

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS de ALBUQUERQUE
6718 RIO GRANDE BOULEVARD N.W.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MARCH 8, 2010 -7:00 p.m.

Present:

Larry P. Abraham, Mayor
Donald T. Lopez, Trustee/Mayor Pro-Tem
Pablo R. Rael, Trustee
Tim McDonough, Trustee

Kelly S. Ward, Administrator
Annabelle Silvas, Clerk

Absent Excused: Mary Homan, Trustee

1. OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Oath of Office was given by Judge Victoria Garcia to the newly re-elected officials Trustee Don Lopez and Trustee Pablo Rael.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abraham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Trustee Lopez moved approval of the agenda. Trustee Rael seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried 3-0.

3. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

A. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2010-3-1 – OPEN MEETINGS ACT

MOTION: Trustee Lopez moved approval of Resolution No. 2010-3-1. Trustee Rael 2nd the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: McDonough-aye; Lopez-aye; Rael-aye.

VOTE: The motion carried 3-0.

B. APPOINTMENT; TERMS, APPOINTED OFFICERS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE OFFICERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND CONFIRMED BY GOVERNING BODY AT THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD EVERY TWO (2) YEARS FOLLOWING REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS [PURSUANT TO NMSA § 3-11-5]

1. APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

Mayor Abraham listed the exempt employees: Kelly Ward, Administrator; Annabelle Silvas, Clerk; and Linda Seebach, Planning and Zoning Director.

MOTION: **Trustee Lopez** moved approval of the appointment of exempt Village Employees. **Trustee Rael** seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried 3-0.

2. NOMINATION BY GOVERNING BODY OF MAYOR PRO TEM

MOTION: **Trustee Rael** moved to nominate **Don Lopez** as Mayor Pro Tem. **Trustee McDonough** seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried 3-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - (PLEASE SIGN IN WITH THE CLERK IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN ITEM THAT IS NOT ALREADY ON THIS AGENDA)

Deborah Gavel said she is an artist in Albuquerque in the Duranes neighborhood. She said she is organizing a project of international artists called “A Prayer for Juarez and West Mesa” and is asking artists to make projects which will be ongoing this month. Part of the project will be at the Center for Peace and Justice at 202 Harvard Street. The gallery space is on Carlisle Road at 1022 Carlisle Road. There is also a community project just north of Ranchitos and Rio Grande. She said she would like to encourage people in the Village to come to a simple ceremony in the Village on Sunday, March 21st at 2:00 p.m. where names of the girls from Juarez and West Mesa murders will be read.

Trustee Lopez asked how the property for the project was selected.

Ms. Gavel stated that she asked the neighbors of the space, Mr. Vigil, and said he told her someone named Bobby owned it. She said she approached Bobby about the project and agreed to the use of the property.

Trustee Lopez asked if she expected to drive into the property for the ceremony.

Ms. Gavel said she did not want anyone to drive inside because it is a perennial alpha field.

Mayor Abraham asked what else the Village would see between March 8 and March 21 on the property.

Ms. Gavel said artists will be setting up approximately twenty temporary sculptural pieces and flowers will be brought on-site as a simple expression of honor.

Mayor Abraham asked Administrator Ward if there were any zoning concerns for the project.

Administrator Ward said a special events permit release for the project. He asked Ms. Gavel how many people she expected to come to the ceremony.

Ms. Gavel said she did not know but hoped that at least 50 people attended the ceremony. She said parking would be on the street and the event would probably last a total of a couple of hours. She said the whole project would be set-up and torn down by the end of the month of March.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque this _____ day of _____, 2010.

ATTEST:

Annabelle Silvas, Village Clerk