

Neighborhood News

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Richard J. Berry
Mayor of Albuquerque



ABQ the PLAN

Mayor Richard J. Berry has created a 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. Below are highlights from 2012.

Current Projects

Paseo del Norte @ I-25 Improvements

The City is working with State and Federal agencies to leverage investments to reconstruct the Paseo del Norte and I-25 interchange to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality. The total project cost is estimated at \$93 million. In the November 2012 general election, voters in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County approved a total of \$55 million (\$50 million in City bond funding and \$5 million in County bond funding) for the project.



Currently, the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Wilson & Company, Inc. are working on conceptual 30% design plans with a Value Engineering session scheduled this month. The NMDOT is soliciting contractors for the upcoming Design Build process with construction scheduled to begin late summer 2013. The environmental process is also ongoing with a second public meeting tentatively scheduled for February 2013. Please check the website <www.paseoi25.com> for more information. Contact the PDN-I25 team via e-mail at <info@paseoi25.com> or 505-245-3150.



Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

The City of Albuquerque is considering the implementation of Bus Rapid Transit in the Central Avenue Corridor from 98th Street to Tramway Boulevard to enhance east to west transit infrastructure and to support economic development. In 2012, the City Transit Department (ABQ RIDE) began an Alternatives Analysis study as the first step in determining the operational and financial feasibility of such a BRT system. As part of that process, an initial set of six public meetings was held in November and December. The Alternatives Analysis is schedule to be complete by early fall of 2013.

Convention Center Facelift

The City has refinanced \$20 million to provide a much needed facelift for the Albuquerque Convention Center to bring more events to Albuquerque.

Phase 1 has been bid and has been awarded to Gerald A. Martin, Ltd. The construction phase will begin in mid-January and will be complete in the summer of 2013. Phase 2 is currently in preliminary design. Construction will begin in the fall of 2013.



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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



Residential Burglary Prevention

Residential burglary rates are generally dictated by the active involvement of individual citizens and cooperative education efforts by neighborhood associations and other community groups. Homeowners who are willing to take certain steps to prevent this type of crime along with the assistance of local law enforcement can reduce and sometimes prevent break-ins and burglaries. Consider the following prevention tips as well as ways to retrieve any lost or stolen property.

- Establish trusted relationships with neighbors on your block. Agree to watch out for each other and report any suspicious activity in and around your home. Remember residential burglaries statistically occur during the day so if possible identify trusted neighbors who might be home during this time.
Evaluate your existing lighting and pay particular attention to access points such as entry/exit doors and windows. Make sure that each area has adequate illumination so that your neighbors can see any suspicious activity occurring on your property. Consider adding motion sensors to lights in remote areas around the home.
Each door should be metal or solid core with a deadbolt lock and a minimum 1” throw. Short strike plate screws should be replaced with three to four inch screws that secure the plate into the doorframe. Doors should also be equipped with 180 degree eye viewers. Consider a security screen door.

- Trim all bushes and shrubs below the window level and up from the ground. Trim mature trees up to a level six to eight feet above ground. Eliminate hiding places or areas that allow someone the opportunity to enter through a window without being noticed.
All primary window locks should be in place and fully operational. Install secondary thumbscrew locks on guide rails. Place them in a location that prohibits the window from being opened more than a few inches. Also make sure screens are in place and secure. (Note: Windows and pet doors are common illegal entry points)
Install screws in the upper rail of sliding glass doors. Place them just far enough into the rail to prohibit the door from being lifted and removed. Dowel rods and “charley bars” are secondary methods to secure the door but make sure the primary locking devise is operational.
Non-forced entry burglaries are on the rise especially during warm weather months. Eliminate this possible access point by closing and locking garage doors, windows and front/back doors.
Organize a Neighborhood Watch for your block by calling the Albuquerque Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 505-924-3600.
Record Your Property: The Albuquerque Police Department encourages all residents to use a free online system that will help keep track of valuables and other personal items. Reportit is a FREE secure online service allowing citizens to record serial numbers, item descriptions, pictures, scan receipts and upload images for phones, electronics and other valuables. Should those items ever be stolen having the information will go a long way in accurately and quickly identifying your property for insurance claims and recovery. You can access this valuable site at <reportit.leadsonline.com>.

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Rio Grande Vision

The Rio Grande Vision is a plan to bring the river more into our daily lives by partnering with other government agencies to make the river more accessible to residents and visitors by creating picnic areas, recreational amenities, boardwalks, trails, scenic overlooks and kayak facilities.

In 2012, the project team met with land and water managers, steering and technical committees and residents in town hall meetings. An extensive Research and Analysis report was written to summarize current conditions along the river and Bosque. A list of elements has been developed to

enhance key areas leaving the spaces in between natural. A corridor plan has been drafted to identify existing assets and areas for potential improvements. The Rio Grande Vision plan will be completed in February of 2013. Next steps include identifying funding sources and strengthening partnerships. Please check the website <www.riograndevision.com> for more information.



The 50-Mile Loop

The 50-Mile Loop plan will complete and improve a 50-Mile bicycling, running, and walking trail, circling Albuquerque to promote health and recreation and provide a destination for tourists.

In 2012, the project team met with user groups, citizen committees and residents. The team created several drafts of the 50-Mile alignment and with city staff, community and agency input have arrived at a final alignment. In addition existing infrastructure and safety conditions have been taken into consideration. The 50-Mile Loop



plan will be completed in February of 2013. Next steps will include identifying funding sources and amenities.



Route 66 Action Plan

The City of Albuquerque has been working with community leaders and citizen groups to write a Route 66 Action Plan, a long term plan to bring the ‘Mother Road’ back to Albuquerque and promote it as a destination for visitors as well as a great place to live, work and play. Key areas include transportation and infrastructure improvements; inviting streetscapes; business improvements and incentives for development and a strong Route 66 brand and experience.

In 2012, city staff held five community meetings to discuss ideas for the future of Route 66. A Route 66 Working Group was formed to work with City staff and a consultant to create a more detailed plan. We have also formed a new partnership called *ABQ+UNM CityLab*, with the UNM School of Architecture and Planning,

which will enable professors and students to work on real city projects in the Route 66 corridor and other locations in the city. This plan will evolve over the next 25 years with regular updates to its content. The initial Route 66 Action Plan will be completed in February of 2013.

For more information about ABQ the Plan, please visit our website at <ABQthePlan.cabq.gov>.

**Albuquerque
Fire
Department**

Submitted By Melissa Romero



Cold Related Emergencies

As the fall turns into winter the temperature has dropped significantly and it is vital that we protect ourselves and our loved ones from the dangerous cold weather. Anytime we leave our homes we must dress to prevent cold emergencies. From shopping for the holidays, running errands or just going to work it is important to dress in layers and drink water to prevent dehydration.

Hypothermia - Three stages

Mild

1. Body temperature is between 90-95 degrees.
2. Earliest stages of hypothermia characterized by slurred speech or having difficulty speaking, cool skin and excessive shivering.

Moderate

1. Body temperature is between 85-90 degrees.
2. As body temperature drops, victims become dazed. Shivering will stop at about 89 degrees and will be replaced with muscular rigidity, followed shortly by the loss of voluntary movement.

Severe

1. Body temperature is less than 78 degrees.
2. Victims become unresponsive with irregular heartbeat and cardiac arrest.

Safety Tips:

Limit your exposure - If you must go out do so during mid-day when the sun is the strongest and the temperature at it's highest. Check on elderly neighbors and relatives.

Clothing

1. Wear several layers of clothing including a waterproof and or wind proof outermost layer.
2. Wear hat and gloves. Our head is a great source of heat loss for our body (30-40%). Ears and fingertips as well as noses are extremely susceptible to frost nip and frost bite.

Stay Hydrated

1. Drink water throughout the day and avoid alcoholic beverages. Contrary to popular belief alcohol does not warm the body. In fact it has an opposite effect by causing your blood vessels to widen and decreases the body's natural insulating properties. It also suppresses shivering and impairs judgment.

Who is most susceptible?

Very old - Maybe unaware of their limitations. Due to limited mobility may be forced to spend increased amount of time exposed to the cold weather due to slow movement.

Very young - Thermo regulatory system is still immature. Babies rely on adults for warmth. If possible stay home. If you must go out, dress the baby in layers and cover the head, hands and feet.

Pets rely on their owners for warmth. Bring pets indoors at night to protect from the frigid temperatures. During the day use fresh hay and/or blankets in the dog house to keep the pets protected.

- Shelter should be elevated off the ground.
- Shelter should be insulated.
- Doghouse should be windtight.
- Shelter should be waterproof.

Legal

*Submitted By Shannon Beaucaire
Alternative Dispute Resolution*

Why Try Mediation?

You decide the Outcome of the mediation.

- o Mediators are not arbitrators or judges. Mediators do not decide who is right or wrong. Mediators facilitate a conversation between neighbors and only the neighbors decide how to resolve the dispute. If you don't resolve the issue in mediation all your legal rights remain available to you.

Mediation is private and confidential.

- o Mediation occurs in a private environment and everything said for the purpose of reaching an agreement in mediation is kept confidential.

Mediation is quick and cost-effective.

- o Mediation sessions can be scheduled typically within two weeks and last two hours or less. Community mediation is available **FREE** of charge to citizens of Albuquerque.

It works!

- o Over 87% of mediations result in agreement.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Submitted By Donna Prieto-Altamirano

**The Mayor's Recommended 2013 General Obligation Bond Program and
2013-2022 Decade Plan has been forwarded to the City Council.**

Below is a list of the 2013 General Obligation Bond Program. The G.O. Bond Program and Decade Plan are also available on the City's web page at <<http://www.cabq.gov/municipaldevelopment/programs/programs>>. For a hard copy of the program you may contact Barbara Taylor, Manager Capital Planning, CIP Division, Department of Municipal Development at <btaylor@cabq.gov> or **505-768-3830**.

2013 General Obligation Bond Program

<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
<u>DMD/Streets</u>		
Lomas Corridor Master Plan	\$500,000	
Osuna Road Widening	\$2,500,000	
University Boulevard Multi-Modal Improvements	\$400,000	
Unser Improvements (Central to I-40)	\$500,000	
Chappell Road	\$500,000	
Irving and Universe Intersection	\$400,000	
Alameda Boulevard Widening	\$700,000	
Reconstruct Major Streets	\$2,000,000	
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Advance Transportation Planning and Engineering (Streets)	\$400,000	
Advance Right-of-Way Acquisition (Streets)	\$1,000,000	
Major Paving Rehabilitation	\$4,800,000	
Intersection Signalization	\$2,300,000	
Albuquerque Traffic Management System/Intelligent Traffic System (ITS)	\$1,000,000	
Bridge Repair	\$900,000	
Avalon Reconstruction	\$900,000	
Mandatory Sign Replacement (Federal Mandate)	\$1,300,000	
Sidewalk Improvements	\$425,000	
Safety and Intersection Improvements	\$2,000,000	
Traffic Sign Replacement / Pavement Markings	\$1,000,000	
Replace Street Maintenance Equipment	\$1,400,000	
Street Lighting	\$425,000	
Neighborhood Traffic Improvements	\$400,000	
Median and Interstate Landscaping	\$2,000,000	
Irving Boulevard Widening	\$500,000	
Intersection Level of Service (LOS) Project	\$200,000	
Great Streets Program	\$400,000	
Rainbow Boulevard Improvements	\$500,000	
Trails and Bikeways (5% Mandate)	\$1,650,000	
1% for Growth-Related Impact Fee Reductions	\$1,100,000	
DMD/Streets Total		\$34,100,000
<u>DMD/Storm Drainage</u>		
NPDES Stormwater Quality MS4 Permit Compliance	\$1,500,000	
Martineztown Storm Drain Rehabilitation	\$1,000,000	
Pump Station Rehabilitation	\$250,000	
Emergency Action Plans for City Dams	\$125,000	
Dam Rehabilitation	\$250,000	
Advanced Planning and Engineering	\$300,000	
Tower SW Regional Storm Drain	\$800,000	
Osuna Blvd Storm Drain	\$900,000	
Replacement of Arroyo Dip Crossings	\$1,000,000	
Storm System Water Quality Facilities and Low Impact Retrofit for Municipal Fac.	\$400,000	
North Diversion Channel / Indian School Water Quality Pond	\$1,000,000	
West Central Storm Drains	\$1,000,000	
Loma Hermosa NW Flooding Relief	\$475,000	
Mid-Valley Storm Drainage Improvements	\$1,000,000	
West I-40 Diversion Channel	\$1,000,000	
DMD/Storm Drainage Total		\$11,000,000

Parks & Recreation

River Amenities, Enhancements and Bosque Restoration	\$2,250,000	
Bosque Trail Development	\$1,000,000	
Balloon Fiesta Park Improvements	\$2,000,000	
Shooting Range Facility Renovation	\$100,000	
Swimming Pool Renovation	\$750,000	
Park Renovation	\$1,500,000	
Open Space Land Acquisition, Fencing and Protection	\$500,000	
Recreation Facility and Los Altos Park Development and Renovation	\$650,000	
Median and Trail Renovation	\$700,000	
New Park Development and Land Acquisition	\$300,000	
Parks and Recreation Department Vehicle and Equipment Set Aside	\$1,000,000	
Parks & Recreation Total		\$10,750,000

Public Safety Fire

Fire Apparatus Replacement	\$3,295,300	
Fire Facility Rehabilitation and Renovation	\$750,000	
Cardiac Monitor Replacement	\$910,000	
Computer and Communications Upgrade	\$544,700	
Total		\$5,500,000

Police

Marked and Unmarked Vehicle Replacement	\$5,000,000	
Expansion of the Emergency Communications Center	\$500,000	
Total		\$5,500,000
Public Safety Total		\$11,000,000

ABQ Ride/Transit

Revenue and Support Vehicle Replacement / Expansion	\$4,000,000	
Transit Facility Rehabilitation	\$350,000	
Park and Ride Development, Rehabilitation and Equipment	\$250,000	
Maintenance Equipment Upgrades and Improvements	\$400,000	
San Mateo/Jefferson Alternative Analysis (Phase I)	\$500,000	
ABQ Ride/Transit Total		\$5,500,000

Community Facilities

Animal Welfare

Animal Shelter Rehabilitation and Equipment	\$600,000	
Total		\$600,000

Cultural Services/Albuq. Biological Park

Renovation & Repair (BioPark)	\$3,500,000	
Total		\$3,500,000

Cultural Services/Balloon Museum

Balloon Museum Exhibit Development	\$250,000	
Total		\$250,000

Cultural Services/Community Events

KIMO Theatre Renovation	\$100,000	
Total		\$100,000

Cultural Services/Library

Library Materials	\$2,750,000	
Library Automation	\$500,000	
Total		\$3,250,000



Cultural Services/Museum

Albuquerque Museum History Exhibit Renovation	\$1,200,000	
Total		\$1,200,000

DMD/CIP Division

Replacement Vehicles (DMD)	\$100,000	
Total		\$100,000

DMD/Facilities, Energy & Security		
City Building Improvement and Rehabilitation	\$900,000	
Parking Facilities Rehabilitation and Upgrade	\$100,000	
Plaza del Sol Stucco, Phase II	\$50,000	
Security Improvements and Rehabilitation	\$50,000	
Roof Repairs for City Facilities	\$50,000	
High Flow Fixture Replacement	\$50,000	
Total		\$1,200,000
Environmental Health		
Health and Safety Equipment, Vehicles and Facilities	\$355,000	
Los Angeles Landfill Remediation	\$200,000	
EPA Ozone Mandate	\$50,000	
Westside Air Quality Building Rehabilitation	\$145,000	
Total		\$750,000
Family & Community Services		
Renovation and Repair: Existing FCS Facilities	\$1,800,000	
Renovation and Repair: Existing Health and Social Service Facilities	\$1,250,000	
Pat Hurley Community Center	\$250,000	
Dennis Chavez Community Center	\$600,000	
Singing Arrow Community Center	\$250,000	
Vehicle and Equipment Replacement: FCS	\$150,000	
Affordable Housing	\$1,750,000	
Total		\$6,050,000
Finance & Administrative Services		
Business Application Technology	\$750,000	
IT Infrastructure Upgrade	\$2,000,000	
Central Avenue Broadband / WiFi, Phase I	\$1,000,000	
3% for Energy Conservation Program	\$3,300,000	
Total		\$7,050,000
Planning		
Comprehensive Community Planning / Revitalization	\$500,000	
Electronic Plan Review (ePlan)	\$225,000	
Albuquerque Geographic Information System (AGIS)	\$550,000	
Permitting Software	\$150,000	
Downtown Revitalization	\$250,000	
Railyard Improvements & Renovations	\$350,000	
El Vado/Casa Grande Redevelopment Project	\$100,000	
West Central Redevelopment Project	\$500,000	
North Fourth Street Redevelopment	\$75,000	
Downtown Lighting Upgrades	\$300,000	
Total		\$3,000,000
Senior Affairs		
Senior Affairs Facility Renovation/Rehabilitation	\$500,000	
Total		\$500,000
Community Facilities Total		\$27,550,000
	G.O. TOTALS	\$ 99,900,000
Mandated/Set-Asides		
Council - Neighborhood Set-Aside Program	\$9,000,000	
1% for each Bond Purpose for Public Art	\$1,100,000	
Mandated/Set-Aside TOTALS		\$10,100,000
	GRAND TOTALS	\$110,000,000

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Monday, January 21 City Offices CLOSED - Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday 	Monday, February 4 •City Council – 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 6 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Thursday, February 14 •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m. 	Wednesday, February 20 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •City Council – 5 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, January 22 •BOA – 9 a.m.	Thursday, February 7 •EPC Case Distribution – 3 p.m.		Thursday, February 21 •AAB – 9 a.m.
Wednesday, January 23 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Wednesday, February 13 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •District 6 Coalition – 7 p.m.		Tuesday, February 26 •BOA – 9 a.m.
Thursday, January 24 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Monday, February 18 City Offices CLOSED President's Day	Tuesday, February 19 •ZHE – 9 a.m.	Wednesday, February 27 •DRB – 9 a.m.
Wednesday, January 30 •DRB – 9 a.m.			

2013 CALENDAR/LEGEND

AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
ACCC - Albuquerque Citizens Corp. Council, 1615 University Boulevard NE (Association of General Contractors Building Branch), **505-610-9563**
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
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
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 February 14, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the Planning Department Hearing Room, (basement level), 600 Second Street NW for the following cases:

Northwest

No NA/HOA's to notify, Westside Coalition of NA's (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 12EPC-40082, 40083, 40084, Project #1009543 (case #'s); Approximately 1.5 acre(s) located at the north east corner of Paseo Del Norte NW and Unser Boulevard NW between Paseo Del Norte NW and Paradise Boulevard NW (location of request); C-10 (zone atlas page #); Wes Prop NM, LLC (Jack Sheehan) at 928-300-4639, agent for West Seventy, LLC (applicant or agency and phone #); Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-D to SU-1 for C-2 and a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed gas station with convenience store, liquor sales and an automated car wash (action requested); Chris Hyer at 505-924-3927, e-mail: <chyer@cabq.gov>. (City staff planner)

Southeast

Trumbull Village, District 6 Coalition of NA's; 12EPC-40080 and 40081, Project #1000501; Approximately .3 acres located on Rhode Island Street SE between Bell Street SE and Trumbull Street SE; L-19; Thanh Nguyen at 505-846-1931; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-t to SU-1 for Church and Related Facilities and a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a small Church and to combine with the current Quang Minh Buddhist Temple to expand the existing Sunday Dharma classes for children and for a future mediation center for interested groups; Randall Falkner at 505-924-3933, e-mail: <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

The City of Albuquerque does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, disability, age, gender, Vietnam Era or disabled veteran status, sexual orientation or medical condition in employment or in the provision of services.

If you have a disability and will need special assistance to benefit from any of the meetings, hearings or workshops, etc., appearing in this newsletter, contact the office sponsoring the event two weeks prior to the date of the meeting you plan to attend. When ever possible, TTY phone numbers will be listed. TTY users may call any phone number listed in this publication via Relay New Mexico at 1-800-659-8331.



National Neighborhoods Grassroots Group Opens Annual Awards Competition

The Board of Directors of Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) is pleased to announce the opening of competition for its 2013 Award programs that recognize the outstanding work of neighborhood organizations and volunteers from all across the United States for their efforts to improve the quality of life in their communities.

Neighborhoods, USA, the sponsoring organization for the awards programs, is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. Founded in 1975, NUSA is one of the nation's oldest grassroots organization dedicated to sharing information and experiences for building stronger communities. It encourages networking and information sharing as a way to facilitate the development of partnerships between neighborhood organizations, government and the private sector.

The 2013 Award categories are:

- The Neighborhood of the Year Award
- The Best Neighborhood Program Award
- Neighborhood Newsletter Competition

The **2013 Neighborhood of the Year Award** program will recognize exceptional accomplishments by neighborhood organizations during 2012. Awards will be given in three categories: 1) Physical Revitalization/Beautification in a Single Neighborhood; 2) Social Revitalization/Neighborliness in a Single Neighborhood; and 3) Multi-Neighborhood Project Partnerships. Judging will be based on the extent of innovation, grassroots participation and capacity building exhibited by the nominated organization.

The **Best Neighborhood Program Award** will recognize outstanding programs also implemented in 2012 to improve neighborhoods by a governmental entity, business or corporation or non-profit. Best Neighborhood Program Awards are given in two categories: Social Revitalization and Physical Revitalization.

A distinguished panel of judges will select four finalists in each category for the Neighborhood of the Year and Best Neighborhood Program Award competitions. Finalists will be invited to make presentations at the 2013 NUSA Conference to be held May 23-25, 2013 in Minneapolis, Minnesota where a new panel of judges will evaluate the presentations, select a winner in each category and then select the overall grand prize winners.

The **Neighborhood Newsletter Competition** back for its third year acknowledges excellence in neighborhoods and was created to highlight the importance of how vital this communication tool can be in determining a neighborhood's success. Entries are evaluated individually and are recognized by receiving a gold, silver or bronze level recognition awards.

Entrants must submit a completed application with the appropriate application fee postmarked by February 15, 2013. Eligibility requirements and application guidelines can be downloaded from the NUSA website <www.nusa.org>.

For additional information or questions regarding the Awards program, contact:

Robert Gibbons, 2013 NUSA Award Applications, 1950 E. Washington Ave., #1, Madison, WI 53704-5278, **608-244-0582**, <robert.gibbons1@charter.net>

For more information about Neighborhoods, USA contact:

Karen Harber, Administrative Assistant, Neighborhoods, USA, P. O. Box 20036, Dayton, OH 45420, **419-927-4710**, <kharber1@woh.rr.com>.

For more information about the upcoming NUSA Conference in Minneapolis, MN contact:

Jana Metge, Conference Coordinator, **952-996-6490**, <www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr> or <ncr@minneapolismn.gov>.

Cultural Services Department

Submitted By Sandy Wylie

Special Events Permitting Process

The City of Albuquerque's Cultural Services Department is conducting a **Public Forum** on **Tuesday, February 12, 2013**, from **6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at the **South Broadway Cultural Center**, 1025 Broadway Boulevard SE. The Public Forum is to discuss the proposed revision of the Special Events Permitting process.

The City Special Events Permitting process is designed to ensure that event planners work with City departments to comply with city regulations and ordinances and as it pertains to the Office of Neighborhood Coordination, to inform and coordinate with communities and neighborhoods that are impacted by events. Special Events such as runs, parades and festivals can impact a neighborhood when it blocks streets, re-routes bus service, includes amplified sound or incorporates other city resources. The City would like to ensure that these events have a positive impact on local communities and the Special Events Permitting process is one way to do that.

We invite you to this forum to discuss how this process can better serve your community and neighborhood.

For more information, contact Sandy Wylie at **505-768-3580** or <swylie@cabq.gov>.

MRCOG/Rio Metro RTD

Submitted By Steve Hawley

**MRCOG Holding Public Meetings for UNM/
CNM/Sunport Transit Study**

The Mid-Region Council of Governments is hosting three upcoming public meetings for the UNM/CNM/Sunport Transit Study. The overall goal of this project is to develop near and long term transit, land use and parking strategies that improve transportation in the area which includes the UNM North, Central and Main campuses, CNM, the sports stadiums, the north Sunport area and the surrounding neighborhoods. Several potential strategies have been identified and will be presented for discussion at the following locations and dates:

Thursday, January 29, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Central United Methodist Church, 201 University Boulevard NE.

Wednesday, January 30, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m., UNM Student Union Building, Lobo Room A & B.

Tuesday, February 5, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m., CNM Student Resource Center, Room 204.

The feedback will help the project team evaluate the potential strategies and develop more ideas on how to better connect the area. More information about this project is available at <www.mrcog-nm.gov> (under "Special Studies") and at <www.facebook.com/transitstudy>. For questions, please contact Tony Sylvester at 505-247-1750 or <tsylvester@mrcog-nm.gov>.

To request Americans with Disabilities Act related accommodations for a meeting, please contact Cheryl Wagner with Parsons Brinckerhoff by Thursday, January 24, at 505-878-6560.

Cultural Services Department

Submitted By Sandy Wylie

Art in the Afternoon

The City of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Museum of Art and History invite you to spend Saturdays enjoying Art in the Afternoon. Wrap up your shopping in Historic Old Town with **FREE** admission into the museum, live local music and great food and drink specials amid a wealth of cultural and historical artifacts and works of art. Havana Son will perform on January 26, 2013 from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <www.cabq.gov> or call 311 for details and more information about February performers.

**NM State Association of
Parliamentarians**

Submitted By Janice Strand



Parliamentary Pointers

**Amendment or Revision of Bylaws...a follow-up to
the earlier article on Bylaws**

Amendment

The bylaws are the document that contains the organization's own basic rules that relate specifically to itself as an organization. The bylaws must contain an article that outlines the procedure for amendment.

Article IX.

Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of ____ by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting (or sent by U.S. Mail or email to members a stated length of time before the meeting).

When presented the motion to amend is the main motion to *Amend Something Previously Adopted*; therefore previous notice and a two-thirds vote is required.

Previous Notice

Previous notice is giving notice to all members who have the right to be present to vote on the adoption of bylaw amendments or revision. The bylaws (see above) state when the notice is to be given.

Revision

Changes of the bylaws that are so extensive and general that they are scattered throughout the bylaws should be considered as a substitution of a new set of bylaws and called a *revision*. The notice given is that a new document will be presented and open to amendment as if the organization is adopting bylaws for the first time. The group is not confined to consideration of only the points of change. After consideration the revision can be rejected altogether.

Careful consideration must be given as a bylaws committee works through the proposal of amendments or a revision. Committee members must include persons of all points of view. *From Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition (2011)*, pages 565-591.

**Policies and Procedures 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 Amendment or Revision of Bylaws at your meeting, contact Jan Strand at <jan_str@msn.com>.



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