

**TALAVERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (TCA)**  
**POTLUCK MEETING MINUTES**  
**Held June 22, 2013, 6:12pm – 7:13 pm,**  
**At the Talavera Substation of Las Alturas Fire Station**

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Next Regular Meeting: September

Type of Meeting: Membership Meeting

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**I. Greetings: Douglas Hoffman, TCA President.**

Douglas welcomed the meeting attendees. New neighbors introduced themselves. Thanks given to Jesse's KC BBQ for the delicious brisket and chicken and to all those who brought the wide variety of yummy potluck dishes.

Douglas apologized for scheduling the cleanup on one of the hottest days of the year. We will manage the calendar better when scheduling cleanups.

**II. Cleanup & Fire Dept Daren Bloomquist.**

Due to the heat, there was a smaller turnout than usual yet they did a great job cleaning up our main roads and neighborhoods. Thank you!

You might have noticed the north side of the firehouse. The roof was leaking. The leak was located and fixed it. The building stucco is falling apart. The county Preferred Contractor wanted to do a costly Engineering Study. The Talavera station obtained permission to use another contractor. Work should start within the month.

Our small **Volunteer Fire Department** is unable to answer all the neighborhood calls. Most of the calls are medical calls, not fire calls. The Talavera station can use new volunteers who can be trained to respond to medical calls. So if you think you are trainable and would enjoy serving your community, please contact Daren at [dareninm@aol.com](mailto:dareninm@aol.com)

**III. Treasurer Report.**

Our Treasurer for the past few years, Tom Smith, is moving to Phoenix. *(He must be out of his mind to move away!)* Thank you, Tom, for all your hard work serving our community.

Steve Tarro offered to step in as Interim Treasurer. Our balance is \$11,450.83

**IV. Neighborhood Announcements**

**Drought:** One resident reminded us the drought is also affecting the wildlife. You can help by leaving a small pan of water for them to drink. Be sure to add some rocks so animal babies and small animals can climb out.

**Cell phone service:** One resident was asking about solutions for her poor cellular reception. Several residents think their Sprint reception is good. Some residents with Verizon have obtained a booster extender at no charge. Another resident purchased a small box that connects to your internet so your internet delivers your cellular signal. *(I am not technical and am reporting what was said. Do not ask me for more information since I don't understand how those devices work. Sorry!)*

**Talavera Sign:** One resident has been maintaining the Talavera sign. The solar lights have been stolen twice! The TCA will purchase new solar light and mount them on the sign. We hope the act of mounting the lights will deter theft of them. If you do not like them, please notify a Board Member instead of stealing them.

**V. Our Representatives Reports**

**Doreen Gallegos, State Representative**

Doreen attends many meetings and finds the Talavera meetings offer the best food and hospitality. She has been active on the Appropriations Committee and Ag/Water Committee. Unfortunately, the state does not have any money or water.

She was also appointed to the Health and Human Services Committee. With her background of social work, she can help determine how the new health care programs will affect our community. The new healthcare program will not be ready on August 1. The state does not have the money or medical personnel yet. Her next meeting is July 1 so she will send an email update that we will forward to you.

**Karen Perez, County Commissioner.**

The county has a Special Election on July 30. Early voting starts on July 2. On the ballot are three (3) bond issues and one (1) tax issue. Available for questions were: Karen; Chuck McMahon, Deputy Assistant County Manager; and Curtis Childress, Animal Control Director. We urge all voters to learn about these issues and vote.

**Condition of roads:** Residents asked why our roads are in such poor condition and the potholes repaired with temporary fixes. Karen said the roads have not been paved for over 25 years. When one of the TCA Board Members attended the County's Capital Improvement Project Meeting, his asking about Soledad Canyon paving put Soledad Canyon on their list. The County is able to repave about 25 miles of road per year, so it may be a long time before the road is repaved.

#### **VI. Propane Co-op Perry Ashby.**

The Propane Co-op with Griffin Propane now has over 200 members. If you would like to join, please contact Perry at [perry.ashby@q.com](mailto:perry.ashby@q.com) for the forms. If you are with ServiGas – Ikard & Newsome, they will meet the price offered by Griffin Propane. Now that's a WIN-WIN! Let Perry know if you have other ideas about leveraging our buying power.

#### **VII. TCA Dues Douglas Hoffman**

The Talavera dues were used for the following expenses: Neighborhood watch signs; printing and mailing of notices; and brisket, chicken, drinks, plates, etc. for meetings.

TCA has issued an RFP for a webmaster for our website. Are there other services you would like to see the TCA provide?

#### **VIII. Proposed Bylaws Changes**

In reviewing the TCA Bylaws, the Board recommends two changes:

1. Bylaws state Membership expires on December 31 of each year. Proposed Change: Membership expires at first meeting of each year.
2. Clarify voting is one vote per household.

It was moved and seconded for the TCA to accept the changes. The vote passed unanimously.

#### **IX. TCA Nominations and Elections**

We have three (3) vacancies on the TCA board. Two resident have temporarily filled two positions. Currently those who are filling in and asking for your vote are:

- Perry Ashby – Member-at-large
- Steve Tarro – Treasurer
- VACANT – Vice President

Request for nominations for these positions were opened. No additional names were proposed. It was moved and seconded for the

TCA to accept the two nominees as TCA Board Members. The vote passed unanimously.

**X. Neighborhood Watch** We no longer have a coordinator of Neighborhood Watch. If you are interested in overseeing this program, please contact Douglas Hoffman at [Douglas.hoffman1@gmail.com](mailto:Douglas.hoffman1@gmail.com).

#### **XI. BLM Land Management Douglas Hoffman**

Douglas brought maps to show the Section 16 Land Swap at Talavera and Chippewa. The BLM and surrounding neighbors recommended a trail in this area. The TCA will write a letter recommending the BLM protect the current and proposed trails. The BLM is trying to purchase small private lands to protect trails. They have increased their patrols around A Mountain and other hiking area. All BLM land on the west side of Talavera has been identified for solar and wind power development. They do not expect to develop it here since land on the West Mesa has already been vetted for wind and solar.

#### **XII. TCA Extras**

Your feedback is appreciated to help make our newsletters useful to you and inclusive of the latest community events. If you have suggestions on how to improve the newsletter, community news items, or you would like to write an article, please contact Douglas Hoffman. 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](mailto:Douglas.hoffman1@gmail.com).

If you did not receive these minutes from [janet@sunspotenergy.com](mailto:janet@sunspotenergy.com), please send your email address to [janet@sunspotenergy.com](mailto:janet@sunspotenergy.com).

#### **Talavera Community Association Dues**

Your \$25 voluntary annual membership fee is due annually in January. If you have not paid for 2013, please send your payment to:

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