

**TALAVERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (TCA)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 11, 2023, 5:30pm – 7:30 pm
At the Talavera Substation of Las Alturas Volunteer Fire Station**

Next Meeting: Spring

Type of Meeting: Regular

I. Greetings.

After potluck dinner at about 6pm **Bob Tyk, TCA President**, called the meeting to order, introduced the current board members, and welcomed Community Representatives. He also welcomed old TCA members, new TCA members, and new neighbors. About 4 new families introduced themselves. We are glad to have you join us!

Community Representatives

District 3 County Commissioner Shannon Reynolds
Dona Ana County Engineer Mo Moabed
LAVFD Assistant Chief Daren Bloomquist

II. Treasurer Report.

Steve Tarro, TCA Treasurer, submitted the following figures:

11/11/2023	
\$ 12,019.48	Beginning balance 1/1/2022
12,125.00	Deposits since 1/1/2022
<u>-5,997.32</u>	Expenses since 1/1/2022
\$ 18,147.16	Ending balance 11/11/2023
<u>15,102.70</u>	Three CD's
\$ 33,249.86	Total balance 11/11/2023

Appreciation was expressed to everyone who has paid annual membership dues. Steve noted that all donations are used solely in support of the Talavera Community. If members have ideas of how to spend money to improve the community, please share them with the board of directors.

III. CleanUp

Jerry Wertz, Member-at-Large and Volunteer CleanUp Coordinator, gave the day's cleanup report. Despite the gloomy weather Friday, about 20 volunteers showed up Saturday morning and the weather cooperated. Many thanks to them and to those residents picking up trash along Soledad Canyon on a regular basis. Bob Tyk keeps the four dog stations clean on a biweekly basis. The dumpster at the fire house is for all residents to use for dead brush to mitigate wildfire risk and will be picked up Monday.

IV. TCA News:

Cooler Weather

With cooler weather snakes are not as likely to be out, but deer and other wildlife are frequently seen. This is their home too, so respect them as you would any neighbor.

Dark Sky

Remember that we are a dark sky community. New Mexico enacted the Night Sky Protection Act (NSPA) in 1999 and Dona Ana County zoning ordinances address glare trespass, etc. For night sky friendly lighting see <https://talaveraca.org/wp-content/posts/LightingGuideNM.pdf>

Mo Moabed, County Engineer

2025 money to redo Dripping Springs Road has been pushed out to 2028. Roads have to be designed for the worst case scenario: 18 wheeler trucks. (One truck equals about 6,000 cars.) Road repair started this week to make the existing road last another 8 to 10 years. The chip and seal technique has been applied to the Desert Mirage section. Liquid asphalt was sprayed onto the existing road, a layer of crushed gravel was immediately spread, and the gravel was compacted into the asphalt. Sonoma Ranch to Soledad Canyon Road is undergoing more extensive repaving. The existing asphalt is ground up, put back down, compacted, and covered with 2" of new asphalt. Construction should be completed before Christmas.

Shannon Reynolds, County Commissioner

The Office of Emergency Management is planning for alternate routes out of the Talavera neighborhood in the event of a wildfire or other emergency. East through the Organ Mountains into Fort Bliss is not an option. North to meet up with the Lohman Avenue extension to US 70 is an option. A south and/or another west route are options. This would not be a paved road but a gravel road.

Las Cruces Expansion

The city has approved two subdivisions east of the current end of Lohman Avenue. And New Mexico State University (NMSU) has plans to develop 1500 acres. This includes moving the golf course to create Aggie Uptown. While the county does not have authority to stop city annexations or University developments, it does have more funds approved for improvements from the Infrastructure Bill and the current administration than in prior years. But if the US Congress does not fund the government and causes shutdowns, it can cause delays in the county receiving those funds.

Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks (OMDP)

OMDP National Monument visitation has tripled since its creation when the plans called for doubling in this timeframe. There are efforts to grow the Monument’s lands, which would help protect Talavera from city sprawl.

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: *Bob Tyk*
Vice President: *Helen Foster*
Treasurer: *Steve Tarro*
Member-at-Large: *Jerry Wertz*
Member-at-Large: *Anna Morrison*
Secretary: *Denmark Blount*

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The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on 11/15/2023.

Denmark Blount
Secretary