

# Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Association

## Annual General Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 22nd, 2022 7:00pm-8:15 pm

Domingo-Baca Multi-Generational Center

Albuquerque, NM 87122

The Annual General Membership meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Guests were introduced and membership welcomed.

**APD**, Five officers attended and presented information and updates. 911/242-Cops hold times are currently long due to understaffed answering system as well as response times are long due to officer shortage. Calls are prioritized, How can neighbors help? Increase public respect and support, encourage recruitment. The city has increase funding to help with recruitment due to so many vacancies (approx. 850 officers now, should be 1100-1200). Strategies for hiring include money: retention incentives, longevity pay and staying in area command awards.

Panhandling continues to be a problem. Panhandling can be reported especially, if hindering traffic.

Attendee question? Why won't city arrest or move panhandlers anymore? ACLU lawsuit judgement struck down arresting/moving panhandlers as city street/median is public property.

Crime Prevention Specialist, Angie Casias, discussed starting a neighborhood watch and other services the city offers for homeowner protections. Coronado Park closure has caused a shift in homeless out of the downtown area, but homeless has not been seen in the NE/VENA area yet.

Neighbor Attendee question? *How can we help our neighbors at the Smiths/Dollar store strip mall as recent robberies have increased closure and decreased staffing?* Neighbors can call Substation to request a periodic watch. Neighbors can also call the Substation and request a temporary watch for their own homes. Businesses who have problems with crime also have the option to hire private security.

Neighbor Attendee Question? *What can I do about speeding along my city street?* Contact the Department of Municipal Development to request a speed hump.

**City Councilor Brook Bassan/Policy Analyst DawnMarie Emilio**, State of the District 4:

Brook and DawnMarie were unable to attend due to District 4 city council committee meeting downtown Albuquerque. VENA Board member Lucy Baca presented a summary of the September 21 D4C meeting. The summary provided updates on Safe Outdoor Spaces, IDO changes and NDB Aquatic Center timeline/schedule and redistricting maps. VENA Board member Kelly Harrell presented a summary of the proposed North Domingo Baca Aquatic Center plan, support, and funding updates. Current images of the NDB Aquatic Center Plan were provided. Kelly also provided updates on the Desert Ridge Middle School "traffic control" efforts. Neighbor Attendee question? *Concern regarding increased coyotes in and around the middle school and Vineyard Park, how can this be helped/addressed?* Neighbors were encouraged to voice their concerns to encourage change.

Neighbors were also encouraged to contact the City and 311 to report aggressive coyote behavior.

**Construction Updates:** Titan Development-Allaso Vineyard (Holly & Ventura) updates were provided by VENA President Elizabeth Meek. This project is well underway. Images of the 111-unit apartment complex architectural and land plan provided. Plan for burial of the power lines and a roundabout at the intersection of the Albertsons entrance/exit and Holly are planned, but the developer is not keeping with the timeline provided initially. The Monet apartment complex development (Barstow & Alameda) is currently appealed in District Court. Karen Baehr is leading the grassroots legal effort to fight this property within our neighborhood. Donations to the legal fund were encouraged.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.