



District 5 Open House Agenda

Taylor Ranch Community Center

June 12, 2018

6:00-8:00 p.m.

I. Briefings

❖ North-West Area Commander Olvera

- NW Area Command's speed cameras arriving in August will be used to gather data on when and where speeding occurs.
- There is movement toward deployment of bike patrols in the NW Area Command.
- Crime statistics: There is a 33% increase in car stops in the NW area and a decrease in robbery occurrences.
- NW Area command is formulating and enacting tactical plans to address Westside area neighborhood crime.
- The public should lock their cars.

❖ Westside Fire Battalion Chief Pasquale Galucci

- Due to their extensive performance of rescue operations--over 85% of all fire department efforts-- Albuquerque Fire Department changed their name to Albuquerque Fire and Rescue Department.
- At 37.1 sq./miles, District 5 is a portion of the largest fire protection area in Albuquerque.
- Lt. Tom Ruiz, 768-9317 is the Albuquerque Fire Department public information officer.
- Fireworks controls are listed at <https://www.cabq.gov/fire>
- Councilor Borrego purchased additional Thermal Imaging Cameras (TICS) for Albuquerque's Westside Fire Battalion.

- The new Wilderness truck, purchased by Councilor Borrego, will be used to address brush fires on the volcano bluffs and in Petroglyph Park averting threat from residential areas.
- LUCUS device automatic defibrillators also recently purchased by Councilor Borrego, allow first responders to remain seat belted while chest compressions automatically deliver perfect CPR to victims, at the correct pressures and rates.
- Councilor Borrego's purchases are vitally important fire and rescue items and appreciated.
- Administrators are looking into funding for a fire station already planned to be located near Volcano Vista.
- New fire cadets are scheduled to begin training by the end of June.

❖ **Peter Gelabert, City of Albuquerque Crime Prevention Specialist introduced Alan Armijo, The City of Albuquerque Director of Constituent Services. Director Armijo serves an additional leadership role outside City government in the AbqWest side Chamber of Commerce. Director Armijo may be reached at 768-3000**

- Zoning is mandated by charter omitting discretionary decisions by administration.
- The Mayor's primary focus is public safety as evidenced by the strong APD recruitment efforts and a mandate to target car theft.
- Mayor Keller's goal to hire 100 new APD officers is supported by a new class of APD cadets beginning in May.
- The Mayor's Service Challenge including youth assistance to elderly programs initiates with a kick-off event in August.
- Imaginative and community centered service project suggestions are welcome. Go to <https://www.cabq.gov/service>

❖ **Patrick Montoya, Director of Municipal Development: NW Area Projects**

- The Municipal Development Department touches on an abundance of Albuquerque projects and is made up of 464 employees including those assigned to traffic engineering and design.
- The Cities planned conversion to LED street lights performed by a company called Citelum is planned for completion by November.
- PNM manages wooden street light poles and the City manages metal street light poles.

- Reversible lane on Paseo del Norte, Kimmick to Universe: Full build out of Paseo del Norte entails tremendous costs; while a reversible lane may develop the road in ways that are costly to undo once the full build out becomes feasible. State Legislation money was not granted in the 2018 legislative session. Currently, Councilor Cynthia Borrego and the administration's priority are to gain commitments from property owners bordering this section of Paseo del Norte. There is a need to work with all stakeholders to determine the right solution: the City, federal government, state and private developers. New Mexico State Senator Candace Gould, present at the meeting, stated that west side infrastructure is a priority for NM State Legislators. Paseo del Norte was a new project to the 2018 session and, as such, will be passed into consideration for 2019's spending priorities.
- Other west side street projects additionally call on Capital Implementation Project funding.

❖ **Paula Dodge-Kwan: Engineering Projects Manager**

- A 7 bar loop traffic engineering study is underway to assess the need to widen the roadway's shoulder.
- West side Blvd.'s construction is planned to begin in 2020 to expand West side Blvd from two to four lanes.
- Initiated by Palmilla Senior Living Center and Councilor Cynthia D. Borrego, Golf Course traffic calming signage was installed in June to make Golf Course a safer street for surrounding residents.

❖ **Mark Motsko, Capital Implementation Projects
Strategic Program Manager: NW Area Potential
Projects**

- The process of median landscaping and renovation sometimes amounts to as much as \$5 million and 7/10ths of a mile can amount to approximately \$800,000 requiring the City to turn to General Obligation bond (GO) funding.
- The City provides a median landscaping brochure that describes three design prototypes from which communities may choose median landscaping designs including a xeriscaping alternative.
- All city landscaping projects require irrigation.

- Councilor Borrego is looking into funding sources to landscape medians at Homestead close to Butterfield and Monte, medians at Vista and Whitman, and medians on Irving between Rio los Pinos to Unser.

❖ **David Simon, Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Director: Parks and Trails Projects**

- Priority importance is placed on keeping parks clean and safe.
- Parks and Recreation's is recruiting positive events to be held at the City's parks, and wishes to encourage public involvement with Albuquerque Parks through such measures as the involvement of youth in aquatics and sports and connecting young people to nature.
- The Parks and Recreation Department purchased climbing walls for the City which City communities may use for special events.
- The City also owns and manages public golf courses. Details are on-line at <https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation>.
- Parks and Recreation maintains Albuquerque's existing bike trails and is interested in developing more bike trails in the future. See <https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/recreation/bike>
- Cooperative efforts are underway to develop the City's relationship with Petroglyph National Park.
- Some Albuquerque parks serve a dual purpose as drainage basins/facilities requiring collaborations between Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) and Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA).
- Parks and recreation is working to install more trees in City parks.

❖ **Water Authority Representatives: David Morris, Public Affairs Mgr. (presenting); with Dave Price, Kris Cadena and Victoria Dery**

- The Water Authority is in the process of a 10-year, \$250 million refurbishment of the community's water reclamation (i.e., sewage treatment) plant, with about \$15 million earmarked in FY2019 for installing odor-control covers on water clarifying basins at the plant.
- The agency's goal is to be spending approximately \$76 million per year on infrastructure renewal by 2021.
- Last year's capital/infrastructure renewal spending was approximately \$64 million.
- On the west side, the Water Authority has facilities to treat for arsenic and, thanks to the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project, is also able to move water from lower-

arsenic areas to ensure that federal arsenic standards for drinking water are maintained throughout the water system.

- Fines are imposed for wasting water, enforced by Water Authority conservation staff.
- Rebates remain available for water saving appliances and further information can be found at www.abcwua.org

❖ **AMAFCA Executive Engineer Jerry Lovato**

- Trash in parks causes drainage basins to clog. Please be mindful of trash disposal.
- The most current method of draining storm water is to cause it to slow down over a stretch of land before draining it from a site. Mariposa Park follows this modal, drying out one phase at a time.
- AMAFCA is aware that Boca Negra Canyon storm drainage needs blasting.
- Attendees may contact AMAFCA if water systems pumps or parts break at <http://amafca.org/contact-us/>

❖ **Mapping Issues Break Out Session**

Map 1: McMahan North, Paseo del Norte South, Unser East, Ventana West West:

- a) McMahan and Stonebridge: Blinking LED lights
- b) Universe and Ventana Village and Ventana Village West neighborhoods : Stop signs at Universe needed

Map 2: McMahan North, Paseo del Norte South, Coors East, Unser West:

- a) Speeding at Black Arroyo, the border between Rio Rancho and Albuquerque. Who monitors this area?
- b) Speeding at McMahan Blvd. approaching Unser where the right lane ends approaching Unser.
- c) Westside Blvd. Improvements
- d) Palmilla Senior Center—Golf Course between Irving and McMahan traffic calming.

Map 3: Paradise North, Montano South, Rainbow East, Golf Course West:

- a) Vista Vieja Avenue: Speeding—request speed trailers and statistics report via APD
- b) Scenic Rd: Complete Scenic Rd. Without completion there is only 1 exit from the south neighborhood side for 810 houses

- c) Paseo del Norte west of Unser: Widen Paseo del Norte to more than 1 lane east and west
- d) La Cuentista Open Space: Finish purchasing
- e) Sierra Linda Av. to Keeling at cross streets San Idelfonso and Mohave: There are invasive plant species
- f) Homestead Circle and Mohave: the pavement is rough
- g) Montano-- Sierra Vista Pool is overcrowded
- h) Montano at Kiva St. and Pojoaque Dr.: Replant Medians
- i) Mariposa Park: More trash cans needed
- j) Taylor Ranch: Wall problems
- k) Taylor Ranch: Median landscaping

❖ **Conversation and Questions**

- West turn lane on Unser and McMahan: Headed north on Unser, turning left or west on McMahan, the turn light is on for a very short time allowing 1-3 cars to turn, less, if the first car is not watching.
- Attendees questioned City Council's approval of an increase to the Cities Gross Receipts Tax (GRT): Councilor Cynthia Borrego answered that 80% of the new GRT tax proceeds are allocated to crime prevention. Director Alan Armijo went on to explain that sometimes tax increases include a sunset clause once imminent issues are addressed.
- Reducing illegal dumping:
In Los Alamos, the residences are allowed to use the dump for 12 free trips or 'X' number of pounds. The Los Alamos County can be a good contact for how the plan works. Contact Los Alamos County Manager Harry Burgess at 663-1750; Los Alamos Chief Information Officer John Roig at 663-1991