

Comanche Foothills Neighborhood Association

Annual Meeting

September 19, 2024

6:00-7:30 Holiday Park Community Center

Board Members/Officers:

- Olga Melancon, President
- Sarah Thomas, Vice President
- Dolores Clark, Treasurer (not present)
- Marla Fellerhoff, Secretary
- Ed Browitt, Member (not present)
- Andrea Ambrosini, Member
- Terry Rowley, Webmaster (not present)

Agenda Items:

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Guest Speakers

Carolyn Ortega - City of Albuquerque Animal Welfare Director. Ms. Ortega and Captain Rose gave a synopsis of the H.E.A.R.T (Humane and Ethical Animal Rules Treatment) Ordinance for the current leash laws and civil fines that can be imposed. The city can provide signs to remind the public of these rules. Topics covered included the specific fines for having pets off leash, free spay and neuter clinics, what to do in case of a dog bite/attack, free microchipping clinics, and microchip scanner locations.

Chris Sylvan - representing the Office of Neighborhood Coordination, spoke about the city's sign program for neighborhood associations. New signs can be funded through our City Councilor's office. Chris also discussed the Neighborhood Walk Program which is a community walk guided by a person who knows the neighborhood and can point out interesting facts and historical information. It is also an opportunity to troubleshoot and identify hazards such as cracked sidewalks, missing signs, etc. Chris also pointed out that there is an interactive map available on AGIS (Albuquerque Geographic Information System). The city website has links for these maps.

III. Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes: Sarah made a motion to approve, Andrea seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurer Report (Olga) – As of 9/16/24 we have a balance of \$861.72 in our account. We currently have 25 to 30 members who have voluntarily paid dues (out of approximately 600 households) and after receiving funding of \$750.00 through the CABQ Park Pop-Ups program. Expenditures included candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, ice cream for National Night Out, and PO Box renewal.

- V. New Business (Sarah Thomas) - The next Fall Cleanup will be held on 9/28/24 at 9:30am. We will meet at Candelaria and Tramway and work up to the Linear Park.

Olga announced that the board decided to not renew our PO Box at the end of June due to cost. The PO Box rate is up to \$200.00 a year which has a significant impact on our budget. A new mailing address is now listed on the association website.

- VI. Call for Volunteers/Board Members (Marla Fellerhoff) - Asked for volunteers to fill available board member positions. No one out of the five persons attending the meeting was interested in volunteering. Sarah, Ed, Andrea, Marla and Olga will remain on the board in their current positions with Ed taking over the treasurer role. Dolores Clark has opted to not remain on the board via email on 8/26/24. Terry has kindly volunteered to continue as our Web Master.

VII. Follow-Up Items

- Connect with City Councilor Dan Champine's office to request a new sign for the neighborhood association.
- Contact Animal Welfare to get the additional signs placed in the open space and in the Linear Park.