

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Public Hearing Meeting

February 13, 2007

PRESENT	ABSENT
Pedro G Rael, Chairman	
Georgia Otero-Kirkham, Vice-Chairman	
David R Medina, Member	
Ron Gentry, Member	
Lynette Pinkston, Member	
Eric Zamora, County Manager	
Cynthia R. Wimberly, County Attorney	
Sally Perea, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pedro Rael at 5:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Pete Rael

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Pinkston moved for approval of the Agenda. Commissioner Kirkham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments- At the discretion of the Chair

(For information only- limited to two minutes per person on subjects not on this published agenda)

Bob Gostischa a resident of Meadow Lake and one of the Director's of the association said that because of the Meadow Lake Senior Citizen's Center being so poorly lit, the building was hit with graffiti last Friday. He requested that sufficient lighting be installed on the building.

He also has concerns on citations that are issued by code enforcement. The county needs to follow through even if the code enforcement officer that issued the citation has retired or left the county.

Chairman Rael said the short answer is to have the actual person that did the investigation follow through. That would solve the problem.

Commissioner Pinkston commented on the lighting and graffiti problem and said they would use funds from the playground and weight room equipment to take care of the problem.

Commissioner Gentry also expressed his concerns and said administration needs to look into this. If a code enforcement officer leaves or retires, the county code enforcement staff needs to contact that person to come back and follow through. The county needs to pay that person for whatever the time required is to complete that. We need to look in having our legal council and our code enforcement call those people in on a retainer to follow-up with those cases.

Discussion (Non-Action Items)

None

Public Hearing Items:

a) Requesting an Amendment to Preliminary Plat Application for La Mercedes Subdivision, a proposed Type 2 Subdivision consisting of 202 residential lots, containing 55 acres. The amendment would allow for the phasing of the proposed subdivision in two (2) phases. Phase 1 consists of 52 parcels and half of the linear park that transects the interior of the subdivision. Phase 2 will consist of the remaining 150 parcels and the remainder of the interior linear park; T6N, R3E, Sections 18 & 19, NMPM; a plat of the easterly portion of Rio Del Oro, Unit 46 within the Tome Grant; containing 55.274 acres; zoned PD, Valencia County, NM - James Aranda, Valley Improvement Assoc.(Exhibit A)

County Clerk Sally Perea administered the oath to those giving testimony on the above item.

James Aranda is requesting an amendment to the preliminary plat application for La Mercedes Subdivision in preparation of the final plat. There is only water for 52 parcels; they have not secured water for the other 148 parcels. Basically what's being done today is amending the plat to create a phase subdivision, then they can come in for a final plat for phase I and then a final plat on phase II at a later date.

Commissioner Medina asked for confirmation on water availability for the 52 parcels.

Mr. Aranda stated yes, they have water rights deeded across the street from the Las Maravillas area. They have some excess water rights from that particular development that they will be transferring over for the 52 lots.

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Chairman Rael asked who is providing the water for this development. Mr. Aranda said New Mexico Water Service Company and he had had a discussion with Mr. Paul Rizzo and had confirmed that the transfer would be valid. He did give a verbal commitment.

Mike McCarthy from Valley Improvement Association said he had a letter from New Mexico Water Service Company stating they have sufficient water for the 52 parcels. We chose to do this in phases based on the water availability.

Theresa Scott with Valley Improvement Association stated that California Water Company purchased the Rio Grande Utility Company from Valley Improvement Association and then formed New Mexico Water Service Company for the state of New Mexico.

Mr. McCarthy stated the water rights were approved by the state engineer.

Mr. Aranda said because they have existing water rights, that they are transferring to this development, which were previously approved by Office of the State Engineer. Chairman Rael asked Mr. Aranda if the State Engineer's Office had already approved that there is sufficient water for the 52 lots in phase I. Mr. Aranda said that was correct.

Ordinance 2008- Repealing the Tierra Bonita Ordinance.....Eric Zamora
The above item was a request to repeal the Tierra Bonita Ordinance, but still keeping a contract and establishing working with each other and also just clearing up the agreement.

Jim Lane complimented Cyndi Sluder on doing an excellent job of organizing clean up jobs and rounding up people for it.

Samuel Aragon director of Meadow Lake Residents Association said that the court appointed monitor, Emiliano Sanchez, has trouble getting the people that have been assigned community service to show up and asked if there was anything that could be done.

Commissioner Pinkston said we need to work with Tierra Bonita in redesigning a trash ordinance. We need everyone to come out to these public hearings. I feel that our relationship with Tierra Bonita will remain very strong. Commissioner Pinkston commended Cyndi Sluder for all her hard work and dedication.

Commissioner Kirkham recommended bringing this to the attention of the judges.

Commissioner Gentry wants the court monitors to be responsible. The county is paying two court monitors and they need to report back to the county with who is showing up and who is not. This is supposed to be documented and the logs are supposed to be turned in. He recommends staff contacting the judges and following up, since they are on contract.

Chairman Rael stated this is something we need to look into to make sure the county is getting it's moneys worth, the county is paying for the monitoring of these community service contracts.

The next Regular Business Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on February 20, 2008 at 5:00 PM in the County Commission Room at the Valencia County Courthouse.

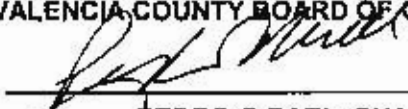
Adjournment

Commissioner Medina moved to adjourn. Commissioner Kirkham seconded. Motion carried unanimously. 5:28 PM


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NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the, February 13, 2008 Public Hearing Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.


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PEDRO G RAEI, CHAIRMAN



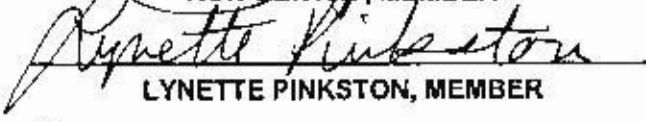
GEORGIA OTERO KIRKHAM, VICE-CHAIRMAN



DAVID R MEDINA, MEMBER

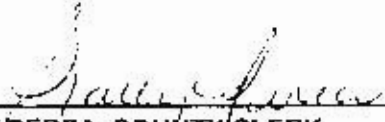


RON GENTRY, MEMBER



LYNETTE PINKSTON, MEMBER

ATTEST:



SALLY PEREA, COUNTY CLERK

2.13.08
DATE