

**TALAVERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (TCA)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Held June 18, 2016, 6:10pm – 7:15 pm,
At the Talavera Substation of the LAVFD**

Next Meeting: Fall

Type of Meeting: Regular

I. Greetings.

Perry Ashby, TCA President, welcomed the 43 meeting attendees and introduced the current Board members: Steve Tarro, Treasurer; Karen Armstrong, Secretary, Webmaster; and Jerry Wertz, Member at Large, Neighborhood Cleanup coordinator. Special thanks given to Helen Foster for accepting the Member at Large position after a six-year hiatus. Helen served the Talavera community from 2006-2009 in this same capacity. Several new families introduced themselves and were welcomed by all attending. Perry expressed appreciation for the LAVFD for allowing us to use the facilities and Jenny Meehan for helping us with the setup and coordination.

Many thanks to the 14 volunteers who participated in the neighborhood cleanup today. Incidentally, the community really appreciates the efforts of all those who pick up trash throughout the year. Jerry Wertz, coordinator, suggested cleanups could/should be scheduled during cooler months....tba.

II. Treasurer Report.

Steve Tarro, TCA Treasurer, submitted the following figures:

2016 Financial Report

11,253.17	Beginning Balance
4,475.00	Deposits (179 members)
(603.38)	Newsletters, Jan, Jun
(126.73)	Meeting Expenses (Food)
(48.71)	Light for TCA sign
(15.31)	Styrofoam plates Jan mtg
(153.69)	TCA web hosting
(7.95)	Paper plates Jun mtg
(21.25)	Admin (NM Corp filing fee)
14,751.15	Balance as of 6/17/2016
3,522.98	Net (Increase)

Appreciation expressed to everyone paying annual membership dues. All donations are used solely in support of the Talavera Community.

III. Ideas for TCA Funds' Use

Send your suggestions/ideas via email, tca@talaveraca.org?subject=TCA_Funds¹ to the Board for perusal.

TCA Funds – Discussion of best use.

- Park – Further develop park by fire station (dog park, plant, nature walk).
- Management reserve – Emergencies or litigation.
- Road cleanup – Donation to area high schools for regular road cleanup activity. A resident suggested NMSU might be a possibility.
- Fireplug reflectors – For paved and unpaved roads. Helen Foster has contacted fire marshal's office and is awaiting a response.
- Beautification – Dress up subdivision starting with southeast corner of intersection at Soledad Canyon Road and Dripping Springs. Continue to add simple rock gardens to individual streets as funds are acquired to develop cohesive Talavera Community design throughout community.

IV. TCA News:

TCA Board vacancy – We still have vacancy for Vice President. If you feel you could contribute to the Talavera community by your volunteer commitment, please email your interest to the Board at tca@talaveraca.org?subject=VP.²

Email addresses – Add your email address to our subscription list thru the **TCA website** (bottom of webpage under “TCA Email List”). To *update* your current subscription profile, type your subscribed email address into the *same form* and click ‘Subscribe’. An error message will show you are ‘already subscribed to list’. Click the link: “Click here to update your profile”. For security purposes, you will receive an email from Mailchimp allowing you to update your profile thru the link: “Update your preferences”. These steps are necessary to keep all our subscriber email addresses secure.

Cell Tower – According to our sources, construction was scheduled to be completed by March, 2016. A couple of residents stated that they are receiving better reception, others stated no change, another recommended checking with Verizon for the latest SIMM card or software updates.

Safe driving in our community – Perry contacted sheriff department and is waiting for a response to your concerns regarding unsafe driving along Talavera roads.

Night or Dark Sky cooperation – Many of us enjoy our night sky and unobstructed view of the universe. In keeping with this, please ensure all your outside lights are directed downward in compliance with the NM Night Sky Protection Act. More information can be found on our website link:

<http://talaveraca.org/wordpress/wp-content/posts/LightingGuideNM.pdf>.³

Graphic Designers – Talavera means pot or pottery. Send your ideas to the TCA as we would like to incorporate a graphic to be used on the website and, perhaps, on signs in beautification of the community.

Snakes, lizards, rodents, turtles – a balance of our wildlife keeps the undesirables at bay. Unnecessary destruction is discouraged.

Book Donations for Camp Hope Library – Perry will forward any book donations to this organization. Email Perry for drop off info: tca@talaveraca.org?subject=Camp_Hope.⁴

Many thanks to Jerry Gammel for his service as Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. Jerry has resigned and has offered to train a coordinator to take his place. Currently, John O’Connell is our Neighborhood Watch contact.

V. Coop News

Propane – Talavera Propane Co-op:
A new vendor (Ferrellgas) has expressed interest in replacing Griffin’s Propane as the Talavera Propane Coop vendor. Anyone interested in exploring this option should contact Ferrellgas directly.

VI. Comments By Residents

A resident suggested deer crossing signs for Soledad Canyon Road.

A resident expressed belief that some of the flood maps for Talavera are flawed. Perry suggested Mr. Park volunteer as coordinator to explore this further. The TCA was involved in this previously and raised significant private funds toward this endeavor back in 2007-2008 with Mr. Park serving as coordinator. See prior TCA minutes for review:

<http://talaveraca.org/minutes/minutes-2006-2007/2007-september-minutes/>.⁵

Correspondence and flood documents can be viewed on our website here:

<http://talaveraca.org/etz/>.⁶ Mr. Park’s email is parkenterprisesllc@gmail.com.⁷

A resident was concerned about a large hole on the Soledad and Achenbach Canyon Road intersection. Another resident suggested contacting Comm. Ben Rawson,

<https://www.co.dona-ana.nm.us/commissioners/district3/>.⁸

Talavera Community Association Dues

If you haven’t already, please support your Talavera Community Association by submitting your \$25 voluntary annual membership fee to:

Talavera Community Association
P. O. Box 1057
Mesilla Park, NM 88047

TCA Board Members

President: *Perry Ashby*
Vice President: *Vacant*
Secretary: *Karen Armstrong*
Treasurer: *Steve Tarro*
Member-at-Large: *Jerry Wertz*
Member-at-Large: *Helen Foster*