

## FIRST DRAFT

Minutes of February 2022 Board Meeting  
Upper Las Colonias Neighborhood Association  
February 15, 2022 4:03PM  
Zoom at Residences

Board Attendance - Present - Jeff Tetenbaum, Kurt Edelbrock, Steve Turner, Eugenia Hauber, Jim Turner, Phil Caston, David Nielson, Mike Tarleton, John Mahoney and Kent Kobakoff, Absentee - John Halley.

Members On Zoom – Dianne McKenzie, John Red Horse, Honore Maloney, Cardinal Rieger, Jon Stuart, George Schaub, Nancy Glasgow, Henry Hornberger, Martha Grossman, Kay McNair, Roger Pattison, Tonya Urick, Gary Ferguson, Sue Huddy, Mary Ann Morrissey, Ron Thompson, Cynthia Spray, Linda Fair, Ramie Elkins, Shelley Sullivan, and Sandy Edmondson.

1. Treasurer's Report – John Mahoney indicated there is currently \$3,586.56 in our account, no change from the balance in August.

2. Minutes from the November Annual Board Meeting were approved.

3 Kurt gave a brief summary of activity with TREV paraphrasing John Halley's note (John was meeting with the civil engineer during the board meeting). John's note reads as follows "The TREV team is still working on resubmittal updates that should finally be complete in about a week or so. In December, I started working on some substantial new content for the TREV project that resulted in adding about 30 new pages to the TREV submittal package. The new content includes many important project clarifications and details that should prove to be very beneficial for the ULCNA community and the TREV project. Creating the new content, developing it with the TREV team and publishing it into the new submittal pages has been very time-consuming. However, in a little over two months we have accomplished what would normally take over four months to complete!" The final submittal is expected to be nine inches thick.

4. Jeff gave a very brief status of the Zoning matter. The county's latest proposal was in October 2020. We were not pleased with it and responded in the next month requesting to get together to discuss. We did not get a response. We tried a attempted a few more times to connect with the Planning Dept. but continued to be brushed off. County hired a new planner who we understand is working on the zoning.

5. Jeff and Phil summarized the status of the Songwriter project. It is in a very preliminary state. There are no plans yet. The project would construct 23 home units on 8 acres on property south of La Vida Feliz. This seems somewhat better than the 84 units that had been approved 11 years ago. The project, in a multi-family zoned area would most likely need a variance to be approved by the county Board of Adjustment. Questions abound about height, setbacks, water and sewer among others. We will have

an opportunity to review plans as they move forward. This may become a significant concern for the neighborhood. We have provided counsel with a bit of history and the county's response to questions we have posed. We expect to visit with counsel in the near future.

6. \$150,000,000. The TSV's proposal, which no one really knows what it entails or how it will now proceed now that it was tabled by TSV, was mentioned. Also noted was the hiring of a marketing person by the town (or was it the county) to bring billionaires to the area. We will invite our commissioner to our next meeting to find out more about the deal.

7. Cynthia Spray – She introduced herself, having recently been appointed to the School Board with jurisdiction over Taos municipal schools as well as UNM Taos. She will attempt to make a dent in the drop out rate of Taos schools, which stands at 47-49%. New Mexico schools match up with Mississippi as the worst in drop offs. She is open to suggestions, comments etc. and looks forward to input from the members. Her number is 575-770-2531. [cynthias@newmex.com](mailto:cynthias@newmex.com). Cynthia, as part of the DSAB, is working with Phil to remedy a matter resulting from a complaint from within the neighborhood.

8. Questions from Martha and Cardinal led to a discussion of some TREV matters related to roads. Mike related that in the current plan, Gavilan will end at the last lot with an address on Gavilan which is just past Mirlo. Also, Upper Las Colonias road will end before reaching Gavilan just past the "blue house". With Gavilan closed to 150, the entrance for Gavilan will be north of the distillery property. As such, Mirlo, which will not be extended directly into TREV, will see more traffic, which is not favored by members whose homes are on Mirlo.

9. Local Fire Station – Stagecoach has brought up the possibility of a station close by. The county is aware of the idea but Stagecoach may not be aware of the TREV station in the works.

10. Jeff ran through the three No Objection Letters issued since our last meeting in November. These are the home for Alphonso Vigil which will be just south of LVF, Kevin Young's lot split on Mirlo and Eugenia's lot line adjustment on Upper Las Colonias.

11. Meeting adjourned at 5:15. Next meeting is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>, with the possibility that we will meet earlier in March if necessary.