

TALAVERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (TCA)
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Held May 26, 2010, 7:00pm – 8:29 pm,
At the Talavera Substation of Las Alturas Fire Station

Next Regular Meeting: August/September

Type of Meeting: Clean-up/Potluck

I. Greetings: Douglas Hoffman, TCA President.

Douglas welcomed the meeting attendees and candidates.

II. Fire Department Daren Bloomquist

Daren gave an update on the Volunteer Fire Dept (VFD). He announced the VFD is waiting for county approval for a new engine to add to the two new tankers that will arrive around August or September. Douglas has been writing grants to obtain more support for the firehouse. He reminded us they could always use more volunteers. Volunteer training is every Thursday night, 7:00 PM at the Las Alturas firehouse.

Remember to call central dispatch, 526-0795, before you burn, don't burn after dark or when it is windy.

Mark your calendar for the annual cookout on June 26. He will be sending out an email with more information.

III. Neighborhood Watch Program Gary Kology

Gary reported we currently have 8 active watch areas. If you have not been contacted there is not one near your house. If you want to be a captain, contact Gary at campcop@hotmail.com. Picacho Hills, Shalem Colony, and Las Alturas are some of the areas recently been hit by break-ins. Don't approach anyone suspicious, call the sheriff.

Gary asked if the TCA would approve purchase of 12 Neighborhood Watch signs for up to \$300. The motion was made, discussed and passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer Report Tom Smith.

Our bank account balance is \$4,998.17. Approximately one third of the TCA households have paid dues. We appreciate everyone who mailed in or brought their member-ship dues with them this year.

V. Volunteer Request Douglas Hoffman

Have you noticed the beautiful Talavera Community sign at the corner of Soledad Canyon and Dripping Springs? Wouldn't it look even better landscaped? The TCA has funds to support the purchase of plants but needs some helping hands. If you have an interest in taking

on this project, please contact Douglas at Douglas.hoffman1@gmail.com.

VI. Friends of the Organ Mountains Desert Peaks Wilderness

Steve Fischmann was called back to Santa Fe and could not attend. He sent flyers notifying residents of a new Wilderness Group forming to support the Senator Bingaman's Wilderness Act. For more info, contact Steve at Steve@stevfischmann.com.

VII. Candidate Forum I tried to capture some of the main points presented by the candidates. Many candidates were unable to attend. Do not judge each candidate solely on what I report. I recommend you visit their websites for more information. I was unable to find all website addresses.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

Lawrence Rael. Don Kurtz spoke in support of Democrat, Lawrence Rael. When working Administrative Officer for Albuquerque, Mr. Rael expanded the zoo, aquarium, riding and walking trails, revitalization of downtown, and built and managed the Rail Runner. The Albuquerque Journal and the Las Cruces Sun News endorse him. Website: www.rael2010.org

STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

Joseph Cervantes. Mr. Cervantes was called back to Santa Fe. His daughter, Alex Cervantes spoke for him. She relayed that Mr. Cervantes has appreciated working for us in Santa Fe. He asks your support so he can continue to serve you. You can contact him at cervanteslaw@zianet.com. Website: www.cervantes4nm.com

MAGISTRATE JUDGE:

Joel Cano. Mr. Cano worked in the Las Cruces Police Department for almost 23 years. He has commanded 8 departments during that time. He commanded Internal Affairs, which demonstrates his integrity, distinction, and neutral position. Website: www.canoforjudge.com

Richard Silva. Mr. Silva, Democrat, has been the incumbent Magistrate Judge for the past 6 years.