was what primarily attracted him to ESCA. It was agreed to do away with the committee approach but keep the 'Watchdog' brand. The theme is good even though it is no longer a functional entity. The 'Watchdog' page on the website needs to be updated—DU agreed to review. -Open -DU

d. ESCA was addressed by JJ concerning Crime in Placitas: J.J. is a Placitas resident, who complained about crime in her area, she reported being victimized three times by robbers and thieves. She reported that contacting the Sheriff's office had little effect. This would be a good issue to discuss with the candidates running for Sheriff. Could ESCA do a survey among the membership about anyone been victimized? DC reports that this is unnecessary just ask for an FOI on police or sheriff reports on crime in the area. This is easy, a record on a CD with information will be given upon request. With this in hand, we could mount some meaningful activity, such as adding it to the agenda of a County Commission meeting and going public with it. Open for further discussion. - Board

NEXT MEETING June 11th, 2018 6 PM at Placitas Library

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:30 PM

Submitted by John McNerney, 5/14/18.

To the ESCA Board,
a heartfelt
thank you for your
concern and support
for Ed during his
illness.

also, thank you
for your donation,
in his name, to
Watermelon Ranch
Animal Rescue.

Ed truly enjoyed
his involvement
with ESCA and
was sad to have
to step away. He
truly believed in
your organization.

Keep on watching
over Placitas. ESCA
is making progress!

Marjorie Inajka

The Citizen's Working Group (CWG) is comprised of 14 members as approved by the County Commission:

1. An Independent Leader (non-voting). Don Phillips is the Independent Leader (update: I was notified by David Craig, the Secretary of the CWG, after the ES-CA meeting that Don has resigned his position as Independent Leader)
2. 11 voting members chosen from different areas of the County
3. 2 County Support Liaisons, one of which has resigned and the other is Peter Adang

To date, there has been one meeting of the Citizen's Working Group. At that meeting they created 5 teams

1. Science Team – responsible for gathering science (as Peter indicated)
2. Ordinance Team – responsible for drafting the Ordinance (as Peter indicated)
3. Public Information Team (getting the word out)
4. Coordination team (to work with outside interested groups)
5. And a short-term Group – Rules and Procedures and Work Plan group, who has delivered a Rules and Procedures document back to the CWG.

About the Ordinance Team. (I'm a non-voting, citizen member)

The Ordinance team (created by the CWG as I mentioned above) has held 4 weekly meetings. And last weekend they held two 3-hour work sessions focusing on ordinance development. Their ordinance drafting work is fully underway and on track to meet the tentative deadline set by the Commission.

Peter Adang, Aparcio Herrera and John Arango participated in the first three meetings but have now indicated that they will produce a separate Ordinance -- separate from the one being drafted by the Ordinance Team.

Aparcio Herrera and John Arango are voting members of the Citizen's Working Group
Peter Adang is a "County Support Liaison" on the Citizen's Working Group.
Peter and Aparcio are current Planning and Zoning Commissioners.
John Arango is the former chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

There are currently approximately 19 citizens on the Ordinance Team. 4 of them are voting members of the Citizen's working group (not counting the 2 voting members who have left the Ordinance Team.)

This team, as with all teams of the Citizen's Working Group is open to the public and anyone can participate fully and equally.

The Ordinance team is using the "Sandoval Citizen's Ordinance" as their starting point in the ordinance development. That "Sandoval Citizen's Ordinance" was developed last summer and was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission last September. The P&Z took no action on that submitted Ordinance.

At this point the Ordinance Team has not tentatively decided to divide the County into three districts.

RE: Oil and Gas Ordinance Presentation to ES-CA

George:

Attached is the summary that you requested for a presentation to ES-CA.

PJAdang

**SUMMARY REPORT ON THE PROPOSED
NEW SANDOVAL COUNTY OIL AND GAS ORDINANCE**

1. Background:

2. In January, the County Commission voted down the so-called Stoddard Amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance

--The amendment would have made oil and gas production a permissive use throughout the County

a) Also, the County Commission voted to defer final action on any new oil and gas proposal until after receipt of the New Mexico Tech report that was commissioned last year (due in May)

a) March 15th, the County Commission appointed a Citizens' Working Group (CWG) to begin work on a new proposed oil and gas ordinance.

1. Citizens' Working Group:

2. The CWG group appointed was composed of 15 members representing various geographic areas of the County, pueblos located within the County and two members of the P&Z Commission

a) The CWG was tasked with the responsibility of drafting another version of an oil and gas ordinance

a) The time line for the CWG is to have a completed proposal 4 months from March 15th

a) The CWG proposal is to be submitted to the P&Z Commission which presumably will review, possibly amend and pass it on to the County Commission with a recommendation

a) It is presumed that, during this process, the proposal will be vetted by the County's legal staff

a) The final decision on the ordinance will be made by the County Commission presumably after one or more public meetings.

1. Current status of the CWG:

2. The CWG held its first meeting on April 5th. Don Phillips is the chair and John Arango the vice-chair

a) Meetings of the CWG are open to the public and being held at the Bernalillo Transit Center

a) At the kick-off meeting, the CWG split into two subcommittees—a science subcommittee and an ordinance drafting subcommittee

a) The science subcommittee will gather as much material as is available on the geology of Sandoval County, the location of fresh water aquifers, oil and gas production by non-conventional methods (directional drilling and fracking), the potential hazards of oil and gas production by non-conventional methods and environmental problems experienced in other areas where non-conventional production methods are being used. The task of the drafting subcommittee is self-evident.

a) The drafting subcommittee has tentatively decided (on a suggestion by the science subcommittee) to divide the County into three districts for oil and gas production regulation

- District A will consist of the San Juan Basin

- District C will consist of the Middle Rio Grande (Albuquerque Basin)

- District B will be the area of the County between the San Juan Basin and Middle Rio Grande districts

a) It is expected that, in the final version of the ordinance, the fewest restriction on oil and gas production will be in the San Juan Basin

- More restrictions will be placed on the activity in the transition zone between the basins

- There may be a complete prohibition on the activity in the Middle Rio Grande Basin