

Dear TRNA Members and Community Stakeholders:

Board members have received many questions about the proposed development at the Mesa View Methodist Church, which is located at the intersection of Taylor Ranch Rd. and Montano Blvd. The TRNA board was approached by Tierra West (the developer), Saranam board members, and board members for the Mesa View Methodist Church about the proposed project, as a courtesy, in advance of any Integrated Development Ordinance requirement; it is likely this was a proactive measure on part of the developer considering the lengthy history TRNA has in ensuring development is sensitive to our natural community assets and the needs of our westside community.

Essentially Mesa View Methodist Church would like to enter into a collaborative relationship with Saranam to propose the development of the church property to accommodate a “2-year housing, education, and community-building program for homeless families in Albuquerque, NM.” This would be the second site that Saranam would be adding to their already successful property that is located in the northeast area of the city. Initially when the TRNA board heard about the project many questions and concerns were had; it is understandable you too may also have many of the same concerns and questions. For your convenience, and to find more information about this project and what it is about, please go to the Saranam website at <https://saranamabq.org/>

Additionally for your convenience we have uploaded the most current site development plan the board has available, so you too can review the proposed layout and formulate your own informed and objective opinion. TRNA wants any development to fit and enhance our community, but we are also mindful of private property owners’ rights to develop. The church has iterated to the TRNA board that it does want this project to be an enhancement to the area and is mindful that this property has served in a sense as a “gateway” to the Taylor Ranch area, particularly when development of this area started. However the church has also expressed that it cannot continue to absorb the expense of caring for the duckpond and fountain, and would like to do something meaningful with the property that helps to offset the expense of maintaining the property.

TRNA does not hold any approval/disapproval authority over any development project; rather that is a function determined by the city’s planning department and the legal processes the City of Albuquerque has designated. Regardless of how we as a community may feel, when the City of Albuquerque overhauled the planning and development ordinances to create the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) it was inevitable that new development will occur in Taylor Ranch. However, TRNA remains concerned that any development follows the legal requirements and standards as set forth by the IDO, that development be sensitive and responsible to the area around it, and that it does not burden the already limited resources available on the westside, so as to accomplish our mission statement.

We encourage you to get involved, become members of TRNA by clicking [here](#), ask questions through the designated city processes, contact the developer and Saranam with any pertinent questions you may have, and be a good neighbor to all around you! If you have any questions that you believe TRNA may be able to clarify, or assist with, or feel that you have information that TRNA may not be aware of, or have overlooked, please let us know by submitting your

question via email. The TRNA board had planned to invite Tierra West to do a short presentation at our annual meeting, but given the current state of the public health we simply were not able to hold our annual meeting to provide a forum for the community to get information and ask questions. Therefore, TRNA is currently working with Tierra West to arrange an online meeting for the community to learn about the proposed development, take public comments, and answer questions regarding the project site plan. Watch our signboards for more information to follow about the annual meeting. In the meanwhile stay home and stay safe during this time of social distancing.

Warmly,

Nita Day
President
Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association