

Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 06 Mar 2007

Location: Covenant United Methodist Church

Chaired by: VENA Board of Directors (BOD) President Pat Verrelle

Minutes taken by: BOD Secretary, Hank Happ

Time: Called to order 7:01 PM

Attendance: Present: BOD, Residents of Vineyard Estates (~20), Guest Speakers Bob Keeran, Graeme Means, Howie Tischler and Brad Winter.

Introduction of Attendees

Pat Verrelle asked all attendees to introduce themselves and tell which neighborhoods they were from.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no additions/deletions by Unanimous Consent (UC).

Guest Speakers

Bob Keeran of Llave Construction and Graeme Means of Jeff Mortenson and Associates talked about development plans for Hope Plaza and the Tierra Ranchero subdivision located north of Signal between Carrington and Ventura. Of particular interest and controversy was the proposal to close Signal Avenue from Carrington to Ventura and make it a paved walkway. There was considerable discussion from the audience concerning traffic, the closing of Signal, and drainage.

Howie Tischler from Hope Episocopal church and Bill ?? from ?? talked about Hope Plaza and the church and businesses to be located there. The church will be designed to hold around 300 people. They mentioned that the parking area would be able to do double duty, serving the businesses during the week and the church on Sunday.

Coucilor Brad Winter (bwinter@cabq.gov) spoke. He mentioned that it now takes about 15 minutes to respond to a 911 call, which, in his opinion, is far too long. He responded positively to our concerns about needed street paving in the neighborhood, indicating that there was a possibility of some money for this.

President's Report

Pat Verrelle discussed the recent armed robbery, and that as a result of that robbery we now have some APD patrols in the area. She reports that the Northeast Heights has been targeted by identity thieves.

New Business

None.

Committee Reports:

Aluminum Recycling: None.

Architectural: None.

Median: None.

Refreshment: Refreshments are not permitted in the Covenant UMC sanctuary area.

Newsletter: The newsletter is available on the web site (www.venaabq.org) or via e-mail or regular mail.

Sign: Regina Barela and her family put the signs announcing this meeting in place.

Vineyard Park: None.

Website: The web is maintained by Lee Kahn. The web address is www.venaabq.org.

Welcome: None.

Neighborhood Reports:

Vineyard I and II

Discussion: None.

Vineyard III

Discussion: None.

Vineyard IV

Discussion: None.

Carrington

Discussion: None

La Cueva Tierra

Discussion: None.

Adjournment: 8:35 PM

Passed by Unanimous Consent

Next General Membership Meeting: Scheduled for 24 May 07 at Covenant United Methodist Church.