

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
12 July 2021
4:00 PM

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.
2. Roll Call: The following Directors were present: George Franzen, Jean Roberts, Jacques Ramey, Jim Wiesner, Richard Reif, Peter Adang, Jim Harre, Wayne Gaede, and John McNerney. A quorum was present.
3. Acceptance of minutes: Minutes from last month were accepted.
4. Introduction of Guests: Land Protection Use Board Members Stephen Vaughan and Mary Rose de Valladares. Michael Madden, Chris Daul, and Judy Labovitz. Jacques Ramey introduced Michael Madden who made some comments. Michael Madden is very active in community affairs on the Eastern Side of the Mountain, he is the chair of a group of volunteers that are building hiking trail on the east side of the Sandia Mountain. They are working with the National Forest Service to build a trail to connect with the west side of the mountain. Also, they are looking at the potential trails in the Buffalo Tract and Albuquerque open space. ESCA's President has agreed to sit in on their meeting and will keep the ESCA Board up to date on their progress.
5. MONTHLY REPORT
 - A. Treasurer's Report: Wayne Gaede reported a balance on May 31 of \$32,199.59. After additions of \$250.00 for 6 memberships for the month of June and \$0.26 interest, and expenses of \$166.00 postal fees including annual box rental, \$59.00 for spam filtering software for Wordpress, and \$5.98 for bank fees, the balance on June 30 is \$32,218.87. LPT had a balance on May 30 of \$32,498.71. After addition of \$0.26 interest and no expenses, the balance on June 30 is \$32,498.97. Details attached.
 - B. IT Report: Jim Harre reported that ESCA had one membership downgrade from joint to one regular membership, 5 renewals, and one new member, Sarah Sternberger. ESCA now has 107 regular memberships, 46 joint memberships for 153 voting members.
 - C. LPT Report: George Franzen has nothing new, except to mention that LPT and LPA have similar missions and goals, especially to keep the Buffalo Tract open for recreation. We submitted letters from ESCA and LPA to Representative Melanie Stansbury to re-introduce U.S. House Bill 2640 into the new congress. The bill would withdraw mineral mining on the Buffalo Tract.
6. OLD BUSINESS

Make Changes to By-Laws & Articles of Incorporation so ESCA can donate money: Jim Harre reports that the question was sent out to the voting members. 123 responded, 113 voted YES and 10 voted NO. The motion did carry. We need to amend our by-laws and Articles of Incorporation to allow ESCA to donate money to other qualifying charitable organizations. Wayne Gaede reported some feedback from voting members about how ESCA spends its money, and why ESCA has so much money. George Franzen responded to those members. George Franzen asks Peter Adang to write

the necessary addendums and procedures along with a form to achieve these objectives. -OPEN, Peter Adang-

7. OPEN DISCUSSION: Article for the August Signpost. ESCA has approved the motion, with percentages. ESCA has sent letters to our Representatives requesting introduction of a bill to maintain the Buffalo Tract for recreation. The Field Manager Kym Gresset at the BLM has told Mary Rose de Valladares that the Washington office wants to provide guidance to the local office on policy issues. Jean Roberts will write it up.

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

Next meeting 9 August 2021, Virtual zoom meeting AT **4:00PM**