

Neighborhood News

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Richard J. Berry
Mayor of Albuquerque



ABQ the Plan

ABQ the PLAN is Mayor Berry's long term plan to invest in the future of Albuquerque. ABQ the Plan is about large scale public projects that will increase quality of life for residents, enhance economic development opportunities, promote tourism and spur private sector investments.



Albuquerque's Rio Grande Vision

Connect-Protect-Excite!

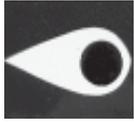
Just imagine ... walking down to the river with your dog ... renting a boat and kayaking down the river ... buying a cup of coffee and reading the paper on a bench along a river boardwalk ... gathering with friends for a picnic on the waterfront.

Albuquerque's **Rio Grande Vision (RGV)** is about connecting Albuquerque to the river, while protecting the spectacular amenity and resource that flows through the heart of our community. The City hired Dekker/Perich/Sabatini and their team of planners, engineers, designers, scientists and economists to evaluate conditions, reach out to the community and develop concepts that will protect the Rio Grande while making it an integral part of our lives.

Based on extensive research and public input, the planning team has developed concepts for improvements along the river corridor that will protect the river, provide better physical connections to the river and create new ways for people to experience the river. In the December Town Hall meetings the planning team presented a draft of the Vision Principles and solicited public comment on the latest concepts, which include, but are not limited to, boardwalks, parks, better signage and parking, boat ramps, better bike and pedestrian crossings, viewing platforms and consolidated paths. The public was also asked to comment on a preliminary Corridor Plan that illustrates the extent of improvements and where they might go.

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“Dedicated to Providing Information About City Government and
Increasing Communication Between Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Associations.”



**APD Crime
Prevention**

Submitted By Steve Sink



Holiday Safety

Shopping and Out in Public

- Always be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts.
- Give some thought to what is considered “normal behavior” in a given environment. Ex. People do not typically stand around in parking lots. If you notice a suspicious person or activity in a parking lot, return to the store, ask for an escort and/or notify security or store personnel.
- Always be aware of other people around you and make note of their behavior.
- Walk with authority, purpose and awareness.
- Park your vehicle as close to an entrance as possible and/or park in well lit and active locations.
- Lock all personal items in the trunk or away from view – roll up windows, take the keys and lock the doors.
- Keep all items inside your vehicle away from view. Anything in full view could potentially be a target of opportunity.
- Have your keys ready when approaching your vehicle and limit the number of items in your hands.
- Get in your vehicle as soon as possible, lock the doors immediately and then get settled. (Note: Continue to be aware of persons in your area and keep your doors locked until you reach your next destination.)
- Remove all visible targets that might make you a victim of a crime - **WOMEN SHOULD NEVER CARRY A PURSE IN PUBLIC.** Rather, carry only those items necessary for a particular trip. (Ex. Drivers license, medical card, some form of payment, like a debt card and a little bit of money.) Carry these items concealed from view.

- If you choose to carry a defensive device like pepper spray – have proper training.
- **Panhandlers** – Avoid panhandlers when ever possible. Their behavior could be potentially unpredictable. Do not give them cash or offer any kind of substitute, like food or other types of assistance. In most cases, cash will not be used for what they are suggesting. It will typically be used to support a substance abuse habit. (Note: If you want to assist them make a donation to one of several service providers available.)

Securing Your Residence Prior to Holiday Travel

- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your residence and report suspicious activity.
- If possible, have a trusted friend or family member stay at your home.
- Install automatic timers on lights, TV’s and radios to give the impression someone is home.
- Do not have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. This information could fall into the wrong hands. Ask the trusted neighbor to collect them each day.
- If you have a rollout trash dumpster have a neighbor place it in the street on pick up day and return it that evening.
- Ask a neighbor to park a vehicle in the driveway when ever possible.
- Be extra cautious about locking all doors and windows. All primary window locks should be operational and secondary locks should be installed.
- Make sure trees and shrubs are trimmed to allow for good natural surveillance of your property.
- Make arrangements to have exterior lights on each night.
- Each entrance should have solid core or metal doors and deadbolt locks.
- Let neighbors, family and friends know when you plan to return from a trip.

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The City appreciates your help in defining the Rio Grande Vision and developing a plan that will connect, protect and excite the entire community.



50-Mile Trail Loop

Albuquerque has about 160 miles of multi-use trails and 310 miles of on-street bike lanes, routes and boulevards.

Just imagine ... connecting those pieces to create a 50-mile bicycling, running and walking trail with amenities like benches, shade structures, water fountains, landscaping, pocket parks, signage, etc. Imagine a healthier community and a destination for tourists.

The 50-Mile Trail Loop is about getting our community moving and healthier by providing better access to the multi-use trails and bicycle facilities in the City and County. Our City has some of the best scenery and places to visit in the nation. Imagine seeing them from a completely different perspective. The City has hired Wilson & Company, Inc., a local engineering consultant team with planning, landscaping and design expertise to create an alignment that connects the great existing infrastructure together and provides for access to the loop from all areas of the City and a plan to construct the 50-Mile Loop.

Working with our diverse ad hoc committee and gathering input from the public, the team is currently working on analyzing the conceptual alignment for the loop, determining typical sections for the facilities, looking at safety improvements to the segments with existing and proposed infrastructure, as well as best practices for safety, education and trail etiquette.

The final Rio Grande Vision and 50-Mile Loop reports are expected in February, with construction that could begin as early as next fall, depending on available funding.

Learn More

For more information, please visit <ABQthePlan.cabq.gov> for more information. You can also contact us on Facebook or Twitter.

Legal

Submitted By Shannon Beaucaire
Alternative Dispute Resolution

How the Zoning Hearing Examiner uses Facilitated Meeting Reports

Facilitated meetings are designed for neighbors and applicants to discuss proposed plans before the Zoning Hearing. A facilitator records major subjects from the discussion, such as questions neighbors had about the project, concerns about the proposal and any agreement or disagreement the neighbors have about the proposed plans.

The facilitator sends a report to the Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE) Office that summarizes the major questions, concerns, agreements and disagreements that were stated at the meeting. This report becomes part of the case/project record that the Zoning Hearing Examiner considers when he makes the final decision regarding the project.

Based upon the Zoning Code requirements, the Zoning Hearing Examiner makes the final decision whether a project is denied, approved or approved with conditions. During his decision making process, the Zoning Hearing Examiner reviews the facilitated meeting report so that neighborhood questions, concerns, support and opposition are factored into his decision whether to approve or deny the project.

Neighbors are welcome to write their own personal letters in support or opposition of a project for the case/project record and attend the zoning hearing if they choose. However, neighbors should be assured that if they attend a facilitated meeting that their thoughts and concerns will become a part of the record through the report and considered by the Zoning Hearing Examiner in his decision making process.



Planning Department

Submitted By Christopher Hyer

**Nob Hill Highland Sector Development Plan
Amendment**

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For updated information on this amendment, go to <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/boards-and-commissions/environmental-planning-commission/staff-reports>>.

For comments contact Chris Hyer at 505-924-3927, or e-mail at <chyer@cabq.gov>.

Zoning Code Text Amendment

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**Albuquerque
Fire
Department**

Submitted By Melissa Romero



VEHICLE FIRE SAFETY

In 2011, Albuquerque firefighters responded to 246 passenger vehicle fires with an estimated damage of \$362,350. Nationally, U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 287,000 vehicle fires per year. These fires caused 480 civilian deaths, 1,525 civilian injuries and \$1.3 in direct property damage annually. Let's work together to prevent future vehicle fires by being responsible for our vehicle maintenance and driving safely.

Prevention Tips:

- Have your vehicles inspected at least annually by a trained, professional technician.
- Watch for fluid leaks under vehicles, cracked or blistered hoses or wiring that is loose, has exposed metal or has cracked insulation. Have any of these conditions inspected and repaired as soon as possible.
- Be alert to changes in the way your vehicle sounds while running or to a visible plume of exhaust coming from the tailpipe. Have vehicles inspected and repaired as soon as possible.
- Avoid smoking. If you must smoke, use your vehicle ashtray.
- Drive according to posted speed limits and other traffic rules. Remain alert to changing road conditions at all times.

If a fire occurs:

- **Stop** – If possible, pull to the side of the road and turn off the ignition. Pulling to the side makes it possible for everyone to get out of the vehicle safely.
 - o Turn off the ignition to shut off the electric current and stop the flow of gasoline.
 - o Put the vehicle in park or set the emergency brake; you don't want the vehicle to move after you leave it.
 - o Keep the hood closed because more oxygen can make the fire larger.
- **Get Out** – Make sure everyone gets out of the vehicle. Then move at least 100 feet away. Keep traffic in mind and keep everyone together. There is not only danger from the fire, but also from other vehicles moving in the area.
- **Call for Help** – Call 9-1-1. Firefighters are specially trained to combat vehicle fires. Never return to the vehicle to attempt to fight the fire yourself.

ABQ RIDE

Submitted By Rick De Reyes

ABQ RIDE Sets New Milestones for Ridership and for Luminaria Tour Ticket Sales



The month of November had hardly begun when ABQ RIDE received some terrific news. More people took ABQ RIDE during the previous month (October 2012) than in any other month in Albuquerque public transportation history.

Final tallies from October showed ABQ RIDE experienced 1,237,344 passenger boardings during the month. That topped the previous record for passenger boardings set in August 2012 (1,178,611) by 5% (a jump of 58,733). October 2012's boardings also represented a 10.3% improvement over October 2011's ridership.

The milestone also reflected a continuous impressive growth for boardings on ABQ RIDE. To date ABQ RIDE is experiencing a 5.3% increase in ridership during Calendar Year 2012 over the previous year. At the current rate ABQ RIDE is set to top 13 million passenger boardings in a calendar year for the first time ever in Albuquerque public transportation history.

The month of December 2012 also meant another milestone for ABQ RIDE. Tickets for its annual Christmas Eve Luminaria Tour sold out in a record 5½ days. That eclipsed the old record of a sellout in ten days set in 2011.

3,600 tickets had gone on sale at midnight, November 24 via the website <www.holdmyticket.com>. They could also be purchased at the *Hold My Ticket* box office at 112 Second Street SW in Albuquerque in the Sunshine Building. The unprecedented demand for tickets meant all six tours, ranging from 5:20 p.m. through 7:40 p.m. would be filled to capacity.

On Christmas Eve (Monday, December 24) people with tickets are encouraged to arrive 20 minutes prior to their scheduled departure time and can park for free at the Convention Center's eastside parking structure at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue NE and Broadway Boulevard NE. **FREE** parking will also be available for disabled and special needs individuals at the parking lot located at the northwest corner of 3rd Street NW and Marquette Avenue NW.

Tour buses will pick up passengers on 2nd Street NW in front of the Convention Center. The tour takes approximately 45 minutes to one hour and travels through Old Town, the Country Club and Los Altos Neighborhoods.

For a PDF of the Luminaria Tour route or for a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the tour, go to the billboard on the main page of <www.myabqride.com>.

Cultural Services Department

Submitted By Brendan Picker

Take the Albuquerque Public Art Survey and Tell Us What YOU Think!

The Albuquerque Public Art Program and the Albuquerque Arts Board are seeking your feedback about public art in Albuquerque so that we can include it in our Strategic Plan for 2013.

The Albuquerque Public Art Survey <www.cabq.gov/publicart/survey2012> is designed for two types of participants - those who live in the greater Albuquerque metro area and those who do not but have visited Albuquerque recently.

Participation in this survey is voluntary. Help us ensure our first ever Albuquerque Public Art Survey is robust and meaningful by:

- 1) **answering all of the questions to the best of your knowledge and**
- 2) **spreading the word to as many people as possible to fill it out!**

The survey is open from December 3, 2012 to January 15, 2013. Survey results will be available on our website in late January 2013.

Watch a Video About the Survey!

If you would like more information about the Albuquerque Public Art Survey you can watch a video <<http://vimeo.com/54897788>> about it.

Listen in as Public Art Program Manager, Sherri Brueggemann describes what survey participants can expect, how the survey will be used and why it is important to the program.

For a list of all of our videos, please visit our public art videos webpage <<http://www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/public-art/public-art-in-albuquerque/public-art-videos>>.





City Council

Council staff may be reached at **505-768-3100**. The agenda for an upcoming council meeting may be checked by calling **505-768-3100** after 1 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the council meeting. The City Council's fax number is **505-768-3227**. Agendas, Action Items and Summaries are available on the Council's webpage at <www.cabq.gov/council/counsched.html>.

Your City 2010-2011 Councilors: (L to R, back row) Dan Lewis, President, District 5; Brad Winter, District 4; Debbie O'Malley, District 2; Rey Garduño, District 6; (L to R, middle row) Isaac Benton, District 3; Michael Cook, District 7; (L to R, seated) Don Harris, District 9; Ken Sanchez, Vice President, District 1; Trudy Jones, District 8

Election of Officers and Committee Appointments

On December 3, 2012, the City Council elected its new officers for the next year. City Councilor Dan Lewis, who represents the Westside was elected unanimously for the position of Council President. City Councilor Ken Sanchez was elected to the position of Vice President while City Councilor Brad Winter was elected to be the Chair of the Committee of the Whole - both without opposition. The make up of the Council's 17 Committees has also been established.

Land Use Planning and Zoning (LUPZ)

Isaac Benton, Chair
Dan Lewis
Don Harris
Trudy Jones
Debbie O'Malley

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Commission

Isaac Benton
Don Harris
Ken Sanchez
Brad Winter

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority

Rey Garduño
Ken Sanchez
Trudy Jones

Regional Transit District

Isaac Benton
Michael Cook
Rey Garduño
Don Harris
Debbie O'Malley

Albuquerque Business Education Compact

Brad Winter

Explora

Dan Lewis
Debbie O'Malley

Hispano Chamber of Commerce

Rey Garduño
Ken Sanchez

Albuquerque Convention & Visitors Bureau

Isaac Benton
Don Harris
Debbie O'Malley, Alternate

Internal Operations

Dan Lewis, Chair
Trudy Jones
Ken Sanchez
Brad Winter
Debbie O'Malley

Finance and Government Operations (FGO)

Michael Cook, Chair
Rey Garduño
Ken Sanchez
Brad Winter
Trudy Jones

Intergovernmental/Legislative Relations

Trudy Jones
Ken Sanchez
Brad Winter

Mid-Region Council of Governments

Isaac Benton
Michael Cook
Rey Garduño
Don Harris
Ken Sanchez
Debbie O'Malley

Alvarado Transportation Center Project Task Force

Isaac Benton
Debbie O'Malley

New Mexico Municipal League

Ken Sanchez

Community Schools

Rey Garduño
Brad Winter

Accountability in Government Oversight Committee

Rey Garduño
Michael Cook, Alternate

Committee on Guidelines for Negotiations

Michael Cook
Trudy Jones
Ken Sanchez

Department of Senior Affairs

Submitted By Anthony Romero



A Partnership between the Department of Senior Affairs and the Albuquerque Police Department

Silver Alert is a program offered to seniors in Albuquerque through a partnership between the Department of Senior Affairs and the Albuquerque Police Department (APD). Silver Alert is a public notification system to broadcast information about missing persons who suffer from Alzheimer’s disease and/or Dementia. The system notifies the public of a missing senior and asks them to call a phone number if the missing person is seen. The system uses TV, radio, electronic billboards, social media, reverse 911 and traffic signs to help locate the missing individual as quickly and safely as possible.

Typically, a Silver Alert lasts for 12 hours or until the person is found. The system is similar to an Amber Alert which has been successful at locating missing children.

The Alzheimer’s Association estimates that 43,000 New Mexicans over the age of 65 will have Alzheimer’s disease by the year 2025. Statistics show that approximately 60% of these individuals will wander at some time or another. This Silver Alert partnership aims to ensure that missing persons with Alzheimer’s disease or other Dementia are quickly returned to their family or caregiver.

Individuals who are 60 or older and suffer from Alzheimer’s disease or other Dementia are eligible to register for Silver Alert. The Department of Senior Affairs will save vital information and the photo of the individual on a USB drive and give the drive to the family member/caregiver who accompanied the person to the Silver Alert registration.

If an individual who is registered with the Silver Alert Program goes missing, the family member/caregiver will call 242-COPS. An APD officer will report to the residence or the place from which the person is missing and initiate an investigation. The officer will collect the Silver Alert USB Drive from the family member/caregiver at this time. If the person is not found immediately, the Silver Alert will be issued notifying all media sources of the importance of finding the individual as quickly as possible. The alert will contain a photograph of the person and state their name, description, age, relevant medical conditions, vehicle type if applicable and their last known whereabouts.

Silver Alert registration is on-going. If you are interested in registering your loved one in the Silver Alert Program, please contact the City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs at 505-764-6400.

Mayor’s Office

Submitted By Doug Lutz

The Mayor’s Neighborhood Presidents’ Forum

Saturday, January 26, 2013
8:30 a.m. to Noon
Albuquerque Convention Center

For more information please contact Doug Lutz at 505-768-3000 or e-mail to <dlutz@cabq.gov>.

Planning Department

Submitted By Dalaina Carmona

Annual Reports Due to ONC

Just a reminder: As of this publication date, all recognized and unrecognized neighborhood/homeowners associations and coalitions need to submit a “Yearly Annual Report Form for Neighborhood, Homeowner Associations and Coalitions” in order to maintain their “R” recognized and/or “active” status on our list. We will need the original Annual Report and a copy of the announcement of your Annual Meeting submitted to our office before your Annual Report will be approved for the year. Please make sure that you have the correct contact information (i.e., addresses, name, phone numbers and e-mail address) listed for your officers on your Annual Report. Please call Dalaina at 505-924-3914 if you have any questions.

Please mail to: Office of Neighborhood Coordination
Attn: Dalaina Carmona
600 Second Street NW
Room 120, (Basement Level)
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Annual Meeting

Due to ONC

Table with 2 columns: Annual Meeting (January-December) and Due to ONC (April 1-March 1)

FYI: If you post your “Annual Meeting” date on your NA Marquee please take a picture as that will be your proof of notification to ONC when filing your Annual Report Form.

19 - 30	1 - 7	8 - 16	17 - 31
Thursday, December 20 •AAB – 9 a.m.	NO MEETINGS IN JANUARY - •District 6 Coalition •District 7 Coalition	Wednesday, January 9 •LUCC – 3 p.m.	Thursday, January 17 •East Gateway Coalition – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 25 City Offices CLOSED Christmas Day	Tuesday, January 1 City Offices CLOSED New Year's Day	Thursday, January 10 •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m.	Monday, January 21 City Offices CLOSED - Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday
Wednesday, December 26 •DRB – NO MEETING WINTER BREAK	Wednesday, January 2 •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.	Tuesday, January 15 •ZHE – 9 a.m.	Tuesday, January 22 •BOA – 9 a.m.
	Thursday, January 3 •EPC Case Distribution – 3 p.m.	Wednesday, January 16 •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Wednesday, January 23 •City Council – 5 p.m.
	Monday, January 7 •City Council – 5 p.m. •ACCC – 5:30 p.m.		Thursday, January 24 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.
			Wednesday, January 30 •DRB – 9 a.m.

2012/2013 CALENDAR/LEGEND

AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room - **no calendar dates provided to ONC**

ACCC - Albuquerque Citizens Corp. Council, 1615 University Boulevard NE (Association of General Contractors Building Branch), **505-610-9563** (formally known as the LEPC)

ADC - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room (Basement Level), Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW

BOA - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second Street NW

City Council - Vincent E. Griego Council Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall

District 4 Coalition - North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, Community Room, 7521 Carmel Avenue NE

District 6 Coalition - EXPO NM, Alice B. Hopes Pavilion on San Pedro NE and Copper NE

District 7 Coalition - Grant Middle School, Library, 1111 Easterday NE

District 8 Coalition - James Joseph Dwyer Police Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery Boulevard NE

DRB - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW

East Gateway Coalition - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth Street SE

EPC - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW

EPC Pre-Hearing - Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Floor, Conference Room

EPC Study Session - Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW

GABAC - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302 - **no calendar dates provided to ONC**

GARTC - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call **505-768-5308** for information - **no calendar dates provided to ONC**

LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW

POC - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, Fifth and Marquette

SEPC - Special Events Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, Fifth and Marquette

SVCNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, Sheriff's Department South Area Command, 2039 Isleta Boulevard SW

SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighbors, Alamosa Multi-Purpose Center, 6900 Gonzales Road SW - **no calendar dates provided to ONC**

Westside Coalition - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Drive NW

ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner Offices - Plaza Del Sol Building, **505-768-4503**; ZHE Hearings are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW

EPC Hearing Notice

Neighborhood Alert – Be aware that public comments at EPC Meetings have a time limitation due to the length of the EPC Hearings. The **48-Hour Rule of the EPC**: All written materials and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Department no later than **9 a.m.** on the **2nd Tuesday** of the Public Hearing Week. For an Appeal Hearing – no communication with EPC is allowed within five days of the Public Hearing.

In order to make maximum use of the following information – please note:

- Scan the entire list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month.
- The name and phone number of the developer/agent is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions.
- The assigned staff planner is identified with each agenda item should you need additional information (*i.e., check on the actual placement of your case on the agenda*). All staff may be reached at **505-924-3860**.
- On the day of the EPC Public Hearing, call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** and the receptionist will give you the status of the EPC Public Hearing.
- Staff Reports are available at the Planning Department beginning at **3 p.m.** on the **1st Thursday** prior to the EPC Public Hearing.

On the 1st Thursday of each month, the EPC has a **Study Session** to review the applications scheduled for the all-day Public Hearing which occurs on the **2nd Thursday of each month**.

As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Study Sessions, however, **Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC.** Study Sessions regularly begin at **3 p.m.** in the Planning Department Hearing Room, Plaza Del Sol Building. Please call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule will happen at the times listed, as time adjustments are made occasionally.

The EPC Public Hearing will be held on **January 10, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Planning Department Hearing Room**, (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

Citywide

All Neighborhoods and/or Homeowner Associations and Coalitions; 12EPC-40075, Project #1001620; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860**; The proposed text amendment to the Zoning Code will allow neon signs within the Central Avenue Neon Sign Design Overlay Zone (CAN DOZ) to have permitting fees waived. The neon signs must meet all requirements as provided in the Zoning Code and must be in the CAN DOZ to qualify for the waiver; Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927**, e-mail at <chyer@cabq.gov>.

Alamosa, Avalon, Barelvas, Broadway Central Corridors, Citizen's Info. Committee of Martineztown, Crestview Bluff, Downtown NA, Fair West, Highland Business & NA, Historic Old Town Property Owners, Huning Castle, Huning Highland Historic District, La Mesa Community Improvement, Los Volcanes, Martineztown Work Group, Mirabella-Miravista, Nob Hill, Pat Hurley, Reynolds Addition, Sandia Vista, Santa Barbara-Martineztown, Silver Hill, Singing Arrow, Skyview West, South Broadway, South Los Altos, South San Pedro, Southeast Heights, Spruce Park, Sunrise, Terracita, Trumbull Village, University Heights, Vecinos Del Bosque, West Mesa, West Old Town, West Park, Willow Wood, District 6 Coalition, Downtown Action Team, East Gateway, Federation of University Neighborhoods, South Valley Coalition, South West Alliance of Neighbors (SWAN), Westside Coalition; 12EPC-40077, Project #1001620; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860**; On Central Avenue between 118th Street and Tramway Boulevard; J-12-13, K-9-20, L-8-9, L-20-22; Requests a Zone Map Amendment to establish a Central Avenue Design Overlay Zone (CAN DOZ). The proposed Design Overlay Zone is intended to incentives the refurbishment of existing neon signs and the development of new neon signs for properties along historic Route 66; Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879**, e-mail: <kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov>.

Northeast

No NA/HOA's to notify, District 7 Coalition of NA's (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 12EPC-40074, Project #1007712 (case #'s); Approximately .4546 acres located on Morningside Drive NE between Cutler Avenue NE and Prospect Avenue NE (**location of request**); H-17 (**zone atlas page #**); Edward Fitzgerald/Architects at **505-268-9055** agent for Andrew Fowner (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Zone Map Amendment from C-3 to PR for this property to be used as a

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parking lot to meet the required parking for a new Stone Age Climbing Gym to be located across the street at 4130 Cutler Avenue NE (action requested); Randall Falkner at 505-924-3933, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>. (City staff planner)

Altura Addition, Altura Park, Alvarado Park, Campus, Clayton Heights/Lomas Del Cielo, Highland Business & NA, Kirtland Community, Mark Twain, Nob Hill, North Campus, Parkland Hills, Pueblo Alto, Silver Hill, South San Pedro, Southeast Heights, Spruce Park, Summit Park, Sycamore, University Heights, Victory Hills, District 6 Coalition of NA's, District 7 Coalition of NA's, The Federation of University Neighborhoods; 12EPC-40076, Project #1006972, City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at 505-924-3860; The proposed text amendment to the Nob Hill Highland Sector Development Plan (NHSDP) will add free-standing pole mounted signs as an allowable signage type in the General Regulations of the NHSDP, page 103. The proposed text amendment is intended to allow business owners the option of a sign that can be free-standing and pole mounted. These free –standing signs would be regulated by the O-1 zone which limits the size of the sign to 75 square feet and to a height of 26 feet or the height of the tallest building on the site, whichever is lower; Chris Hyer at 505-924-3927, e-mail at <chyer@cabq.gov>.

Be-Air, District 7 Coalition of NA's; 12EPC-40078 and 40079, Project #1009517; Approximately 1.104 acres located on Phoenix Avenue NE between Menaul Boulevard NE and Claremont Avenue NE; H-16; Zane Ross-Galloway at 303-770-8884, agent for Murphy Oil USA; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed Murphy Express Fueling Station and Convenience Store with ten (10) fuel dispensing pumps and a 1,200 square foot convenience store; Catalina Lehner at 505-924-3935, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

Planning Department

Submitted By Carrie Barkhurst

Zoning Code Text Amendment

The proposed text amendment to the Zoning Code would create a Central Avenue Neon Sign Design Overlay Zone (CAN DOZ), which would cover properties with frontage along Central Avenue from Tramway Boulevard to 118th Street. The proposed Design Overlay Zone is intended to provide an incentive of the refurbishment of existing neon signs and the development of new neon signs for properties along historic Route 66.

The CAN DOZ incentivizes signs that contain at least 20% neon to be up to 50% larger and to overhang or project up to four feet into the right-of-way. There is also an accompanying text amendment to the General Sign Regulations proposing to waive permit fees for signs that comply with the CAN DOZ as another incentive. For updated information on this amendment, go to <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/boards-and-commissions/environmental-planning-commission/staff-reports>>.

For comments contact Carrie Barkhurst at 505-924-3879 or email at <kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov>.



From Ours to Yours,

Stephani, Dalaina & Deborah

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Albuquerque Police Department

Submitted By Pete Gelabert



Neighborhood Association Patrol Training (Citywide)

Saturday, January 26, 2013

8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon)

APD Northwest Area Command

10401 Cibola Loop NW

(Across from Cibola High School)

The next Neighborhood Association Patrol Training will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon) at the APD Northwest Area Command which is located at 10401 Cibola Loop NW (across from Cibola High School).

Please e-mail (RSVP) registration to Pete Gelabert at <pgelabert@cabq.gov> -OR- Bill Jackson at <wjackson@cabq.gov>.

Registration for the patrol training will close on Friday, January 18, 2013. Registration includes the name, address, telephone number and Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Association for each person attending.

If you have any questions concerning the Neighborhood Patrol Training, please contact either Pete Gelabert at 505-897-8803 or Bill Jackson at 505-839-6443.

We appreciate your consideration and cooperation on getting the word out to your neighborhood and/or homeowner association representatives.

NM State Association of Parliamentarians

Submitted By Janice Strand



Parliamentary Pointers

Bylaws...The Organization's Own Basic Rules

The bylaws are the document that contains the organization's own basic rules that relate specifically to itself as an organization. The bylaws:

- (1) Define the primary characteristics of the organization.
(2) Prescribe how the organization functions.
(3) Include all the rules that the organization considers so important that they:

- cannot be changed without previous notice and the vote of a large specified number of members (example: two-thirds vote).
-cannot be suspended with the exception of clauses that provide for their own suspension.

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 10th Edition recommends that the bylaws of an organization contain the following articles:

- Article I. Name
Article II. Object/Purpose (should be broad)
Article III. Members
Section 1. Classes and qualifications
Section 2. Dues
Article IV. Officers
Section 1. Officers and Duties
Section 2. Nominations
Section 3. Elections and terms of office
Other sections can address term limits and vacancies
Article V. Meetings
Sections address regular, annual, special meetings and quorum
Article VI. Executive Board/Board of Directors
Sections address board composition, duties and power, and meetings.
Article VII. Committees
Sections list standing committees and their duties, special committees.
Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority
The parliamentary authority covers more than meetings.

Article IX. Amendment of Bylaws

From Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition, (2011) pages 565-591.

**Bylaws must be clear and concise and are written to meet the needs of the organization. Policies and procedures of an organization expand on the bylaws and are more easily amended.

**Amendment/Revision of bylaws will be covered next month.

Parliamentary Pointers will appear each month. If you have a parliamentary question that could be covered or would like a "Smart Meeting" presentation on Bylaws at your meeting, contact the Janice Strand at 505-466-1326.



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