

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

8 Feb 2021

4:00 PM

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM on 8 Feb 2021
2. Roll Call: Present were George Franzen, Peter Adang, John McNerney, Richard Reif, Wayne Gaede, Jim Wiesner, Jean Roberts, and Jim Harre. Jacques Ramey was absent. A quorum was present.
3. Acceptance of minutes: Minutes have been reviewed and accepted.
4. Introduction of Guests: Sandoval County Commissioner Kathy Bruch and Chris Daul were in attendance.
5. MONTHLY REPORT
 - A. Treasurer's Report: Wayne Gaede reported a balance on Jan 31 of \$31,381.49 after additions of \$425.00 for 10 memberships and \$0.26 interest, and expenses of \$750.00 payment for insurance premiums and bank fees of \$8.46. There are some annual renewals for internet fees that were up in January, but weren't paid until after Jan 31, so they will appear in the February report. LPT had a balance on Jan 31 of \$32,497.67 after addition of \$0.27 interest and no expenses. Details attached.
 - B. IT Report: Jim Harre reports that ESCA had 7 renewals last month. ESCA has 114 current paying members and 49 joint members for 163 voting memberships. The calendar on the website has been updated for the year, with meetings etc scheduled.
 - C. LPT Report: George Franzen reported that US Senators from New Mexico Heinrich and Lujan have introduced a new Buffalo Tract Protection Act, SB180, to replace the one that expired with the last Congress. We will be asking US Representative from New Mexico CD1 Deb Haaland to introduce a House version.
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Investment of ESCA funds: This is still under advisement. ESCA is entertaining several investment options. One suggestion was to keep the money local by investing in local credit unions. Moving the ESCA account from US Bank to Nusenda or U.S. Eagle CU will be investing locally. Wayne Gaede will gather information on interest rates and other issues related to transferring our accounts. -OPEN- Wayne Gaede.
 - B. 501 C (4) information and survey results:
 1. The President of ESCA will reply to each individual and their suggestions sent to ESCA.
 2. Environmental, gravel mining, air quality and reclamation of mining areas. We are deeply involved in reducing and eliminating gravel mining. We will put information on the home page of our website for public awareness. -Jim Harre- open
 3. We will monitor the trapping bills currently in the state Government-George Franzen- open

4. Create a public park in Placitas with playground equipment and sports courts. Could ESCA request one from the County? Commissioner Bruch reports that the county has no suitable land for this purpose, nor a Parks and Recreation division, that is, the infrastructure to do a public park.
5. As for cleaning up the eyesore on NM165 near to the Presbyterian Church, there is work being done on that issue and the county is involved, but it is moving slowly.
6. State Road 165 extends to Sandia Crest, can it be improved east of where the pavement ends. Commissioner Kathy Bruch reports that it goes through an area of National Wilderness Area and it remains unlikely to be improved.
7. An ESCA mission is one of environmental surety for the residents. It is being addressed in several venues. Is earthquake insurance a necessity for Placitas? It is reported that the geology of the area is very fractured, but the risk of a tremor is low to moderate(3.0 or lower). And it is really the purview of the insurance companies to address this issue
8. A suggestion was to implement a vaccination program. George Franzen reports that this is beyond the mission of ESCA, especially in view of the federal, state, and county response to this issue. Commissioner Kathy Bruch reports that there is a person who covers county residents named Barbara Butcher.
9. A suggestion to build a pickleball court. Wayne Gaede reports that this has come up before, in the 1990s. The land proposed at the time was unsuitable for home building since it was the former Bernalillo trash dump. Since the land was not being used, the Placitas Trails HOA examined the possibility of using it for recreation. In view of the liability involved with taking ownership of the contents of the dump, and the expense involved with obtaining insurance against injury to the recreationists, the HOA decided it was not feasible to consider the proposal at that time. George Franzen went to look at an existing tennis-pickleball court that Anasazi HOA owns. It is not publicly available. Peter Adang reports that creating a recreational facility is beyond the mission of ESCA. George Franzen will connect Michael Sare and the President of the Anasazi HOA.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. OPEN DISCUSSION

Article for March 2021 Signpost: George Franzen and Jean Roberts will work on it.

9. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:05PM.

Next meeting 8 March 2021, Virtual zoom meeting, **AT 4:00PM**