

**Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association
Annual Membership Meeting
March 13, 2010
Tennis Club of Albuquerque**

The annual meeting of the Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association was called to order by Board President Chuck Maguire at 3:05PM. He introduced guest speakers: City Council President Isaac Benton, Gail Chasey , Danice Picraux, and Maggie Hart Stebbins. Chuck asked Board members to introduce themselves. He acknowledged Mary Ann Rozzell, Tom Feldman, Dorothy Pierson, Carol Ellis and Partha Louise helped with the meeting.

Guest Speakers:

Representative Gail Chasey talked about the thirty day session of the NM Legislature. She handed out an information sheet with a summary of spending cuts and talked about the cigarette tax she sponsored.

Representative Danice Picraux talked about her focus on health care: Medicaid/Medicare, health insurance and that the legislature was not in agreement about what model worked best in New Mexico. There are too many citizens that are uninsured and health insurance is too expensive. Sixty per cent of the NM state budget is health care and education.

Isaac Benton spoke about concerns that UNM was not listening to the neighborhoods or the city about the proposed campus parking garage. He was in favor of an agreement between UNM, the City and UNM to jointly sponsor a study on transportation and he introduced the "Community/Institutions Partnership" resolution at a recent meeting of the City Council (which passed) dealing with the City, County, UNM & CNM working together for the benefit of citizens and recommended that the first step be a comprehensive transportation study. He spoke about the big budget challenge: a \$53 million shortfall and was concerned about maintaining city services amidst the city hiring freeze. He talked about increased crime in the neighborhoods and urged citizens to call 311 to ask for more police patrols in the neighborhood. He talked about the \$25 million worth of improvements slated for the Lead/Coal corridor. He agreed speeding on Indian School Rd was a problem and will wait until the San Mateo interchange is finished before he would ask for a traffic study. He asked for input and said that he could be reached at the city council offices, 768-3100 and to call 311 for help because they issued a tracking number for follow-up. Chuck thanked him for his help in getting the neighborhood sign.

Maggie Hart Stebbins representative for District 3 of the Bernalillo County Commission emphasized her interest in listening to neighbors' concerns, on working on a partnership with the city and developing capitol improvement programs. She said that work crews made up of people serving their community service obligations were available to help neighborhoods with projects like cleaning up trash.

Acknowledgements:

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Secretary's Report: Annual meeting minutes for March 22, 2009 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Good year financially mainly because we are no longer paying for the poop scoopers.

Election of Board Members.

This year's ballot includes David Broudy and Cliff McNary. Carol Maguire chose not to continue on the board. Nominations were taken from the floor for the vacant position but no one volunteered. According to by-laws,

the Board can operate with 8 members. A ninth board member can be appointed at a later meeting if someone volunteers. Peter Burton volunteered and was appointed at the April meeting to fill the position.

Year in review:

NPNA activities were summarized for the last year. The Fourth of July Bike Parade was a success with more youngsters attending. A special thanks to all who assisted. The September yard sale event was successful with 15-20 homes participating. We agreed to set up a web page and hire an expert to design the web page with a new URL: www.netherwoodpark.org which would include an interactive calendar and an email address: netherwoodpark@gmail.com. Cliff McNary will be the board liaison. The Neighborhood sign was installed on a center median on Indian School between Princeton and Stanford with a message board. Thanks to Councilor Benton and board member, Karl Schwerin.

New Projects:

- Urban Forest Park needs a gate by the sound wall to inhibit transients from entering from the Carlisle/freeway side.
- A bench is needed for Netherwood Park.
- A holder for poop bags is needed at the Urban Forest Park by the Lafayette entrance.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55PM.