

TALAVERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (TCA)
FALL POTLUCK MEETING MINUTES
Held September 24, 2011, 6:30pm – 7:10 pm,
At the Talavera Substation of Las Alturas Fire Station

Next Regular Meeting: February

Type of Meeting: Cleanup, Potluck, & Meeting

I. Greetings: Douglas Hoffman, TCA President.

Douglas welcomed the attendees and introduced the new residents. We increased the order of chicken and brisket from Jesse's KC BBQ and had plenty to feed the hungry crowd. Thank you for attending!

II. Treasurer Report Tom Smith.

Our balance is just over \$7000. We appreciate everyone who mailed in or brought the membership dues with them tonight. Dues are our source of income. If you have suggestions for community projects, please contact Tom at tomnrm@hotmail.com.

III. Neighborhood Cleanup and Brisket Lunch

Daren Bloomquist thanked all who participated in the cleanup Overall there were about 50 volunteers. "Toss No Mass" t-shirts were given to the early birds.

The Annual Fire Dept Smoked Brisket Lunch is back by popular demand! Mark your calendar for October 22, from noon until 2 PM. Only 150 tickets will be sold to raise funds for the department. Tickets are \$10 per person. So contact Daren dareninrm@aol.com or Douglas douglas.hoffman1@gmail.com.

IV. State Redistricting Joseph Cervantes.

Email message sent: "For the first time in many years, I will be unable to join you on Saturday due to the continuing special session of the New Mexico Legislature in Santa Fe. Please extend my regrets and greetings. Although the original redistricting plans would have had the Talavera area represented by a new legislator from Chaparral, I opposed this change and it now seems I will continue to represent Talavera in Santa Fe through 2012. This redistricting is still ongoing and ultimately subject to signature by the Governor.

V. Neighborhood Comments/Announcements

PO refusing to deliver: The PO notified residents on Lost Padre Mine Road that delivery of mail is discontinued due to the bad condition of the road. Grading of the roads is the property owners' responsibility. Our roads are considered private roads and are not maintained by the city or the county. Information on grading services will be published on the Talavera website,

www.talaverca.org. If you would like to recommend a grader, please send info to Larry at larry@larryc.com.

Tax Assessment challenged: One area resident successfully challenged the tax assessment on her property. She announced you can challenge your assessment if you have concerns.

Sierra Vista Trail: BLM is extending Sierra Vista Trail from Soledad Canyon to Dripping Springs. Grand Opening will be on November 9 at 9:00 AM with an opening hike. The turn-off is approximately 1.8 miles after the end of the Dripping Springs pavement and across from the corrals. Watch for posted signs to guide you in. There will be refreshments at the trailhead prior to the start of the hike. They plan to shuttle hikers back to Dripping Springs from Soledad Canyon Road. Be sure to bring plenty of water to drink during your hike.

If any members of Talavera would like to help work on the trail, please contact Eric Ernst, BLM, at ernst@blm.gov. Work will continue throughout October.

VI. High School Update Douglas Hoffman

Three School Redistricting Meetings are scheduled. It would be a good time to talk about traffic flow. The Sonoma Ranch extension from Lohman to Dripping Springs was approved. The Dripping Springs rights-of-way are still in dispute and holding up expansions for bike lanes and widening lanes. Please attend the meeting on Monday. The additional meetings are also listed:

- Monday, Sept 26
- Las Cruces High School
- Cafeteria, 6:30 PM
- 1750 El Paseo Road

- Wednesday, Sept 28
- Onate High School
- Cafeteria, 6:30 PM
- 5700 Mesa Grande Drive

- Monday, Oct 3
- Vista Middle School
- Cafeteria, 6:30 PM
- 4465 Elks Drive

Our concerns are:

- Traffic issues at the school intersection and at University/Telshor intersection: No impact studies were done. What do these intersections need to be safe?
- Additional access routes: They are needed to disperse the traffic. The city could open the Missouri extension and/or another access point on Dripping Spring near Farm & Ranch Museum.
- Moving emergency equipment to Talavera, Las Alturas and the HS: Traffic along Dripping Springs will delay/prevent emergency response.
- Zoning: Land across from the HS is zoned Industrial. Can we be proactive to get the area along Sonoma Ranch zoned as residential?

VII. Mike Park Reports:

FEMA and flood maps. All flood maps in Dona Ana County are on hold indefinitely. Work is being done with the legislature to get the necessary corrections made.

If you have flood issues with small arroyos on your property, you can landscape with rocks to slow down the speed of the water.

Verizon Cellphone Service. Mike Park offered Verizon a part of his property for a cell tower. Nothing has been resolved yet.

VIII. City of Las Cruces vs. Moongate Water:

Mike Park suggests you send any questions or concerns to Moongate with your water bill.

Karen Perez suggests you ask the City what their plans are for the Talavera area if they take over Moongate. To support Moongate, your letters should be sent to the PRC, the Drinking Water Bureau of the NMED, and copied to the City the City of Las Cruces and Moongate.

IX. Home-based Business Zoning. Karen Perez.

The Home-based Business License issue is still pending – no new drafts. Watch the TCA website for the pending drafts and the public notice of the ordinance hearing. Please review and send your comments to Karen Perez, kperez@donaanacounty.org. She will make sure the committee knows your concerns, both good and bad.

X. TCA Elections

The TCA by-laws require February elections. Isn't it time you got involved. The time required is 6-8 meetings a year - a short meeting one

month before each TCA meeting and attendance at the TCA meetings. We have a fun time!

Wouldn't you like to be involved? Please contact any of the board members to offer your services or to recommend a neighbor. All positions are available for fresh ideas and new blood. It's your turn to step up! ☺

XI. TCA Extras

Your feedback is appreciated to help make newsletters useful to you and inclusive of the latest community events. Do you have ideas on how to improve the newsletter format, content, or community news items? Would you like to write an article? Please contact Tom Smith. New issues are mailed every three months, prior to our TCA meeting schedule.

If you would like to suggest meeting topics or speakers, send your requests to Douglas Hoffman at Douglas.hoffman1@gmail.com.

If you did not receive these minutes from janet@sunspotenergy.com, please send your email address to janet@sunspotenergy.com.

Talavera Community Association Dues

Please support your Talavera Community Association by submitting your \$25 voluntary annual membership fee to:

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The TCA wishes to thank everyone who brought one of the many delicious dishes to the Potluck. The quality and quantity of food was outstanding!

