

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Minutes, October 1, 2018 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by George Franzen, President, at the Placitas Community Library.

Members present were John McNerney, Diane Pellechio, Jacques Ramey, Richard Reif, and Dick Ulmer. Absent were Susan Fullas, Jim Harre, and Chris Daul (leave of absence). A quorum was present.

Minutes of the September 10, 2018 board meeting were accepted as corrected.

Guests present were Erica Wendel-Oglesby, Chris Daul, Scott Gullett, Mark Brown, and Michael Carpenter.

REPORTS & SPEAKERS

Erica Wendel-Oglesby reported on the Sandoval Regional Medical Center (SRMC) Board meeting. The SRMC is requesting a mil levy of approximately \$63 per year per \$100,000 property evaluation. Poster will be available explaining the proposal. The SRMC Board wants to upgrade SRMC to a Level 3 Trauma Center, which requires a surgeon and anesthesiologist to be on duty 24/7. In addition, the mil levy will permit the SRMC Board to reestablish a behavioral health unit. Erica reported that the mil levy involves only SRMC, and no other units. The ESCA board approved a link on the ESCA website to "Friends of Sandoval Regional Medical Center" for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report: Diane Pellechio reported an ESCA balance of \$26,504.73 and a LPT balance of \$33,521.73. A summary of income and expenses for September 2018 is attached to the minutes.

Membership and HOA report: Diane Pellechio reported that ESCA currently has 180 single and 30 joint memberships. An email blast has been sent to all members in arrears, with a deadline for response of October 8. Diane agreed to follow up on those who do not respond to MembershipWorks reminders. The membership report is attached to the minutes. Diane reported no further progress on the HOA coalition.

IT Report: No report

BLM Report: No report

LPT Report: Dick Ulmer reported that he has received no response from Sandoval County regarding a status report from Vulcan Materials on reclamation. Regarding the Bed and Breakfast issue, Dick filed an appeal of the Planning and Zoning ruling with the County Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Office Guidelines: George Franzen set October 15 as the deadline for the finished document to be distributed to the Board. A fifteen day examination period will follow. - Open
- George

Policy on Membership Roster: Diane described earlier the process for reminding members to renew memberships and for adding ESCA district information to member files. -- Open -- Diane

Annual Meeting Planning: George Franzen announced that the ESCA Annual Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, October 20, at the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church, and that early voting will be occurring at that time in the Church Fellowship Hall. The speaker for the meeting will be Don Phillips, who will speak on the water and fracking issue in the Albuquerque Basin. Dick Ulmer will provide video projector and screen. Dick Ulmer prepared an ESCA poster or flier for the annual meeting. Diane Pellechio moved that the handout be distributed at the annual meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The need for an agenda was discussed. George will prepare an agenda with short verbal committee reports. -- Closed

Candidate Forum Review: The Board discussed the pros and cons of posting the video made at the Forum. ESCA will not post the video until after the election. George Franzen will incorporate the after-action notes he provided at the last meeting into the Forum checklist. -- Closed

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Replacement of Board Member for 2019: George Franzen announced that ESCA will have to replace two, and possibly three, board members. He has prepared an announcement to be sent out to the membership via an email blast. The board agreed with this procedure.

Accomplishments and Ongoing Activities: Dick Ulmer prepared a document describing ESCA accomplishments and on-going activities. Diana Pellechio moved to print the document on the back of the flier to be distributed at the annual membership meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The document is attached to these minutes.

There being no further business or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be at 6:00 pm on November 8, 2018, at the Placitas Community Library.

Minutes prepared by Richard Reif, Secretary

ES-CA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Trash Talk--ESCA was the organization that produced the Waste Management Survey and fought the battle, along with hundreds of Placitas residents, to convince the County Commission to remove Placitas from the single company monopoly for trash pickup.

County Resolution Against Additional Mining in Placitas Area to share with state and Federal officials in support of ES-CA desire that the attractiveness of our community returns to its prior status as an economic force for both the County and New Mexico.

Placitas Economics White Paper – Developed with Las Placitas Association (LPA) a white paper-- “Land of Enchantment or Gravel” —a discussion of the substantial economic potential of Placitas and its advantage/importance to the State which has been subsequently shared with County, State and Federal officials.

Air Monitoring—Convinced NMED to place a particulate monitoring device and collect 2 years of data to demonstrate current air quality and create baseline for more accurate modeling of the potential cumulative impact of additional mining.

Lafarge—pushed NMED for mine inspections resulting in substantial fines and testing of holding ponds to ensure no pollution into aquifer, and the County to sue for violations of zoning permit resulting in settlement with current owner Vulcan which establishes court sanctioned phase out of all mining operations and reclamation of mined areas.

Fisher-- Through compromise meetings individually with Fisher and the town of Bernalillo, and member turn out to Town Council Meetings, Fisher area annexed and permitted to mine gravel, but required to donate land and materials for flood prevention dam above Bernalillo, and term-limited to 7 years of mining.

I25 exit work with NMDOT to get changes made to original plan and implemented result to improve safety and usability for our residents.

Since 20XX [?] Adopt-A-Highway clean-up of 165 highway 1st mile into Placitas by ES-CA volunteers ..."clean streets, clean government"

Removal of Placitas by NM Legislature from unfair ESCAFCA Taxation

ONGOING ACTIVITY

ESCA has formally taken a position of “NO Fracking in the Albuquerque Basin” with County Commissioners and supports Don Phillips who has been a significant force in providing the geological evidence that demonstrates the unacceptable threats to our water supply in the Albuquerque Basin Pipeline Safety and contradicts the “trust us, we have the experts” testimony of the oil and gas producers.

The ES-CA Land Protection Trust continues its work with the County and Vulcan and involve surrounding residents most affected in order to minimize impact of remaining mining operations.

ESCA partnering with LPA to solicit the New Mexico delegation (U.S. Senate and House) support and assistance in prohibiting the BLM from selling or leasing any area of the Buffalo Tract for mineral exploration, mining or drilling. This area should be considered an “urban interface” offering recreational and natural wonder appreciation opportunities similar to Colorado Springs “Garden of the Gods.” ‘

ESCA also remains active with LPA on Pipeline Safety issues in the Placitas area and to raise the safety level from rural used in the 1950 original installation to "High Consequence Area".

SEPTEMBER 2018 ESCA FINANCIAL REPORTS

ESCA

09.30.18 Balance 26,504.73

INCOME

Dues (17) 703.56

Interest 1.08

Total Inc. 704.64

EXPENSES

MWorks Sept 29.00

iContact 150.12

I Themes 80.00

Church forum 75.00

Signpost forum AD 172.80

Total Exp. 506.92

LPT

08.31.18 Balance 33,521.73

INCOME

Interest 1.37

October 1, 2018 Membership report

We have 180 standard memberships

30 joint memberships

Jim sent out an email blast to members that were in arrears. I had one couple state they wish to be removed from the list, which I did, and received 3 responses that they would rejoin.

With 17 stipe payments for September, some of those could have been in response to the email. The members who received the email have until October 8th to respond to the email or just pay online. After that I think we should send another email saying they would be deleted, but that we hope they would reconsider joining once again in the near future.