

**TALAVERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (TCA)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 25, 2026, 5:30pm – 7:00 pm
At the Talavera Fire Station**

Next Meeting: TBD

Type of Meeting: Regular

I. Greetings.

After a potluck dinner of Italian entrees and salad and salads, sides, and desserts brought by residents, **Bob Tyk, TCA President**, welcomed everyone and introduced the TCA Board members and the Community Representatives.

Several candidates for the upcoming election showed up at the meeting. Since the TCA Board had not invited candidates with the promise of giving each equal time, they were not allowed to speak during the meeting. However, they were invited to stay after the meeting so any TCA members with questions could talk to them individually.

Community Representatives

Comcast/Xfinity representative:
Jason Ziehl
FiberTel representative
Talavera Fire Department Chief:
Daren Bloomquist

II. Treasurer Report (Steve Tarro).

Checking Balance 1/1/2026	\$3,114.60
Deposits (since 1/1/2026)	250.00
Expenses (since 1/1/2026)	(648.91)
Ending Balance 4/22/2026	\$2,715.69
CD...2377 7/22/2026 3.60%	9,395.10
CD...2369 7/22/2026 2.96%	9,446.00
CD...2344 7/22/2026 3.44%	9,449.13
Total	\$31,005.92

III. CleanUp & Garage/Yard Sale

Jose Lucero directed the cleanup volunteers from the fire station. Many thanks to the 14 volunteers who made it a success.

The dumpster is for bagged grass clippings, leaves, weeds, brush, etc. (to be mulched). The intent is to mitigate any fire hazard around a home by clearing shrubs and flammable material at least 5 feet from the home.

Dianna Granado will coordinate the garage/yard sale on Saturday May 2.

IV. Community News:

Daren is retiring as fire chief effective May 1. Talavera is low on the list for paid positions. Firefighters and EMT's require training, which DACC offers. If hired, the county will reimburse training expenses.

Mesilla (not NMSU) is responding to fire calls from the Talavera neighborhood.

A "Little Free Library" was suggested at a prior meeting and Bob Tyk is working on it. Benches along Soledad Canyon Rd. were suggested and two residents volunteered they could be put on their property. Email Talavera.Comm.Asso@gmail.com if you wish to volunteer. Another suggestion was a pickleball court on county property with no exposed lights (because we are a Dark Sky community). Shannon Reynolds suggested contacting the County Commission as this would fit in with their funding plans. Bus stops were briefly mentioned.

The 2 mile connector trail from (the fence on the east side of) Tortugas/"A" Mountain to (the dirt road behind) the Talavera Fire Station at the corner of Soledad Canyon Rd. and Achenbach Canyon Rd. is complete and the grand opening is May 9. For details, click [here](#).

It is spring and rattlesnakes (aka "buzz worms") are coming out. If you need one, four rattlesnake wranglers are listed on the TCA website. Click [here](#). Alternatively, you can call the animal shelter.

Be reminded that this is a Dark Sky community. Lights should be fully shielded and emit no light above a horizontal plane. In general outdoor continuous lighting should be turned off by 11:00 PM. Click [here](#).

Comcast and their partner FiberTel gave an update. Planning and permitting is complete and fiber is being laid along Dripping Springs Rd., a small section of Achenbach Canyon Rd., and a small section of Cueva Mine Rd. Infrastructure construction will continue throughout Talavera, often in parallel.

Notification including door hangers will be provided when constructions begins in your area. Colored paint and/or small flags will mark existing utilities for construction to avoid. (blue – potable water, red – electricity, yellow – gas, orange – communications, green – sewer, purple – irrigation, pink – temporary survey, white – proposed excavation.) On easels, maps of [Talavera west](#) and [Talavera east](#) were displayed. Orange represents underground fiber infrastructure and blue represents aerial fiber infrastructure on existing power poles. Desert Mirage II north of Dripping Springs is not on the maps because it does not currently have county approval but it is Comcast’s intent to provide service once approval is obtained.

Underground is being accomplished by directional drilling through a minimal number of open pits that will be restored to as good a condition as before. This should eliminate the need to tear up any roads or sidewalks except for any “locate” potholes. This process can advance 300 – 1000 feet per day. Aerial will be installed on existing El Paso Electric power poles. Only 15 of 800 poles will have to be replaced. All construction will be finished by December 31, 2026.

When a home signs up, a fiber cable from the backbone infrastructure to the home will have to be installed, typically following power, underground or aerial.

New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham appointed Patricia S. (Susie) Kimble to the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners, District 3, in February 2026. She was selected to fill the vacancy left by Shannon Reynolds, who resigned December 31, 2025. Susie was asked for an update on when Dripping Springs

Road would be redone and include a multi-use path beside it. She was also asked why the new house being built was allowed to dig a trench across Soledad Canyon Road when the ordinance requires boring underneath. She promised to research and get back to us.

The NAACP expects at least 7 of 11 candidates for Doña Ana County Sheriff at the [May 4 forum](#).

Before and after controlled burns call the non-emergency number 575-526-0795.

V. Contact Information

Talavera Community Association Dues

If you new or are not in good standing, please support your Talavera Community Association by submitting your \$25 voluntary 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: *Jose Lucero*
Member-at-Large: *Margo Martinez*
Secretary: *Denmark Blount*

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The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on ____2026-05-05____.

Denmark Blount
Secretary