

**EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
4:00 PM  
Placitas Community Library HWY 165**

1. Meeting was called to order 4:02pm
2. Roll Call. The following Directors were present: Richard Rief, Peter Adang, George Franzen, John McNerney, Wayne Gaede, Scott Gullett, Jacques Ramey. The following Director was absent: Jim Harre. A quorum was present.
3. Acceptance of minutes. Minutes from February 10, 2020 were accepted without modification.
4. Introduction of Guests. The following guests were present: Chris Daul, Maria Adang, County Commissioner Kathy Bruch, and Bob Wilkins.
5. MONTHLY REPORT –ISSUES - UPDATES
  - A. Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer’s Report: Wayne Gaede reported that as of 1/31/20 ESCA balance was \$27,494.34. Income includes dues for \$475.00 and interest of \$1.09 for a total of \$476.09. Expenses were bank fees \$11.96. Ending ESCA balance on 2/29/20 is \$27,958.47. As of 1/31/20 LPT balance was \$31,739.76. There were no expenses for the month. Income from interest was \$1.25. The LPT balance on 2/29/20 is \$31,741.01. Wayne Gullett discussed the format of the YTD reports. We also received a financial audit report from Karen Cox. The report is accurate and up to date. Richard Reif agreed the audit need signature and he was going to take care of that –OPEN Richard Reif-
  - B. IT Report. Jim Harre was absent. George Franzen reported that he had a report from Jim Harre that we had 107 individual memberships and 53 joint memberships for a total of 160 memberships. There were 7 members whose membership had expired. Wayne Gaede had corrected the Jim Neal membership by email. He had paid in November yet received a renewal notice recently. He was credited with \$150 joint membership renewal plus a \$50 donation to ESCA. The \$150 joint membership payment is for 2 years. GF received a report from JH that memberships from Mary-Rose Szoka and Steve Vaughn were corrected. We are still waiting to hear from Mike Neas, Kathy Kitts, and Sandy Johnson.
  - C. Membership Chair & HOA Coalition Report. Scott Gullett has some things to report about Membership. He called the Signpost and is looking for material for the Facebook page. We put the same material on Facebook and the Signpost. He is working on the trifold. Scott Gullett will send the trifold out to everyone before publishing.

D. LPT Report. One of the guests, Bob Wilkins, is on the LPT board. George Franzen reports that Mary-Rose Szarka in Washington wrote a letter to both the US House and Senate Committees, and Sandy Johnson read the letter at the County Commissioners meeting and read entered into the County records. This is so if the Vulcan team “misspeaks” saying they have coordinated with the community and that it has community support that it is clear that this is not the case. Bob Wilkins reports that Vulcan plans to mine on the Buffalo Tract when they are finished their current project, assuming they obtain a permit to mine the area. Sandy Johnson gave a copy of the letter to each of the County Commissioners. Sandy Johnson gave a copy of the letter to each of the County Commissioners. Letter is attached.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Practices For Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. George Franzen thanks Peter Adang for his work in editing these practices. Everything done was sent to all Directors. -CLOSED-
- B. Independent financial review of ESCA financial records. Wayne Gaede reports that it has been completed. There were not any recommendations for changes. Attached. -CLOSED-
- C. Simple tri-fold brochure. Scott Gullett has mentioned that he will send proposals to all Directors. -OPEN-
- D. Not on the agenda. County Commissioner Kathy Bruch had comments. She reiterates that the County’s position has been in support of maintaining the Buffalo Tract for recreational purposes. When in Washington, she brought this up to the NM delegation. George Franzen will notify Mary-Rose Szarka about that. Kathy Bruch also mentioned that the info in the Signpost was also addressed in the Rio Rancho Observer.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. ESCA Corporate Resolution on oil and gas development and production in the middle Rio Grande Basin. The resolution has been sent out to the Directors. No one has any recommended changes. Wayne Gaede moves to accept the resolution, John McNerney 2nds, unanimously approved. The date will be 3-9-20. RR will scan them and send them to the Directors and archive the originals. -CLOSED-
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- D. Appoint a District 1 ESCA Board Member. George Franzen asks if everyone read 4.9. He read the last sentence, “At the board’s discretion, District Director vacancies may be filled by an at-large Director until the next election.” The at-large Director must live in the district. GF has asked Peter Adang if he is willing to accept the challenge of becoming the District 1 Director, and he

accepted. Scott Gullett so moves and Wayne Gaede 2nds. Unanimous with Peter Adang abstaining. -CLOSE-

- E. Appoint an At Large Director for the ESCA Board. We now have a vacancy in the at-large Director. George Franzen has asked Bob Wilkins if he would be willing to accept. Bob Wilkins qualified. He moved to NM in 2016 He is a former lawyer for 28 years in NY, NJ, and MI; practiced law in the field of property, casualty, and insurance defending people who were being sued; is admitted to the NM Bar; and is on the Sundance HOA board and the Chair of the Sandoval County Ethics Board. He is the liaison between the Sundance HOA and Vulcan Mining. Scott Gullett so moves, Wayne Gullett 2nds. Unanimously approved. Peter Adang agrees to move up to VP of the ESCA Board of Directors. Richard Reif moves, Scott Gullett 2nds. Unanimously approved. -CLOSED- George Franzen reports that another member for LPT needs to be appointed. -OPEN-
- F. Brick for the Placitas Library in memory of Dick Ulmer from ESCA. Richard Reif will find an appropriate quote for the brick. -OPEN-

#### 8. OPEN DISCUSSION

P&Z met and tabled a request for re-zoning the “Merc area” from commercial use to higher density multifamily residence use. Directors were polled for comments. Generally, Directors believed that the Commission would not be swayed by any argument other than revenue and were generally opposed. There are other issues, notably water issues. The application was vague and could be interpreted to mean hundreds of apartments or town houses. There are discrepancies with the acreage in the proposal. It conflicts with the existing Placitas Area Plan. Two prior multiple family projects didn’t happen. George Franzen suggests a survey of ESCA membership and HOA coalition and present those results to the P&Z. George Franzen asked Peter Adang to work up a document with the factual objections to the proposal and present it on behalf of ESCA. Peter Adang reports that he believes the issue will be ongoing for months. Kathy Bruch offered comments upon the polling, ESCA has a small membership which might not align with the wishes of the community as a whole. She was unable to comment upon the issue directly because it may come up before the Commission soon. -OPEN-

Article for 1 April 2020 Signpost. Scott Gullett will send an article with the letter we sent the County and Congressional Committees, with a history of the letter.

#### 9. Adjournment

Next meeting 13 April 2020, at the Placitas Community Library, **AT 4:00PM**