

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
Village of Los Ranchos
6718 Rio Grande Blvd NW
FEBRUARY 1, 2007 -10:00 A.M.

Present:

Larry P. Abraham, Mayor

Tim McDonough, Trustee

Pablo R. Rael, Trustee

Mary Homan, Trustee

Annabelle Silvas, Clerk

Juan Vigil, Administrator

Terry Nighbert, P&Z Director

Excused:

Donald T. Lopez, Trustee/Mayor Pro-Tem

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Village of Los Ranchos' Governing Body held a Special Meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2007 in the Warren J. Gray Hall. The Special Meeting was properly noticed by posting a notice as required in the Open Meetings Resolution. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Mayor Abraham congratulated Trustee Rael on becoming a Grandfather.

Trustee Rael announced the birth of their grandson: 6 lbs. 14 oz., 20 ½ inches, born Sunday, January 28 at 1:48 p.m. He said his name will be Joshua Pablo.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Trustee Homan moved approval of the agenda. Trustee Rael seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

None

4. REPORTS

None

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PRECINCT BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR THE MARCH 13, 2007 SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

Clerk Silvas stated that by State Statute the Board of Trustees must appoint the Precinct Board members for the March 13 Municipal Special Election by February 6, 2007. The next regular meeting of the Board is on February 14, 2007. She said this is why she requested a Special Meeting of the Board. She is recommending the appointment of the Precinct Board Presiding Judge/Clerk Margaret Bell, Judge/Clerk Sara Gray, Judge/Clerk-Translator, Duby Rael; Alternates Roberta aka "Bobbie" Gallagher and Alternate Eva Bernard for consolidated Precinct Numbers 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18 108 and 180. For the Absentee Voter Precincts, as stated the Presiding Judge/Clerk Berna Facio, Judge/Clerk Anne Bennett, Judge/Clerk Evangeline Quintana and the same alternates for the Absentee Voter Precincts as for the Precinct Board. She reported that the State Statute also states that the board members are to be compensated at not less than the federal minimum hourly wage rate nor more than \$150 per Election Day. She said that she recommends that the Presiding Judges receive \$125, the Judge/Clerks \$100 and the Alternates \$20.

Mayor Abraham asked if this was included in the Budget.

Administrator Vigil responded that it was included.

Trustee Homan asked if the Presiding Judges in both the Precinct and the Absentee will get \$125 as well as the Judges each receiving \$100.

Clerk Silvas responded that they would receive the same compensation for both the Precinct and the Absentee.

MOTION: Trustee Rael moved approval of the Precinct Board Appointments for the March 13, 2007 Special Bond Election. Trustee Homan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously, 2-0.

Mayor Abraham said he would like to mention that this was the first Board of Trustees meeting using the new recording system. He said the entire meeting is being voice recorded and eventually will be available on-line. He said when a resident wants some information, each item is being bookmarked so that they can pull the actual recording right off the website. He said new microphones have also been ordered and they may get a few wireless ones. He said the recording will also be available on a CD.

Trustee Homan asked what the dates were for absentee voting.

Clerk Silvas responded that February 14 is when residents can vote in the Clerk's Office and February 21 is the first day for absentee early voting.

Mayor Abraham noted that the voting information is in the February issue of the *Village Vision*.

B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO APPOINT THE FLOOR AREA RATIO ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Abraham said the list of names was included in the Board packets. He said he would like to amend it to say "nominees or their designees to the Floor Area Ratio Advisory Committee". He said there were a few instances where the President of the neighborhood association might not be able to attend and they would like their designee to fill in.

Administrator Vigil said this item was brought before the Board because there was a very short timeline for the Planning & Zoning Commission and for the Advisory Committee to get together and report their proposed actions. He said at the last Board meeting the motion was that the Mayor would nominate members of the community and various organizations to serve on the committee. He said they have included neighborhood associations: Tinnin Farms, El Caballero Norte, Los Poblanos Orchards, El Caballero Ranchitos, Los Ranchos Neighborhood Association, and East Los Ranchos Neighborhood Improvement Association. He said in professional organizations with zoning background: former Planning & Zoning Commissioner, Dan Dolan and other members who have experience with zoning issues: Jerry Dixon, Jeff Jeslonowski and Jim Strozier. The home builders were those who testified: Ed Paschich and John Calvin. He said David Waszak is a builder in the community. He said they are local developer representatives. He said Tim McNaney is both a developer and a member of the community who voiced interest and promoted the issue of having an advisory committee. The realtors: Tim Tourville, who is a Village resident, and Katie Strosnider and Lynn Johnson who are very active in the community. He said in terms of professional organizations: Lynne Andersen lives right outside the Village and Jim Folkman or Katherine Martinez represent the Home Builders Assoc. He said they are hoping that by having the Committee present their views and work with the Planning & Zoning Commission, the combined group will have recommendations to the Board of Trustees on the floor area ratio that will have the support of the community, as well as the professionals in the Village. He said the Planning & Zoning Commission and Planner Nighbert

will be working with them to set up work study sessions within the next couple of weeks so they can get their recommendations to the Board by the April 2007 meeting.

(Trustee McDonough joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.)

Trustee Homan asked if it was the intent of the Committee to reach a collaborative agreement in a recommendation to the Board or if they would go for a majority decision.

Administrator Vigil said it will be up to the Planning & Zoning Commission because the Board remanded it to them for discussion but asked that they have community input in developing their recommendations on the floor area ratio. He said he hopes it is collaborative and that it brings the input of the community to achieve their mutual goals.

Trustee Homan asked if they were going to be self-directed or have a facilitator available.

Administrator Vigil said the plan is to have collaboration without a facilitator. He said Planner Nighbert, as staff member, will probably act as facilitator by having to bring all the information from all perspectives and to have a good roundtable discussion on the issues.

MOTION: Trustee Homan moved that the Board accept the committee that has been described with the addition of homeowner representatives should they not directly be available that they would send a representative of their organization in their stead. Trustee McDonough seconded the motion.

Trustee Rael said it appears that Village residents make up about 80 percent of the members on the committee.

Mayor Abraham said they can go down the list and name who is a resident or non-resident: He said Tim McNaney, resident; Ed Paschich, resident; John Calvin, resident; David Waszak, resident; Greg Solove, resident; Duane Brown, resident; Rudy Herrera, resident; Jim Rogers, resident; Betty Tichich, resident; Bonnie Kelly, resident; John Robb, resident; Dan Dolan, resident; Jerry Dixon, resident; Jeff Jeslonowski, non-resident; Jim Strozier, non-resident; Tim Tourville, resident; Katie Strosnider, resident; Lynn Johnson, non-resident; Lynne Andersen, non-resident; Jim Folkman, non-resident; and Katherine Martinez, non-resident. He said he believes the committee coupled with Planning & Zoning will encompass the entire prospective when they are all together.

Trustee McDonough apologized for being late. He asked if everyone had agreed to be on the committee.

Mayor Abraham responded that everyone had agreed to serve on the committee.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Mayor Abraham asked Administrator Vigil to clarify why it was necessary to hold the Special Board Meeting.

Administrator Vigil said it was necessary to hold the Special meeting because the Precinct Board needs to be appointed a certain number of days before the election and the February 14, 2007 Board meeting would have been too late.

9. TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Mayor Abraham asked if the Trustees had any items for discussion.

Trustee Homan asked that the new recording system and its abilities be described at the Board of Trustees meeting on February 14, 2007.

Mayor Abraham said they have not yet set the system up on the web. He said there are concerns about security and links may have to be set up from another website. He said it will be an exact recording of what happens at the Trustee meetings and should make it easy for the residents to access the information.

Trustee Homan asked if they would still be doing regular minutes and not transcripts.

Administrator Vigil said that is one of the issues they will bring up at the March 14, 2007 Board meeting when the Board adopts its rules. He said the minutes for records purposes can be a summary of the action, any pertinent discussion, motions or amendments and then the vote. He said the back-up would be the disk itself with the verbatim recording, which can be used for public inspection. He said currently the minutes are more extensive because they use them as the basis for some of their review of what transpired at the meeting.

Mayor Abraham noted that the next Board meeting is Wednesday, February 14 at 7 p.m. which also happens to be Valentine’s Day.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Trustee Rael moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. Trustee Homan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque this _____ day of _____, 2007.

ATTEST:

Annabelle Silvas,
Village Clerk