



President's Message

Dave Waters, President, TRNA

The Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Board of Directors recently approved the hiring of a local attorney, who is very familiar with the Big Box project at Coors and Montano, to represent our interests regarding the Walmart issue. Donations are being accepted to fund this project (see Land Use article for more details). It's important that as many members as possible attend the upcoming March 15th meeting to express your concerns. Please check your e-mail and the TRNA sign boards for updates. More information on the Coors/Montano development plan will be available at our general meeting as it will happen after the next EPC meeting.

Our next general membership meeting is on March 28th and, as usual, it will be an important one. We are still hoping for volunteers to serve on the board or help the Association in other ways. Rene has been working non-stop, not only on the Walmart project but many other land use issues as well. She can always use our support, even if only to attend city and county meetings. We will also be voting to accept our budget for next year.

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Land Use Update

René Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

There are three items worth mentioning this month in regard to the proposed big box development at the corner of Coors/Montano. *The most important is the upcoming March 15th EPC continuance hearing, where we really need your attendance to support our speakers.*

Walmart- EPC Hearing March 15th, 8:30 am in the City Council Chambers: We are now gearing up for the second EPC hearing for the proposed Walmart. This is a very important hearing and we are urging everyone to attend. As you may remember, this is a continuation of the January 19th EPC hearing which lasted 10 hours. Much of the testimony has already been submitted. New

Please come ...

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association

Annual General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

6:30pm – 8:30pm

This is it! The annual meeting. Come enjoy refreshments and door prizes, become informed, ask questions, visit with your neighbors, and vote for the directors and budget for your association. YOU are the association!

information will be allowed at the March 15th hearing. Any new information or comments can be submitted to the EPC. Address your comments to the Environmental Planning Commission with the following project number:

RE: Project #: 1003859 Proposed Walmart, Coors Blvd. and Montano Road NW

Send to either of these e-mail addresses: the Planner clehner@cabq.gov or EPC Staff mtafoya@cabq.gov They will put a copy of your e-mail in the EPC packets.

The sooner they receive your comments the better, but no later than 48 hours before March 15th.

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...s to the
Mayor or City Council on the westside here is their
email address:

Mayor Berry mayorberry@cabq.gov ,

Councilor Lewis danlewis@cabq.gov

Councilor Sanchez kensanchez@cabq.gov

It is essential that we have another strong showing of our community to attend the March 15th EPC hearing in the City Council Chambers. Your attendance can and will make a difference! If for any reason there are any changes to the meeting date we will put that information on to TRNA's e-mail distribution, and the TRNA sign boards.

Walmart-TRNA Appeal of the 5 year extension for the Site Development Plan: During the January 19th Walmart hearing, the EPC made a decision to approve a five year Extension of the 2005 Site Development Plan for Subdivision. The applicant had requested a five year extension to the existing 2005 site development plan which expires in September 2012. The Neighborhoods were not aware of this request until immediately before the hearing. TRNA and the other Neighborhoods were aware of the other two requests: 1) an amendment to the 2005 site development plan for subdivision and 2) a site development plan for building permit. But the extension was not brought up at any of the facilitated meetings or in any of the letters or notices regarding the Walmart project. Public testimony did not include any discussion on the extension. Therefore, at the end of the January 19th hearing the EPC voted to approve the proposed extension, since there was no opposition to the extension.

The Neighborhoods had expected that all items pertaining to the Walmart case would be decided at the same hearing not separately. TRNA had to decide whether this item needed to be examined more thoroughly than what was discussed at the EPC hearing. After careful consideration, TRNA decided to exercise its due diligence to have this case thoroughly reviewed in order to address the current traffic conditions, transportation improvements, site access issues and compliance with the applicable Rank I, II, III plans and the Large Retail Facility Ordinance. Based on the need for further review and analysis, TRNA decided to appeal the EPC decision. So far no date has been set for the appeal hearing.

TRNA/Legal Representation: TRNA felt it was essential to obtain legal advice as we move forward on the

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big box development issue. The TRNA Board voted unanimously to hire Legal Counsel to represent TRNA's multiple interests in this landmark land use pending application. For this purpose, TRNA has set up a new account designated as the 'TRNA Land Use Fund,' which will support our ongoing efforts for insuring responsible development within our neighborhood association boundaries. Several individuals and homeowner associations have already made pledges to help finance this effort. For those who would like to contribute, please make your check payable to the "TRNA Land Use Fund" and mail it to the following address:

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 66288

Albuquerque, NM 87120

We are thankful to our community for continuing to support our efforts to insure that this prominent tract, which is both adjacent to the valued Rio Grande Bosque and which is a central place for our community life, is developed according to the policies in the Westside Strategic Plan, the Coors Corridor Plan and the Andalucia Site Development Plan.

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22: The for the at the February 22nd City Council meeting. It was the last item on the agenda. Basically two maps were up for discussion, map L and map V. While it was understood that the Westside would get three districts, the biggest contention was which district would be eliminated from the east side of the river in order to add a district to the west side of the river. Map L eliminated Councilor Benton's Downtown district, #3. Map V eliminated Councilor Cook's Northeast Heights district #7. During the Council hearing, public testimony overwhelmingly supported map V. Map V would keep the downtown district intact. Supporters of Map V testified that the downtown district is one of Albuquerque's oldest historic districts, and one which has the most needs. It has some of the oldest and poorest neighborhoods in town with an aging infrastructure. Much work has gone into revitalizing the Downtown area and the poorer neighborhoods along with dealing with the homeless population. By eliminating District 3, the Downtown district would have to combine with the Old Town district placing too many of Albuquerque's poor and minority neighborhoods into one district. Two representatives from Council District 7 supported map L because it kept their district 7 intact and because they lost their middle district the last time there was redistricting.

In the end, map L was approved on a 5 to 4 vote. Councilors Lewis, Winter, Cook, Jones, and Harris voted for map L. Councilors O'Malley, Garduno, Benton, and Sanchez voted for map V. The new map now goes to Mayor Berry. Several people in the audience said that they would take it to court.

Note: Taylor Ranch residents have testified at an earlier redistricting meeting that they preferred to be in one single

district on the Westside but all of the redistricting maps which have been proposed consistently divided Taylor Ranch in half. Map L which was approved, divides Taylor Ranch at Montano and along Coors up to Paseo. So the area north of Montano will go to the northern district which is Councilor Lewis's District #5. The Taylor Ranch area south of Montano and the area between Coors and the river up to Paseo del Norte will go to Councilor Sanchez middle district #1. District 1 will be the middle Westside district, from Central to Montano. Because all of the maps being proposed still had Taylor Ranch split in half, and it appeared to us that we were not going to succeed in getting that changed, we then focused our attention to keep the Downtown area intact, and supported map V, during our testimony.

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Social Committee

Ken Newman, Social Committee Director, TRNA

As a Reminder – Easter Egg Hunt , April 7, 10:00-12:30 at Mariposa Park for age groups 3 & Under, 4-6, 7&8, and 9&10. Hopefully we will have a nice day for everyone to get out and have fun. We will again have all the characters, i.e., Easter Bunny, Tweetie, Sylvester, Sparky and more. There will be games and food. Should be a great family day and a chance to meet your neighbors. As always we are expecting a good crowd. If there are any volunteers that would like to help – please contact myself or June at 898-5447. We always need help in addition to our regulars who always are there to help (you know who you all are). So here's your chance to get involved.

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Westside Coalition Report

Derald McPherson, TRNA Director, WSCNA
Representative

The February meeting of the Westside Coalition of Neighborhood Associations Board was held on February 1, 2012.

This was election night for this board. TRNA's Terri Spiak was elected to replace Joan Jones as Treasurer. This will be a big help to the writing of this newsletter article for myself and the other TRNA members who attend the WSCNA meeting on a regular basis. (Thank you, René Horvath and June Newman.)

There was a large discussion about the school board redistricting by Kathy Korte of District 2 and Lorenzo Garcia of District 1. The new maps do not meet the wishes of either of these members, is the impression I got.

From the City of Albuquerque, Doug Lutz, Elaine Romero and Sara Westbrook gave an update of projects the city is trying to move forward regarding roads, library

and water, but everything is being held up by the lack of money.

Sherry Gutierrez from Bernalillo County handed out a newsletter that has many sources of info and resources.

The Walmart at Coors and Montañño was a topic of discussion by Joe Valles. It would seem that given how much opposition this proposed store draws from the neighborhood voices, it would not be built.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2012.

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Library Update

Ceil van Berkel, Library Advisory Board

Taylor Ranch Library

5700 Bogart St. NW

Albuquerque, NM 87120

(one block west of Unser Blvd and two blocks south of Montañño Road)

505-897-8816 taylorranch@cabq.gov

Lillian Richardson, Area Manager

Hours: Mon. – Thurs.: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Fri. – Sat.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sun.: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Featured Databases (you'll need your library card number and pin to login at <http://libguides.cabq.gov/eresources>):

Consumer Health Complete - A reliable, user-friendly resource featuring medical, health and wellness articles, guides, videos, reports, fact sheets and more. This service is also available in: Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

MedlinePlus - a service of the National Institutes of Health, produced by the National Library of Medicine. Timely and authoritative health and medical information presented with the needs of patients and their community of family and friends in mind. Tip Sheet.

WebMD - A dynamic, interactive consumer health site bringing together health guides news and communities. Tip Sheet.

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database featuring articles and reference resources for consumer health researchers, students and medical professionals. Tip Sheet

March Special Programs:

Saturday, Mar 3, 2012, 2-3:30 pm: Hand-made Treasures: Make Your Own Greeting Cards. Join us and learn how to craft your own cards. Basic materials will be provided.

Computer Tutoring Sessions:

When: 10:00-11:00am by appointment. To schedule a lesson or for more information, call (505) 897-8816. Note: Training computers use the Windows XP™ operating system. Choose from among the topics listed below:

Introduction To Library Computers: learn about the basic parts of a computer and the basic functions of a keyboard and mouse; become familiar with the Windows desktop environment; learn how to work with files, folders, and programs; online games and tutorials are used to help you become comfortable interacting with the computer.

Internet Basics: This hands-on class will help you learn to navigate a website; print web pages; Email basics and web searching covered as well.

Email Basics: Learn to create an email account, compose an email message, and reply, forward and delete email messages.

Microsoft Word 2003 Basics: Learn to customize fonts, use bullets, cut and paste, select page layout options.

Funding Update: The State Legislature passed a General Obligation Bond bill which, if approved by the voters in November, will provide ABC Libraries with about \$867,000 in funding for materials purchases during the 2013-2014 calendar years. This is higher than the amount provided by the 2010 bond for 2011-2012, but substantially less than 2005-2006 levels.

In addition, the Severance Tax Bond Projects bill currently includes \$397,000 to help pay for the construction of the new Library at Central and Unser, \$40,000 for renovations at the South Valley Library, and \$25,000 for improvements to the Hillerman Library Rose Garden. However, these items are subject to line item veto by the Governor. Any items she vetoes will not appear on the ballot in November.

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Bernalillo County will also propose a Library General Obligation Bond in November. If you have a chance to speak with our Commissioner, Michelle Lujan Grisham (468-7027, BCCDistrict1@bernco.gov) you could encourage her to include \$2 million for library materials and automation in the County General Obligation Bonds for November. In 2010 the Commission proposed a \$1.5 million Library bond to the voters, and over 70% of the voters said “yes.” If we can increase that amount this year, it will help compensate for the lower state bond funding that has been proposed in recent years and to adjust for higher purchasing costs. The library has to purchase many different formats of materials today: not only paper books, magazine and newspaper subscriptions, dvd’s and cd’s, but also audio books, e-books (for kindle, for nook, for generic readers) and database subscriptions. The library also needs to increase the number of public computers and update them because of the increasing demand for them.

To learn more about how our library is funded, visit <http://SupportABCLibraries.org>, where you can also sign up to receive email updates about current library funding activities.



Newsletter Committee Chair is Vacant Help Wanted

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to help with the mailing of the newsletter each month.

Now we only need a Committee Chair or coordinator who will verify with the editor when articles are due and see that the volunteer printers and mailers are all aware of the publication date and ready to go. The chair should also check with the members of the board to give them the deadline and find out what special events should be announced in this issue. All of this happens each month between the 20th and 31st of the month.

It is an interesting coordination role for a person who enjoys personal interaction with go-getters in the community. Interested in meeting more of your neighbors and helping to produce a useful service? Contact Ceil van Berkel for more information (899-2738 or webmaster@trna.org).



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trash at Located east of Coors Blvd. at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd. which is between Montano Blvd. and Paseo del Norte. 897-8831, cabq.gov/openspace. All programs appropriate for the whole family.

This used to be a task done by just a few of our willing members volunteering to keep our local park looking good. We are so grateful the Cub Scouts Pack 121 has taken this project on for the year. Join them in keeping our neighborhood park looking great.

APS District 2 Update, Feb. 24th

Kathy Korte, APS Board Rep.

Worth noting in this week's In the ongoing discussion of redistricting Albuquerque Public Schools Districts, the Board unanimously approved looking at other maps. Board members have until 2/29 to submit a map for consideration. President Paula Maes submitted her revision of Map M to us this week. I like the revision and it will be posted on 3/1/12, along with any other maps submitted by other Board members. I do not intend to submit my own map. I actually saw Ms. Maes' revision two weeks ago and liked it then. It gives a District 5 to the West Side area around St. Joseph's Drive to the West Mesa HS area. It puts Cibola HS and VVHS in my current District 2. It also takes from Maes' current District 5, leaving David Percy's and David Robbins' East Side districts 6 and 7 as separate communities of interest. It also renews District 3's North Valley area

On 3/1/12, the Maes Draft and any other submitted maps will be posted on www.aps.edu Please review the postings and send all your comments to boarded@aps.edu Please do not email me alone. All the board members should receive your input. A discussion is scheduled for 3/7/12 and possibly a vote could be taken then.



Call for Nominations for Directors

One person can make a big difference in their neighborhood. We just need three of you to step forward.

The Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association (TRNA) is seeking residents willing to serve on the Board of Directors. Elections will be held at the annual meeting March 28, 2012, 6:30 p.m. at the Don Newton-Taylor Ranch Community Center. Please attend and offer your services. Contact Dave Waters (president@trna.org) if you'd like additional information or to volunteer.



Open Space Visitor Center

The Open Space Division depends on the involvement of its owners, the citizens of Albuquerque, to help with education and conservation. Volunteers contribute thousands of hours each year toward stewardship of Open Space lands. **Become a vital part of Open Space - become a volunteer!**

Join the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division volunteer team and support a community-based commitment to promote conservation and appreciation for the integrity of our local public lands. All volunteers are trained to report observations while using the trail and educate visitors on sustainable land use. Volunteers may also choose to adopt a trail or become an interpreter at the Visitor Center.

Consider helping the Open Space Visitor Center "Connect People to Place." Volunteer Trainings 2012: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm on the following Saturdays: March 3rd, June 2nd, Sept. 29th, Dec. 8th. Register by calling 897-8831. All trainings take place at the Visitor Center.

Poetry Workshops and Presentations with New Mexico Poets: March 31st, workshops (affordably priced) and April 1st, Presentations. Call 897-8831 for reservations. For more information contact Gina Marselle at ginamwrites@aol.com.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH -- 9:00 AM — "Bosque Wild" — Guided Bosque Nature Walk. Join biologist, naturalist and birder Elsa Bumstead for a guided walk into the riverside forest and discover this world away from the city. Prepare for a 1.5 hour easy walk and dress for the weather. Binoculars are recommended. Space is limited to 20 people, 7 years old and above. Please call to pre-register and to receive directions to the trailhead. Registration recommended 1 month in advance.



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- Beautification Board of Directors Crime Prevention/Patrol Education
 Environment Land Use Membership Newsletter
 Parks & Recreation Social Activities Transportation/Traffic Other _____

Renewal and New Member Rates:

- Resident: \$18.00 (Thru Dec 2012) \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2013) \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2014)
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Upcoming Events

- Mar 10th—Park Cleanup
- Mar 14th—Board Meeting
- Mar 15th — Walmart Hearing
- Mar 28-ANNUAL MEETING
- April 7th—Easter Egg Hunt

Thank You, Business Members, For Supporting TRNA

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Pampered Pooches & Other Pets LLC	803-0679	West Mesa Christian Church	898-8226
Paper Pusher Bookkeeping	898-9539		

Send your items of community interest to the Mesa Messenger! Submissions must be received by the 22nd of the month.

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MARCH 28, 2012

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Don Newton TR Community Center

Refreshments

Door Prizes

Our mission is to promote, protect, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch