

**TALAVERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (TCA)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2024, 5:30pm – 7:30 pm
At the Talavera Fire Station**

Next Meeting: TBD

Type of Meeting: Regular

I. Greetings.

After a potluck dinner of Luna Rosa entrees and salads, sides, and desserts brought by residents, **Bob Tyk, TCA President**, called the meeting to order. He introduced each TCA Board Member and he recognized former TCA President Perry Ashby and Dona Ana County Engineer Mo Moabed. County Commissioner Shannon Reynolds was unable to attend. He welcomed returning members and new residents. In total over 50 attended.

II. Treasurer Report.

Treasurer Steve Tarro reported:

Checking Balance 1/1/2023	\$15,147.29
Deposits (since 1/1/2023)	6,450.00
Expenses (since 1/1/2023)	(4,494.90)
Ending Balance 4/11/2024	\$17,102.39
CD #4727 - 3/22/2026 1.1%	5022.52
CD #4728 - 3/22/2025 1.0%	5030.05
CD #4729 - 3/22/2024 0.5%	5050.13
Total	\$32,205.09

The Association’s annual report was filed with the state and form 990-N with the IRS. The TCA is in good standing through May 2025.

III. 2024 Dues

Historically, TCA income exceeds expenses year-after-year. As such, the TCA Board has voted to extend the 2023 dues period through 2024 for current TCA members with dues in good standing for 2023. New 2024 members and members not in good standing for 2023 are asked to forward your 2024 dues payment.

IV. TCA News:

With spring come warmer days and coyotes, deer and rattlesnakes (aka “buzz worms”) may be out and about. Rattlesnakes are not known to be aggressive and help keep the rodent and rabbit populations in balance. Rattlesnake wranglers listed on the TCA website can relocate them to the desert if you want them removed from your property.

Did you see the eclipse? Did you see any stars during the eclipse? Or later at night? Remember that we are a Dark Sky

neighborhood. Non-conforming and unnecessary lights should be shut off between 11:00pm and sunrise.

Jerry Wertz coordinated the cleanup volunteers at 8:00am Saturday.

The Talavera propane Coop is separate and distinct from the Talavera Community Association, although many are members of both. To join all you must do is fill out and submit a simple form. Griffin’s Propane, Inc. price for Coop members is currently \$3.10 per gallon.

TCA installed and maintains four pet waste stations along Soledad Canyon Rd. It has been suggested to add pet waste stations on BLM land at the north ends of Chippewa, Apex Mine, and Silver King roads. Negotiations with BLM are underway.

Steve Tarro provided a Comcast Fiber Application update. Comcast’s application to the Connect New Mexico Fund is to expand fiber internet service to the Talavera neighborhood and thereby make the full suite of Xfinity/Comcast services available as an option. Fiber is a superior internet technology used by datacenters throughout the world and often installed with a boring method that does not tear up streets, driveways, or sidewalks. While not all Board members want fiber or approve of Comcast the company, the Board unanimously approved having the option available to the community and for sharing where to write letters of support or opposition.

NM Office of Broadband Access and Expansion timeline:

- March 11, 2024: All applications received
- March-April 2024: Application review and due diligence
- May 2024: Award announcements
- No later than June 30, 2024: Contracts executed for award agreement

A couple of members spoke up that they did not want Comcast tearing up the streets and

felt the Board should have polled the community before making a decision. Others wanted to know if fiber would be available to homes 6 acres back from the road. Bob Tyk promised to coordinate a meeting with Comcast at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum if their application is approved.

Mo Moabed, county engineer, received compliments on the smoothness of repaved Dripping Springs Rd. He said that smooth roads are safer and save drivers about \$1000 a year in wear and tear on their cars. He said that the widening, bike lane and elevation of Dripping Springs Rd. is in the master plan for 2027. When asked if there would be a bridge over the arroyo beside Tortugas (“A”) Mountain, he said there would be a bridge like structure and flooding of the road surface would be eliminated. When we get closer to the project and architects start drawing up plans there will be public information meetings. In an unrelated comment he said green street signs are public roads and red street signs are private roads.

V. Nominations and Elections.

Every year two TCA Board positions are up for election. This year Vice President and Treasurer need to be voted on. Any volunteers

should email a brief bio to the Association (talavera.comm.asso@gmail.com). Lacking any opposition, incumbents automatically win.

VI. Residents

Talavera Community Association Dues

If you are a new member for 2024 or an existing member not in good standing for 2023, 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 88047-1057**

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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[TalaveraCA.org](http://talaveraca.org)

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on ____4/16/2024____.

Denmark Blount
Secretary