



New Holiday Park Neighborhood Association P. O. Box 21447 Albuquerque, NM

NHPNA

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

7:00 pm

S.Y. Jackson Elementary School Gym

Members and non-members are encouraged to attend!

NHPNA is bounded on the West by Juan Tabo, NE, on the East by Tramway, NE, on the North by Manitoba, NE, and on the South by Montgomery, NE, and serves between 900 and 1000 homes.

In accordance with the neighborhood association by-laws, an annual meeting is to be held each year in the month of May. An annual meeting is also required to maintain our recognized status with the City of Albuquerque.

This meeting's agenda will include:

- Welcome
- General Housekeeping
- Call for volunteers to serve as the new officers (president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer) as well as committee chairs
- Short presentation by David Penasa on light pollution and the activities of the City of Albuquerque's Night Sky Protection Task Force. (See related article in newsletter.)
- Old business
 - Incorporation
- New business
 - What are your issues and concerns?
 - Renaming of a portion of Montgomery Blvd, NE
 - How can we get more active participation in the NA?
 - What are the top 3 things you would like the Board to accomplish this next year?

2001-2002 Board/Officers:

President/Newsletter	David Penasa	275-2480	himepenasa@cs.com
Vice President	Ken Gaillard		
Secretary	Donna Caldwell		
Treasurer	Rick Wildermuth		

Crime Statistics for Albuquerque

Crime statistics reports are now available on-line at the City's website! (NHPNA is in APD Beat 534.) <http://www.cabq.gov/onlinesvcs/police.html>

These reports are generated from crime data provided by the Albuquerque Police Department. There are simple reports for basic crime statistics, as well as access into a dynamic and interactive tool called Cognos that provides website visitors with up-to-date information on crime in Albuquerque.

The crime statistics on this site are case-based and do not necessarily correspond to Uniform Crime Report (UCR) statistics. UCR statistics are published by the FBI for governmental

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Membership Dues (May 2002 – May 2003)

Name(s)

Address

Please make check for annual dues (\$10 per household) payable to NHPNA, and mail to:

New Holiday Park Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 21447
Albuquerque, NM 87154-1447

Issues, Concerns, Suggestions? Include a note with this form.

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jurisdictions all over the country. UCR uses a specific method of counting crimes, wherein, only the “highest” crime is counted when numerous crimes are reported on the same police report. Statistics can be run for specific neighborhood associations.

Bear Canyon Arroyo

The Bear Canyon Arroyo is designated as Open Space. (This is as opposed to a recreational space.)

The City of Albuquerque Open Space works to acquire and protect the natural character of land designated as major public Open Space in the 1988 revised City of Albuquerque Comprehensive Plan. These areas are managed to conserve natural and archaeological resources, provide opportunities for outdoor education and low impact recreation, and define the edges of the urban environment. Please note that recently proposed dog parks, prepared trails, etc., do not comply with these objectives.

Open Space Rangers patrol Open Space areas by foot, vehicle, and mountain bicycle. These fully commissioned law enforcement officers make contact with the public to educate and insure compliance with rules and regulations. Their dual mission is to protect the Open Space lands and resources while ensuring a safe and enjoyable visit. The City has volunteer Trail Watch positions available.

Reminder: Dogs must be on a leash, and you must pick up after your pet. The largest number of Arroyo complaints are generated over dog issues. Also, motorized vehicles are not permitted.

So, what can you do if you see drug use or other suspicious activity (graffiti vandals, dogs off leash or unauthorized motorized vehicles) in the Arroyo or on the dam? Contact the City of Albuquerque Open Space to report the activity. The Open Space Division also is responsible for training Open Space Rangers to deal with such matters. Call to volunteer! Contact Open Space at 873-6632.

Montgomery/Tramway Police Mini-Substation & Transit Park and Ride Facility

The project is a go! Drive by and check out the construction. The groundbreaking ceremony was held Saturday, April 20, 2002. It's an opportunity to have closer ties with APD, and maybe offer one more reason to take the bus instead of using your personal automobile. We should consider holding some of our future NA meetings at the mini-sub (which includes a community room).

Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) Notification May 2, 2002

Please be advised that an application for renaming Montgomery Blvd, NE to Montgomery Trail NE (for the section from Larchmont NE to Sunset Canyon NE) was accepted by City Planning on 4-17-02. Please be advised that the application is scheduled for a hearing before the EPC at 9:00 am on Thursday, June 20, 2002 in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Lower Concourse Level, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St., NW. You can contact Cynthia Borrego, City Planner, 924-3335, to confirm the date and to seek further information. There will be a Pre-Hearing Discussion on this item on Wednesday, May 22, 2002 at 1:30 pm in the Development Services Conference Room, 3rd Floor of Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St, NW. It is very important that our NA notify the applicant (Consensus Planning, 764-9801), the planner (noted above) and/or Don Newton (Office of Community & Neighborhood Coordination, 924-3906) of our initial reactions to the proposal prior to this meeting so that our concerns or comments may be noted at the conference. It is possible that the case may be rescheduled at EPC if concerns are identified which cannot be dealt with prior to the initially scheduled EPC Hearing.

Night Sky Protection Task Force

The beauty of our night sky is threatened by increasing skyglow from our growing cities and towns. Recently, the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance underscored this by adding the night sky to its list of our State's endangered cultural resources. In addition, light trespass (defined as light originating on one property invading the property of another) and glare from poorly designed

outdoor lighting have become growing problems in our city, creating safety hazards and adding to stress.

In an attempt to address these problems, the State legislature enacted a statewide lighting code, the New Mexico Night Sky Protection Act (NMSA 74-12-1). It became effective January 1, 2000. Shortly thereafter, your City Council created the Night Sky Protection Task Force to make recommendations to the Mayor and the Council as to how to bring our local lighting ordinances into at least minimal conformity with the State statute.

Since the Task Force believes that the State statute provides only minimal protection, it is their recommendation that the City adopt more comprehensive measures to limit skyglow, light trespass, glare, visual clutter and energy waste from overlighting (collectively known as "light pollution"). This can be brought about primarily through amendments to the Comprehensive City Zoning Code and Uniform Administrative Code, specifically, by strengthening the sections relating to area lighting and illuminated signage. Draft amendments were submitted in March 2001 (see <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/pages/neighborhood/newsletter/nightsky.html>), and have since been under review by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC). The amendments are scheduled to be reviewed at the May 16 meeting of the EPC.

The City is also considering proposed amendments to the zoning code which limit light pole heights within parking areas as follows:

- For sites less than five acres, the maximum height of a light pole, measured from the finished grade to the top of the pole, shall be 20 feet.
- For sites five acres or greater, the maximum height of a light pole, measured from the finished grade to the top of the pole, shall be 30 feet.
- At no time shall the height of a light pole exceed 16 feet within 100 feet of a residential zone.

These amendments are to be reviewed at the May 15 meeting of the Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee of the City Council.

Zoning Code Services

Zoning Code Services responds to reported zoning concerns and complaints. Typical zoning violations include building without required permits, fences that are too high, inoperative vehicles on property, and illegal businesses conducted from the home. Weed and litter violations include trash-filled yards, weeds that are too high, and illegal placement of flyers and notices on occupied property.

The Zoning office is located on the 7th floor of the Plaza Del Sol building at 600 2nd St. NW, at the corner of 2nd and Roma. Here, plans are reviewed and business

licenses are obtained. Complaints regarding violations of the Zoning Code can be called in to the Zoning Code Services division at 924-3850. The office is open from 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. For more information, call the Zoning office.

For specific information on zoning guidelines and regulations, please refer to the Zoning Code Ordinance (http://nt2.scbbs.com/cgi-bin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=7836&infobase=amlegal-3&softpage=ref_MainView)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How can we find out who owns a problem property in our neighborhood?

A: You can visit the Bernalillo County Assessor's Office with a map showing the location, the address, or the legal description of the property. You should be given the name and address of the person to whom the Tax Assessment Notice is being mailed. The Bernalillo County Treasurer's Office can tell you who is currently paying the property taxes on the property. Some information may be available by phone if you have the exact street address.

Q: When is a building permit necessary for a remodeling or building project in our neighborhood?

A: Commercial remodeling and construction, and all additions, structural changes and garage conversions to houses require a building permit. A building permit is also required for fences over 6'0 and walls that retain over 18" of dirt. Most plumbing, mechanical and electrical work require permits. If you are trying to determine if a permit is required for a project call the Building and Safety Division at 924-3956.

Q: How do I know if a permit has been issued for construction projects in our neighborhood?

A: If a building permit has been obtained, it should be posted so that it is clearly visible from the front of the house or commercial project. If no permit is posted you may call the Building and Safety Division at 924-3320 with the correct address where the work is taking place. They can tell you if a permit has been issued and the scope of the work permitted.

Q: Can you tell me what the zoning is for my property?

A: The zoning of a piece of property is reflected on the Zone Map. For verification of zoning, you need to contact Zoning Code Services at 924-3850.

Q: What uses are allowed under the current zoning of a piece of property?

A: The Zoning Ordinance regulates uses allowed according to zoning category. Copies of the Zoning Ordinance are available at the main Planning reception area. Planners working at the front counter are also available to help explain zoning categories.

Q: What process do I follow for a zone change, site plan approval, landscaping plan, sector development plan amendment, conditional use, etc.?

A: The Zoning Ordinance contains information related to these questions. For specific inquiries or explanations of the process, call the Planning front counter at 924-3895 or Planning reception at 924-3860.

Q: What businesses are allowed in a single-family residential neighborhood (R-1 zone)?

A: Home businesses or “home occupations” are allowed, but are limited to telephone or mailing services or low-key businesses. Manufacturing, which includes baking, small machine repair, and automotive work, are not allowed. A residential dwelling may not be used solely for business purposes. Only residing family members may be employed by the home occupation. No stock in trade may be manufactured, displayed, or sold on the premises except a small stock of custom sewing or hand made art objects is allowed. All business must take place indoors. No more than 25% of the residential floor space including the garage may be for the home occupation and no more than 5% for storage. Health occupations are not allowed permissively as a home occupation. A square foot non-illuminated sign attached to the building is allowed to identify home occupations activity. For more information, contact Zoning at 924-3750.

Q: Are there any rules which govern landscaping in a single-family neighborhood?

A: Single-family homes built after October, 1995 must meet water conservation standards which limit the amount and type of plants and grass used. The City’s anti-pollen ordinance, enforced by the Environmental Health Department, controls the types of trees which can be planted after 1992.

Q: Is there a limit to how many garage sales my neighbor can hold?

A: Each home in an R-1 area may have a garage sale or yard sale once every twelve (12) months. The sale may not exceed three (3) days in length and only normally accumulated household goods may be sold. Only one non-illuminated sign, not more than six (6) square feet in area, may be located on the premises where the sale is being held during the period of the sale. No off-site signs may be located in public right-of-way median or on utility poles.

Q: How can you find out the zoning of a particular property and what the property can be used for?

A: Call City Zoning at 924-3850 with the specific property address or legal description or visit City Zoning at 600 2nd St NW, 7th floor.

Q: Can a recreational vehicle be parked on private property in an R-1 zone?

A: Recreational vehicles, boats and boat trailers may be parked inside or outside in the side yard or rear yard, provided that no part of the unit extends over a public sidewalk. They may also be parked in the front yard if the unit is parked perpendicular to the front curb, the body or the RV or boat is at least 11 feet from the face of the curb, and no part of the unit extends over the public sidewalk. The unit can only be used for dwelling purposes for a maximum of 14 days. Cooking is not permitted and there can be no permanent connection of water, sewer, or electricity.

Q: What can I do if a neighbor is making too much noise (loud music, loud muffler, loud motorcycle)?

A: To voice a noise complaint during business hours, call 768-2600. After hours you may call the Albuquerque Police Department, 242-COPS (242-2677). If the complaint is related to a barking dog, call Animal Control at 768-1975.

Q: Many times I see dogs running freely in my neighborhood park. Are dogs owners allowed to exercise their dogs this way in the parks?

A: Dogs are permitted in public places of the city (with the exception of public playgrounds and swimming pools) only if on a secure leash and in a person’s control. Any animal found running at large on public property can be declared a public nuisance and can be impounded by an Animal Control Officer. The owner may be cited with a misdemeanor violation. Kit Carson, Roosevelt (restricted hours) and Tom Bolac Urban Forest are leash-free parks where supervised dogs may run without restraint. Contact Animal Control at 768-1975.

Q: Can an inoperable car be stored in the driveway or yard of a house in a residential zone?

A: No, all motor vehicles which are not parked inside a building must be operative and not wholly or partially dismantled.

Q: Who do I contact about an apparently abandoned car that has been sitting on the street in our neighborhood for several weeks?

A: You may report an apparently abandoned car or obviously inoperable car parked on your neighborhood street either to your local APD substation (see section on Crime) or to the hotline at 768-2277. If the inoperable or abandoned car is parked on private property, contact Zoning Enforcement at 924-3850.

Department of Senior Affairs _____

Do you have an elderly neighbor that needs help with yard work, house painting, window replacement or other home chores? Call the Senior Information line at 764-6400, TTY: 7764-6405. They can help.