

**TALAVERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (TCA)
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Held April 9th, 2022, 6:00pm – 7:30 pm,
Via Zoom**

Next Meeting: Fall

Type of Meeting: Regular

I. Greetings.

Perry Ashby, TCA President, welcomed the Community Representatives, meeting attendees, new residents, and introduced the current Board members. We are hopeful that the next TCA meeting will include a potluck dinner.

- Perry Ashby** – President
- Helen Foster** – Vice President
- Steve Tarro** – Treasurer
- Jerry Wertz** – Member at Large
- Robert Tyk** – Member-at-Large (absent)
- Karen Armstrong** – Secretary and Webmaster

Community Representatives

- Shannon Reynolds** - County Commissioner, (575) 339-5819; sreynolds@donaanacounty.org
- Carl Clark** – Deputy Director, Las Cruces Utilities, Environmental/Technical Support, 575-528-3548, cclark@las-cruces.org
- Shannon Cherry** – Fire Chief, Doña Ana County Fire Department
- Daren Bloomquist** – Assistant Chief, Las Alturas Fire Department
- Mo Moabed** – County Engineer
- Daniel Sabrano** – County Roads Supervisor
- Robert Acosta** – Comcast Construction Supervisor

II. Treasurer Report.

Steve Tarro, TCA Treasurer, submitted the following:

Purchased 1yr, 2yr, & 3yr \$5k CDs. Rates are .25%, .30%, and .35%.

\$15,000.00	3 CDs @		
	\$5,000 each	3/22/2021	
\$23,961.61	beginning bal	1/1/2021	
11,050.00	deposits (including \$4,900		
	pending deposits)		
4,253.24	expenses*		
\$15,758.37	ending bal	12/31/2021	
15,052.50	cd's		
\$30,810.87	Total Balance	4/07/2022	
3,473.08	Net Increase		
	since	12/31/2020	

*Expenses include USPS p.o. box fees, TCA newsletter expenses, Godaddy SSL certificate,

domain, web hosting, annual Zoom license, waste station receptacles and supplies, IRS fees, 2021 cleanup crew refreshments, webmaster Internet expense, software expense (Adobe Acrobat Pro, Pdf Premium-TCA website, Filepro-membership database).

Appreciation is expressed to everyone paying annual membership dues. Perry noted that all donations are used solely in support of the Talavera Community. Biggest expense is the annual mailout promotion which guarantees a larger membership.

III. CleanUp

Jerry Wertz, Member at Large and Volunteer CleanUp Coordinator, gave the days' cleanup report. About ten residents volunteered their Saturday morning. Many thanks are given to those residents picking up trash along Soledad Canyon on a regular basis.

IV. TCA News:

What is the TCA? Anybody want to join or pay dues today? See Karen

- We are not an HOA. No hardcore rules, fines or enforcements
- We are just a communication conduit for all of Talavera
- Website, email, direct mail, and newsletter
- Our goal is to preserve and improve our quality of life

TCA Elections

It is required by our By-Laws that we hold elections every year, rotate two. Candidates for Secretary and Member-at-Large this year are (no other candidates for either):

- Vote to affirm Karen Armstrong for Secretary
- Vote to affirm Robert Tyk for Member at Large II

Talavera Improvement Projects

The TCA is soliciting spending Ideas – write to talavera.comm.asso@gmail.com. Need volunteers to research specific spending projects.

Pet Waste Stations

The TCA purchased, installed, and maintain three pet waste stations with receptacles. Perry

mentioned adding additional signage along Soledad to remind folks to pick up after their pet.

Talavera Propane Coop

Currently have over 400 Members
Price is \$2.75 a Gallon plus regulatory compliance charge \$6.71 per fill.

Rattlesnakes and Coyotes

It is the time of the year that rattlesnakes, coyotes and bobcats begin to get active. They can creep into garages or sheds to stay warm. They do a great job of rodent control and are mostly non-aggressive by nature. We have a list of locals on the TCA Website that will help with relocating rattlers. Coyotes are still very much around so protect your pets and children.

Dark Sky – information provided by local astronomer, Jeff Johnson, [Night Time Light Pollution](#). We have a consumer guide to [Night Sky Friendly Lighting](#) on our website that includes the NM Law.

VI. Community Update

Assistant Chief Daren Bloomquist – Las Alturas Volunteer Fire Department. Daren thanked Commissioner Reynolds and Chief Shannon Cherry for their attendance and hard work for the county.

Assistant Chief Bloomquist reports that the Talavera Fire Department members responded to about 80 calls in 2021. LAVFD has only four participating members in the department: three in Talavera and one west of I-10 (none from the Las Alturas community).

LAVFD has a problem responding to EMS calls as the only responding EMT is also on City Fire and is not always available. One of the non-participating members, an EMT, now works for the AMR ambulance service and no longer lives in district. LAVFD is very grateful to NMSU for responding to the EMS calls in our neighborhood.

The original intention of the temporary dumpster was to hold road clean-up trash and brush (wildfire prevention). Residents were asked to clear brush away from their homes and out-buildings to help keep them safer from brush fires. The dumpster seems to have morphed into a clean-out-the-garage dumpster.

The Talavera Fire Department roof repairs have remained secure through several rainy seasons.

Chief Shannon Cherry – Doña Ana County Fire Department, mentioned most calls to Talavera were between 9am -12pm and 6pm – 7pm. He confirmed the number of calls the department responded to and noted that the department provides critical fire support throughout the county.

Natural Gas Project

Carl Clark – Deputy Director, Las Cruces Utilities, Environmental/Technical Support. Mr. Clark reported that Phase 3A was completed, however, because of budget shortfalls, the entire project has come to a screeching halt. Mr. Clark mentioned the [Green Chamber of Commerce](#) was behind the halt and removal of any credit on installation as promised on County's website, [Las Cruces Utilities - Talavera Project](#). If you want natural gas please contact Carl Clark to discuss the options available to you: 575-528-3548, cclark@las-cruces.org

EL Paso Electric Substation Project

Commissioner Shannon Reynolds says he spoke with Rico Gonzales of EPE. The project is well underway and close to completion.

County Roads – Mo Moabed introduced himself as new County Engineer, 4 days in. Daniel Sabrano, County Roads Supervisor, reported multi-use path repairs started at the end of Soledad until funds were depleted. Water runoff damage was repaired and middle gravel was replaced with pavement. Dripping Springs is slated for renewal with flap funds in 2024. Meanwhile road patching will continue.

Comcast – Robert Acosta shared a [diagram](#) of the proposed Comcast construction. Transmission lines will be fiber optic and individual residents will receive their service from coax lines. Mr. Acosta stated that Comcast is waiting on BLM before construction can begin. Construction costs will not be passed on to consumers. Individuals will use another firm to connect to the Comcast system.

Commissioner Shannon Reynolds reviewed some of the projects he has been working on. Currently, veterans that are 100% disabled get 100% property tax credit. Comm Reynolds is working on getting that benefit extended to surviving spouses. An attempt to get a scaled property tax percentage credit for disabled vets under 100% was not passed. There is quite a bit of money available for those impacted monetarily by Covid19, application and

approval is necessary: [Doña Ana County Response Referral Numbers](#)

Any questions or concerns please contact Commissioner Shannon Reynolds: (575) 339-5819; sreynolds@donaanacounty.org

Those that did not get to ask/raise questions or comment, please call or email the County Representatives or email the TCA at talavera.comm.asso@gmail.com.

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

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