

Neighborhood News

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Richard J. Berry
Mayor of Albuquerque

City of Albuquerque Gets Green Light for Next Phase Of Bus Rapid Transit Project Development

ABQ Ride notified of federal approval to commence "Project Development Phase"

Albuquerque's Transit Department/ABQ RIDE has received word from the Federal Transit Administration that the city has been authorized to move to the Project Development Phase for *Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)* along Central Avenue. This is an early and critical step in the process of getting BRT to Albuquerque and it opens up the prospect for millions of dollars in federal matching funds for the project. Bus Rapid Transit has a proven record in cities around the world for significantly improving public transportation, creating opportunities for economic growth and spurring transit oriented development. When

compared to light rail systems, Bus Rapid Transit accomplishes many of the same goals but can be built for pennies on the dollar in comparison.

The Bus Rapid Transit proposal is a key component of Mayor Richard J. Berry's overall plan for improving public transportation while creating a more vibrant and energized business environment along Central Avenue, Albuquerque's busiest and most used thoroughfare. Central Avenue accounts for 42% of ABQ RIDE's ridership. The project will result in more timely and convenient transit service to the neighborhoods and businesses along the route. Preliminary research and community outreach has included two rounds of public meetings which were well attended and included good feedback from citizens.

"Project Development represents a critical phase and takes us one step closer to a state-of-the-art transit service for residents of Albuquerque," said Bruce Rizzieri, Director of ABQ Ride. "Coupled with the great work that is going on at the Mid Region Council of Governments centered around additional BRT routes the next generation of transportation looks bright," he added.

"BRT will be a key economic driver for our city which will complement our Innovation District initiatives and result in enhanced opportunities along Central Avenue," said Mayor Richard J. Berry. "This is a great opportunity to make a smart public sector investment that will drive significant private sector activity and job creation."

The Project Development phase will include:

- Continued Public Involvement.
- Conceptual Engineering.
- Potential Impact on Street Operations.
- Environmental Documentation.
- Identification of Historical Properties.
- Mitigation of these Impacts.

Some of the hallmarks of BRT are:

- Boarding platforms level with the floor of the bus, easing and speeding the boarding process – just like a subway of a light rail transit car.
- Off-bus fare collection enabling riders to purchase tickets outside the bus, reducing waiting time to get on the BRT.
- A smart signal system, allowing BRT to communicate with traffic signals and reducing delays.
- Dedicated lanes for a majority of the route.

The Development Phase is anticipated to take approximately 12 months. The city will continue to hold public meetings to educate the community about BRT and the advantages and cost savings associated with the project. These will be opportunities for the public to learn more about BRT and the important part it can play in the vitality of our city's future.



APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink



Door-To-Door Solicitation

Illegal or unauthorized door-to-door solicitation presents a possible unsafe situation in the residential setting. Individuals who represent themselves as a legitimate business are often times conducting fraudulent or potentially criminal activity. This type of enterprise is less prevalent today so individual citizens should consider any unexpected knock at the door to be potentially suspicious. The following are suggestions about how to create and maintain a safe and secure residential environment and how to handle the unwanted or unauthorized solicitor.

- The average citizen can define and describe normal behavior and activity in their immediate area or block. Citizens should apply this knowledge to persons walking the neighborhood. Strangers or those people that do not belong should be noticed and observed for suspicious activity. If a person’s behavior is deemed to be abnormal or suspicious, the citizen should call the non-emergency number 242-COPS. If someone witnesses a crime in progress dial 911.
If the resident receives any knock at the door, they should ALWAYS observe the area through a window or eye-viewer prior to opening the door – even if they are expecting a visitor. If an unfamiliar person is observed outside the residence the occupant should be very cautious about opening the door. If there is a security screen door with a deadbolt lock in place and the citizen feels comfortable with opening the door they should not engage the individual but rather politely ask them to leave. In the absence of a security screen door they should notify the visitor they are unwelcome and ask them to leave the premises via the locked door and should never allow entry for any reason. Once the person is asked to leave the resident

should observe them leaving and be prepared to report suspicious activity to the police.

- It is important to note that a knock at the door should not go unanswered in some manner – whether through the security screen door or the main door. Criminals posing as a legitimate solicitor are looking for an empty house to eventually commit residential burglary. If the criminal breaks into an expected empty residence and finds an occupant the probability of a violent encounter is high.
Home Invasions can be the result of a door-to-door solicitor. The criminal knocks on the door and through a variety of techniques, persuades the resident to open the door. Once the door is open other individuals appear from obscured locations and force their way into the residence. If someone is at the door claiming to require assistance or some type of help, especially late at night, NEVER OPEN THE DOOR – call 911.
Citizens who have experienced an illegal solicitor or suspicious person should alert other neighbors in the immediate area.
It is recommended that no one engage or enter into a discussion about the purchase of items or services from any one who initiate contact with them. If items or services are needed citizens should pursue the purchase through established businesses. All frauds and scams originate from contact initiated by someone else.
How to verify a solicitor’s legitimacy – All legitimate businesses in the City of Albuquerque must have a permit to operate and this includes the door-to-door solicitor per City Ordinance 13-3-1-1. The Ordinance requires the individual to have on their person a permit that can be produced on request, which includes photo identification. Any solicitor that claims not to have one or has left it in another location should be considered illegitimate. If you desire the right of privacy, posting a No Trespassing or No Soliciting sign on your premises must be observed by the solicitor. Solicitation is permitted only between the hours of 9 a.m. and sunset.

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APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink



Vehicle Identification Number Window Etching Event

Window etching of your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is an excellent deterrent to auto theft. In a matter of minutes the VIN can be permanently fixed in a corner of each window. Placing the VIN on each window can discourage thieves from dismantling your automobile and reselling the parts which is one of the primary reasons our vehicles are stolen.

The next VIN Etching Event sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department, is scheduled for the following date, time and location.

Saturday, March 29, 2014
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Target Store Parking Lot
6100 Paseo Del Norte NE
Paseo Del Norte and I-25



The window etching is **FREE**. Citizens must provide current vehicle registration.

ABQ RIDE

Submitted By Rick De Reyes



ABQ RIDE Modifies A Route Due to Paseo Construction, Moves to Put More Books in Kids' Hands and Asks for Public Comment from Sun Van Passengers

On Monday, March 3, 2014, ABQ RIDE began a modification of its Route #251 (ABQ-Rio Rancho/Rail Runner Connection), due to the ongoing Paseo del Norte/Jefferson construction. The route is now starting one of its afternoon, north/westbound runs five minutes early, to ensure that passengers make their Rail Runner connection on time.

The #251 will now be leaving the New Mexico Rail Runner's Los Ranchos/Journal Center Station at 4:55 p.m. on a route that eventually loops back to the station by 5:26 p.m. This ensures that passengers on #251 will be on time for the Rail Runner's southbound #515 train, which is scheduled to leave the Los Ranchos/Journal Center Station at 4:55 p.m. on a route that eventually loops back to the station by 5:26 p.m. This ensures that passengers on #251 will be on time for the Rail Runner's southbound #515 train, which is scheduled to leave the Los Ranchos/Journal Center Station at 5:34 p.m. The schedule for the rest of the trip from the station to the west side will not change.

ABQ RIDE is making the modification because of continuing traffic congestion at the Paseo del Norte/Jefferson intersection. Road work near that intersection is ongoing as part of the reconstruction of the Paseo del Norte/I-25 interchange.

This schedule change to the #251 will remain in effect until construction of the new interchange is completed.

On February 15, ABQ RIDE reprised a program to put more books in the hands of kids with its *Discover A Book* Program, part of the City of Albuquerque's "Read to Me" Book Drive.

For the past eight years, ABQ RIDE has been placing books on its buses; for children and even adults to read and take home. The program, called *Discover a Book*, is an annual part of the Albuquerque Business Education Compact (ABEC) and the City of Albuquerque's *Read to Me* Book Drive. On February 15, these groups are once again looking for donations of books, especially children's books.

"We put some of these books on ABQ RIDE buses, hoping a child might read one or more and eventually take them home," said Bruce Rizzieri, Director of ABQ RIDE. "It makes taking public transit a more meaningful experience, especially for children."

This year's *Read to Me* Book Drive runs through Monday, March 31, 2014. Individuals, groups and businesses are invited to participate in collecting books, especially children's books for the programs. *Read to Me* Book Drive collection sites are at the following metro Albuquerque locations: *Barnes and Noble*, *John Brooks Supermarts*, *Applebee's*, *La Montanita Coops*, *Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System* and *Village Inns*. Nearly 50 local employers will also conduct *Read to Me* book drives among their employees and patrons.

The goal is to collect 45 thousand new or gently-used books (from toddler through middle school level) and distribute them to children from low income families. The *Read to Me* Book Drive, through the collection and donation of books to children, builds a foundation for developing literacy skills.

For groups interested in collecting books from among your employees and/or clients, please contact Paula Delap-Padilla at **505-848-1334** for more information.

ABQ RIDE is also considering updates to its process for certifying Sun Van passengers. And it wants the public's comments on proposals.

ABQ RIDE plans to hold a public meeting on the subject. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Albuquerque Museum's, Ventana Salon, 2000 Mountain Road NW.

Sun Van passengers who wish to attend the meeting may call **505-243-RIDE (7433)** or TTY **711** to schedule rides.

Cultural Services Department, Special Events

Submitted By John Humpton

Calendar of Events for 2014

Fiestas De Albuquerque

Saturday, April 12, 2014
12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Historic Old Town - In Celebration of Albuquerque's 308th birthday, Mayor Richard J. Berry invites you to Fiestas de Albuquerque on April 12th from 12– 5 p.m. Enjoy the history and traditions of our City with live entertainment, **FREE** children's activities, artist demonstrations, local food, shopping and fun for the whole family. Mark your calendars now and come celebrate Albuquerque's birthday.

Admission: **FREE**

For more information call **311**, visit <<http://CultureABQ.com>, or <http://Facebook.com/abqspecialevents/events>>.

Albuquerque Renaissance Faire

Saturday, April 26, 2014
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum - Join the City of Albuquerque and The Barony of al-Barran, members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, for the second annual Albuquerque Renaissance Faire! Enjoy live entertainment, Faire food, drink and a Royal Feast, Children's Realm, Living History and demonstrations, unique shopping and equestrian jousting.

Faire Admission: Adults- \$10; Children 4-12-\$5; Children 3 and under **FREE**.

Royal Feast: Adults- \$20; Children 12 and under- \$11

For more information call **311**, visit <<http://www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/things-to-do/annual-events/albuquerque-renaissance-faire/>> or <<https://www.facebook.com/events/701723786525375/>>.

Heights Summerfest

Saturday, June 14, 2014
5 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

North Domingo Baca Park, Wyoming and Carmel - Come and enjoy the Heights Summerfest. There will be live entertainment from great local bands and our national headliner The Cherry Poppin' Daddies. Enjoy food and drink from local vendors, a local Microbrew Garden, shopping, **FREE** kids' activities and much more.

For more information visit <CultureABQ.com> or call **311**.

**Cultural Services Department,
ABQ BioPark**

Submitted By Dana Feldman



**Public Input Opportunity on
BioPark Master Plan**

Next Information Session scheduled for March 20th

The ABQ BioPark (Aquarium, Botanic Garden, Zoo and Tingley Beach) is a cultural treasure visited by more than 1.2 million residents and visitors each year, earning it the position as the most visited public attraction in New Mexico. With a view to the future, city leaders, staff and other experts are drafting a Master Plan to help ensure that the BioPark will remain a viable and valuable asset to the community well into the future.

To ensure that the plan meets the needs and wishes of both residents and visitors—for the near and long term—the City of Albuquerque is hosting the next public information session on the Master Plan process Thursday, March 20th from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Barelas Senior Center (714 7th St SW, 87102). This is the second of three sessions. The time and date for the final session has not yet been determined.

Included in the session will be an introduction to the team members who are leading the Master Plan process: Albuquerque based NCA Architects and Jones and Jones Architects of Seattle, Washington. City staff will also participate. A presentation by the consultant team will include discussion on what has been learned since the initial phase of the project. A question/answer session will welcome input from the public.

Everyone with an interest in the BioPark and its surroundings, especially neighbors of the facilities are encouraged to attend and have the opportunity to help shape the future of the BioPark for generations to come.

**Albuquerque
Fire
Department**

Submitted By Melissa Romero



The Metro Area Public Safety Team is holding the First Annual Sirens for Homeless Students Collection Drive from April 12 - April 26, 2014 at all city and county fire and police stations. The bins will be located inside each station. The items needed are standard toiletries, non-perishable food items and packaged socks and underwear (sizes 3-18 years). All of the items collected will be distributed to students through the APS Title One Homeless Project. This important organization serves over 5,000 homeless students in the metro area.

Animal Welfare Department

Submitted By James Ludwick



Help Is Here For Your Pets...

It has never been easier to have your pet spayed or neutered and it's one of the most important steps you can take as a responsible pet owner.

Every year, thousands of unwanted dogs and cats are born because people did not spay or neuter their pets. There are simply not enough homes for the animals that are born because of this type of neglect.

The city Animal Welfare Department is offering surgeries at no charge for the pets of low income and moderate income Albuquerque residents. For information about scheduling a surgery, call **311** or **505-768-2000**. Details are available on the city's website at <www.cabq.gov/pets/programs-services/spay-neuter>.

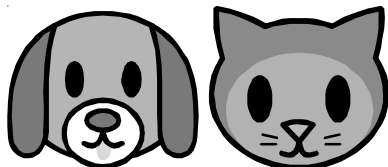
The Animal Welfare Department also works with programs that can arrange for the **FREE** spay or neuter of street cats in your neighborhood to humanely control the cat population. For information, contact Best Friends Animal Society, **505-440-3441**.

Spaying and neutering provide health benefits in addition to preventing litters. Spaying helps prevent uterine infection and breast cancer which is fatal in about 50 percent of dogs and 90 percent of cats. Neutering can prevent testicular cancer if done before six months of age. Neutering also reduces roaming and nuisances such as foul odors in spraying by cats. It can reduce aggressiveness and fighting among both dogs and cats.

Under most circumstances it is against the law in Albuquerque to own a dog or cat that is not spayed or neutered.

The Animal Welfare Department has been working hard to upgrade important services such as the spay/neuter programs, while also improving the results at city animal shelters. Euthanasia during 2013 was down 54 percent compared to only two years ago.

Improvements at city shelters have included greater success with adoptions, vigorous efforts to place animals with rescue groups, much better use of marketing and special events, improved efforts to ensure the quality of adoptions and a foster care program that has helped save hundreds of young kittens as well as other animals with special needs.



Solid Waste Management Department

Submitted By Bobby Sisneros

We are proud to announce this year's: Spring Green Waste Collection! Residents can recycle their green waste for FREE!

When: April 28, 2014 - May 9, 2014

Description: City of Albuquerque Solid Waste Residential Customers can take advantage of **FREE** green waste pickup. Green waste will be collected on your regular trash collection day during the following weeks:



- April 28 - May 2
- May 5 - May 9

Instructions: Solid Waste Residential customers must place green waste - such as leaves, grass and brush - in trash bags.

- Bags must not weigh more than 40 pounds each.
- Branches must be cut to four foot lengths and bundled securely.
- Items for green recycling must be placed at the curb for collection by 7 a.m. on the regular trash pickup day.
- Items should be placed five feet away from automated trash containers.

Prohibited Items: Collection crews won't pick up the following items:

- Dirt.
- Construction Debris.
- Gravel.
- Construction Material.
- Tree Stumps.

For more information please visit <www.cabq.gov/solidwaste>.



Solid Waste Management Department

Submitted By Bobby Sisneros

2014 Great American Cleanup

The Importance of Recycling Right

To help ensure the success of Albuquerque's new Recycling Program please put only recyclable items into your blue recycling cart. The wrong materials can halt the process, harm the equipment and contaminate an entire batch of recyclable products.

DO Place in Blue Cart

Paper

- Newspapers/Magazines
- Junk Mail
- Office Paper
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Cereal/Cracker Boxes
- Milk and Juice Boxes
- Phone Books
- Brown Paper Bags
- Paper Egg Cartons

Plastic (Lightly Rinsed)

- Rigid Plastic Toys/Hampers
- #1-7 Plastic Bottle/Tubs

Metal

- Tin Cans (Lightly Rinsed)
- Aluminium Cans
- Foil and Pie Pans
- Small Electronics
- Pots and Pans
- Small Appliance

DO NOT Place in Blue Cart

- Glass
- Garbage
- Food
- Light Blubs
- Hazardous Waste
- Wood
- Sharp Metal
- Yard Waste
- Motor Oil Bottles
- Batteries
- Medical Waste/Needles
- Styrofoam
- Computer Monitors
- TVs
- Plastic Grocery Bags

Everyone wants to live, work and play in a clean and green community . . . and it's up to everyone to make it possible and improve the overall quality of life for all of us.

We are proud to announce that this year's *Great American Clean Up* will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Here's an opportunity to show your community pride and show your neighbors and fellow residents that you are willing to lend a hand.

Go to our website <keepalbuquerquebeautiful.com> to download the registration form. Complete and return the form via fax to **505-761-8150**, e-mail <milaromero@cabq.com> or mail to: Keep Albuquerque Beautiful, 4600 Edith NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107 by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2014.

Those neighborhoods that register will receive **FREE** supplies for your neighborhood association to pick up at our Edith location on Thursday, April 24, 2014 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Heritage East Association of Residents (HEAR)

Come Tour The Friedman Recycling Facility!!

Join Keep Albuquerque Beautiful and Friedman Recycling on Saturday, April 19, 2014 in celebration of Earth Day and take a tour of the new state-of-the-art material recovery facility located at 5021 Edith Boulevard NE. Tours are **FREE** and open to the public from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Come see what happens to your recycling material after you deposit it into your blue recycling cart.

Submitted By Sara Mancini

**A Message From
Your City Council**



City Councilor Isaac Benton welcomes Jeff Speck, urbanist and author to speak in Albuquerque.

What: Jeff Speck Lecture

Towards a More Walkable Albuquerque

Around the country and the world, cities are changing themselves to become more welcoming to pedestrians and cyclists. This lively talk presents the General Theory of Walkability — what it takes to get people out of their cars — and then runs through a full range of best and worst practices currently in use to make cities more walkable and bikeable.

Where: Hotel Andaluz (125 Second Street NW)

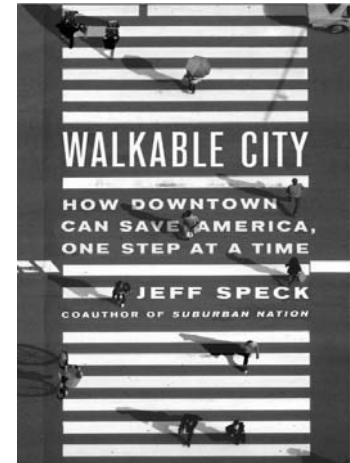
Walking, biking and transit use are encouraged! Complimentary valet parking is available at the hotel main entrance on Copper. Additional paid parking is offered at nearby garages.

When: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Come early to enjoy a walk around downtown and the hospitality offered by Hotel Andaluz!

Jeff Speck is a city planner who advocates for smart growth and sustainable design. As the former director of design at the National Endowment for the Arts, he oversaw the Mayors’ Institute on City Design, where he worked with dozens of American mayors on their most pressing city planning challenges. He leads a design practice based in Washington, D.C.

Speck was coauthor of the landmark bestseller *Suburban Nation* and authored the acclaimed *Walkable City: How Downtown Can Save America, One Step at a Time*. He has dedicated his career to determining what makes cities thrive and has boiled it down to one key factor: walkability.




This event is FREE and open to the public!

Please contact Diane Dolan, Policy Analyst for Councilor Isaac Benton at **505-768-3186** or ddolan@cabq.gov with questions.

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Tuesday, March 18 •ZHE – 9 a.m.	NO MEETINGS IN APRIL: •District 6 Coalition •District 8 Coalition Tuesday, April 1 •SWAN – 6:30 p.m. •April Fool’s Day Wednesday, April 2 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3 •EPC Case Distribution – 3 p.m.	Monday, April 7 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Thursday, April 17 •AAB – 8:15 a.m. •East Gateway Coalition – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 19 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •AHA – 12 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.		Wednesday, April 9 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m.	Monday, April 21 •City Council – 5 p.m.
Thursday, March 20 •AAB – 8:15 a.m.		Thursday, April 10 •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.	Tuesday, April 22 •BOA – 9 a.m.
Tuesday, March 25 •BOA – 9 a.m.		Tuesday, April 15 •ZHE – 9 a.m.	
Wednesday, March 26 •NO DRB – Spring Break		Wednesday, April 16 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •AHA – 12 p.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	
Thursday, March 27 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.			Wednesday, April 30 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m.

2014 CALENDAR/LEGEND

AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
AHA - Albuquerque Housing Authority, Carnis Salisbury Building, Manuel Cordova Conference Room, 1840 University Boulevard SE, **505-764-3915**
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 - Holiday Park Community Center, 11710 Comanche Road 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
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
SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighbors, Alamosa Multi-Purpose Center, 6900 Gonzales Road SW
Westside Coalition - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Drive NW
ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner Office - Plaza Del Sol Building, 3rd Floor, **505-924-3894**; 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 **Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.** in the **Planning Department Hearing Room**, (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following case:

Northeast

Alameda North Valley, Wildflower Area, Vista Del Norte, North Edith, District 4 Coalition of NA's, North Valley Coalition (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 14EPC-40017, 40018, Project #1000363 (case #'s); Approximately 6.3 acres located on the west side of Balloon Museum Drive NE between Edith Boulevard NE and San Mateo Boulevard NE (**location of request**); B-17 (**zone atlas page #**); Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801** agent for the City of Albuquerque, Parks and Recreation Department (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for the Sid Cutter Pilot's Pavilion and a portion of the Main Street Promenade within the interior of the Balloon Fiesta Park and Amending a Site Development Plan for Subdivision for increasing the allowable height for the Sid Cutter Pilot's Pavilion Promenade from 26 feet to 34 feet (**action requested**); Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**, e-mail: <mgould@cabq.gov>. (**City staff planner**)

No Neighborhood Associations or Homeowners, North Valley Coalition; 14EPC-40011, Project #1008519; Approximately 1.77 acres located on the west side of Pan American Frontage Road NE between Montano Road NE and Jefferson Street NE; F-17; Greenberg Farrow at **949-296-0450** agent for Bubba's 33; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed +/- 8,700 square foot Bubba's 33 sit down restaurant; Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879**, e-mail: <kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov>.

Countrywood Area, Nor Este, North Wyoming, La Cueva Village, District 4 Coalition of NA's; 14EPC-40009, 40010; Project #1008952; Approximately 3.29 acres located on the north side of Palomas Avenue NE between Wyoming Boulevard NE and Paseo Del Norte NE; D-19; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801** agent for MVG Development; Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed *Morningstar at Albuquerque* a facility that will provide two levels of care - Assisted Living and Memory Care that will be made of 69 units in a two story proposed building; Chris Glore at **505-924-3357**, e-mail: <cgllore@cabq.gov>.

Northwest

Tuscany, Westside Coalition of NA's; 14EPC-40015, 40016, Project #1000875; Approximately 6.64 acres located on the northeast corner of Finland Drive NW and McMahon Boulevard NW; A-11; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801** agent

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for Inland Group; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for C-1 Uses to SU-1 for C-1 and R-2 Uses and to Amend the Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed 154 unit age restricted (senior) housing project which the residential units are in one – four story building and a single story recreation/pool building with surface parking, covered parking and individual garages; Chris Glore at **505-924-3357**, e-mail: <cglore@cabq.gov>.

Avalon, South Valley Coalition of NA's, South West Alliance of Neighbors (SWAN), Westside Coalition of NA's; 14EPC-40012, 40014, Project #1009982; Approximately 37.7 acres located on the south side of Daytona Road NW between 98th Street NW and Los Volcanes Road NW; J-K-9; Tierra West, LLC at **505-858-3100**, agent for I-40 South, LLC; Requests an Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed new FedEx facility that will house a new 173,328 square foot distribution facility for the region – will receive packages via overnight delivery and then delivered to the metro area and not open to the public; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**, e-mail: <mgould@cabq.gov>.

Southeast

WillowWood, Juan Tabo Hills, Four Hills Village HOA, Four Hills Village NA, Coronado Terrace, Executive Hills, Winterwood Park, Singing Arrow, East Gateway Coalition; 14EPC-40013, Project #1009983; Approximately 684 acres located in the Tijeras Arroyo between I-40 Freeway and Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB); L-24, M-21-24; Sites Southwest, Barbara Herrington at **505-822-8200** agent for City of Albuquerque, Parks and Recreation Department, Open Space Division; Requests Amendment to the Resource Management Plan for the Tijeras Arroyo Biological Zone; Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>.

Albuquerque Housing Authority

Submitted by Brian A. Eagan



ALBUQUERQUE HOUSING AUTHORITY

“Empowering people in our community through affordable housing and self-sufficiency opportunities”

Albuquerque Housing Authority (AHA) is presently updating our applications waiting list for both Public Housing and Section 8.

Save My Spot at AHA. If you are currently on our multiple year long waiting list for admission to our rental assistance programs, you will be receiving an update request form by U.S. mail very soon at the home address of record you gave AHA when you first applied or to the most recent address you have provided to AHA. This update form is a chance for you to list changes that have occurred in your household since you first applied (i.e., added people, got a job, change in mailing address, kids moved out, etc.). Currently, there are about 5,667 households in line currently for an AHA Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and about 3,341 households in line for a Public Housing unit. Even if there are no changes in your information you must sign the AHA form and then return it to the AHA office by the deadline, if you want to remain on the waiting list for another year. If you take no action you will be dropped from the list automatically.

Please return the update request form to the AHA office by March 14, 2014. If your form is not returned by then you will be sent a second notice, by Certified U.S. Mail. The final deadline for the applicant to return their signed update request form to the AHA office at 1840 University Boulevard SE is April 14, 2014 before 4 p.m. to stay on the waiting list. If you have questions or concerns regarding the waitlist update, please call our waitlist update line at **505-764-3975** or e-mail us at <update@abqha.org>. For more information, see <<http://www.cabq.gov/albuquerque-housing-authority/waiting-list-information>>.

NM State Association of Parliamentarians

Submitted By Janice Strand



Parliamentary Pointers

If you have not yet registered for the Saturday, March 29, 2014 “Smart Meetings” Seminar offered by the New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians (NMSAP) from 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon, do so today! Registration form is available at <www.nmsap.com>.

Amending a Main Motion...Procedure will be covered in “Smart Meetings”

“To Modify is to Amend”

The subsidiary motion to *Amend* is a motion to modify the wording — and within certain limits the meaning — of a pending motion before the pending motion is acted upon.

Amend is probably the most widely used of the subsidiary motions, although the full procedure for its most effective application is not generally well understood by the meeting-going public at large. [RONR (11th Edition), p. 130]

Rules for the use of Amend:

1. The amendment must be germane (related to the question being considered).
2. Can be applied to any main motion or to any motion that legitimately contains a variable factor.
3. Can be applied to an amendment (secondary amendment).
4. Is out of order when another has the floor.
5. Requires a second.
6. Is debatable whenever the motion to which it is applied is debatable.
7. Is amendable.
8. Debate must be confined to the desirability of the amendment; debate must not extend to the merits of the motion to be amended.
9. Only one primary amendment and one secondary amendment are permitted at a time.
10. Requires a majority vote.
11. May be adopted by unanimous consent.
12. To adopt an amendment does not adopt the motion being amended.
13. May be reconsidered.
14. **If the amendment is adopted by majority vote (or unanimous consent), then the main motion as amended must be voted on and can be adopted or can fail.**

A main motion can be amended by:

Adding at the end. The maker of the amendment would state, “I move to amend the main motion by adding.....”

Striking out a word or words. The maker of the amendment would state, “I move to amend the main motion by striking out..... (stating the specific words to be stricken)”

Inserting a word or words. The maker of the amendment would state, “I move to amend the main motion by inserting _____ after _____ and before _____.”

Striking out and inserting a word or words. The maker of the amendment would state specifically what word(s) is to be stricken and what words are to be inserted in that place.

Substitution (paragraph or entire motion).

Amendments can become confusing if the presider is not familiar with the procedure. So.... now it might be more clear as to why the December column emphasized that it is very important to write a motion and be sure that it contains all necessary information...before presenting it!

Adapted from *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition*, (RONR)

Attend the April 14, 2014 meeting of APU; the educational program is **FREE**. The topic for the April meeting is “Planning and Conducting a Convention of Delegates.” The Albuquerque Parliamentarian Unit (APU) offers short twenty-minute parliamentary programs to organizations. Contact Darlene Couchman, APU President at **505-821-2421** or <couchman@zianet.com> to schedule a program at your meeting or contact Jan Strand, Treasurer of the New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians at **505-821-5227** or <jan_str@msn.com>.



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