

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS de ALBUQUERQUE
6718 RIO GRANDE BOULEVARD N.W.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
August 9, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

Present:

Larry P. Abraham, Mayor

Donald T. Lopez, Trustee/Mayor Pro-Tem

Mary Homan, Trustee

Pablo R. Rael, Trustee

Juan Vigil, Administrator

Terry Nighbert, P&Z Director

Nancy Haines, Treasurer

Sherry Tippet, Attorney

Greg Perez, Fire Chief

Rosemary Hall, Exec. Secretary

Excused:

Tim McDonough, Trustee

Annabelle Silvas, Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Village of Los Ranchos' Governing Body held its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 in the Warren J. Gray Hall. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Abraham said he must start the meeting on a somber note by announcing that there were two notable Village residents who had passed away: Mr. Sidney M. Hanna, Jr., who served as a Trustee and Village Fire Chief and Mr. Orval Lee Harrison who operated a Village business. He requested a moment of silence in acknowledgement of the services they had provided.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Abraham said he would like to move Item 8.B., Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2006-8-2, to be heard as Item 3.C. He also noted that Item 1.B., Presentation on New Rail Runner by Lawrence Rael, will be deferred to another meeting.

MOTION: Trustee Lopez moved approval of the agenda with the Mayor's requested changes. Trustee Homan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

B. PRESENTATION ON NEW RAIL RUNNER BY LAWRENCE RAE – MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This presentation was deferred to a future Board of Trustees meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one signed up for public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – JULY 12, 2006

Trustee Homan said on Page 11, Line 40, the first full sentence that starts on Line 40 should say: “She said that this scenario would create a 3 or 4 acre lot on Rio Grande that would be limited to one story.” She also noted that on Page 13, Line 46, it should read in the middle of the sentence: “wanted to know if they had a preferred style” and on Page 20, Line 41, the second to last word “do” should be changed to “form”.

Patti Serna, 900 El Alhambra Circle, said a neighbor read her letter to the Board at the July 12, 2006 meeting. She said our minutes state that she read a letter from a former member of the property owners association and she said she would like to correct that because she does still own property and that is still her home and she is a current member of that property owners association.

B. DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. LAW ENFORCEMENT/BCSD
2. FIRE
3. ANIMAL CONTROL

Trustee Homan asked for more detail on the vandalism in the Village Park referenced in the Sheriff’s report.

Mayor Abraham said a purse and a wallet were taken when two cars were broken into at a Saturday morning Growers’ Market. He said the cars were parked on the dirt parking lot.

MOTION: Trustee Rael moved approval of the Consent Agenda with the changes to the Minutes. Trustee Homan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

C. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2006-8-2 – JOINING OTHER REGIONAL ENTITIES IN SUPPORT OF PRESERVING, ESTABLISHING AND OR MAINTAINING DITCH TRAILS IN THE NORTH VALLEY - DITCHES WITH TRAILS PROJECT

This item was originally on the agenda as Item 8.B.

Administrator Vigil said this resolution concerns joining with other regional entities in support of preserving, establishing and or maintaining ditch trails in the North Valley and to include all necessary means to ensure safety and comfort on the trails by users, especially at crossings of arterial streets and other roadways. He said the money was allocated to Bernalillo County but a lot of the Village is covered so we will be participating. He said the resolution was modeled after that submitted by other agencies.

Rod Groves, resident of the Village and a member of the Steering Committee of Ditches-With Trails, said this organization is working to try to enhance the recreational potential of the trails that lie beside the irrigation ditches. He also introduced Claude Morelli who is the President of the

North Valley Association. He said they have garnered some financial support from the State Legislature particularly to initiate two pilot projects; one is in the North Valley, along the Griegos Drain running from Chavez Road to Griegos Road. He said the other project is in the South Valley along the Arenal and Atrisco ditches. He said they have tried to enlist the support of governmental units such as the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, as well as Bernalillo County. He said he hopes the Board will pass the Resolution and lend their support to the project. He said they are also moving ahead with a similar resolution before the City of Albuquerque's Council.

Trustee Lopez asked when the last time was that they met with the MRGCD.

Claude Morelli, President of the North Valley Coalition, responded that they are working with the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program of the National Park Service and an update was given to that board about 3 months ago.

MOTION: Trustee Homan moved acceptance and approval of Resolution No. 2006-8-2. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Homan, yes; Trustee Lopez, yes; Trustee Rael, yes. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

4. REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Abraham reported that:

- He accepted Jacob Vigil's resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission because Jacob is moving to Colorado where he has another job.
- The 2006 Business Directory was mailed and he has received very good comments about it.
- The official Village merchandise is displayed in the glass cabinets in the Hall and is available for sale.
- Jennifer James from Graze will be the guest chef at the Growers' Market. They will also take the Growers' Market panoramic picture.
- Item 7.A. concerning cell towers will be deferred to the September 13 meeting. A forum on the cell towers was held on August 7. They will continue the discussions and consider options. He believes that residents are finally accepting that the cell service is needed; the question is how to get it in the least obtrusive manner.
- The Unser Museum has graciously agreed to voluntarily move the dumpsters.

B. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vigil reported that:

- They have been working on the issue of open space and the possibility of joining with Bernalillo County on the general election ballot in November to have a question on a bond election for open space in the Village. They may have to hold a special meeting to address the issue since the deadline for getting this approved by the Bernalillo County Commission is August 22.

- The sewer and water lines being installed at Caballero Norte are about to be completed. They are asking TLC to begin paving at the end of the month.
- They have met with Mr. Blanchard and his attorney and are currently reviewing amended agreements on keeping the Village's option on that land open.
- They received notice from the New Mexico Department of Transportation that the rehabilitation of El Pueblo Road between Second Street and Rio Grande was approved and the Department's share of the project is \$158,625 and the Village's share is \$52,000. It will be a complete resurfacing of the street and hopefully the drainage issue at the canal will be addressed at that time.
- The City of Albuquerque has informed the Village that they are increasing their fees to house animals and based on the Village's current ordinance, the fee will go up to \$132 per day, but if we amend our ordinance to require spaying and neutering of animals, it would be reduced to \$62 per day.
- AMAFCA appropriated \$500,000 to the drainage aspect of the 4th Street Project. The Village was initially dealing with the drainage to be connected at the Alamosa Drain which is part of the City's storm drainage project. The City failed to give approval to the Village for that license. The Village then asked MRGCD if the drainage water could be carried to the 2nd Street drain and that was approved. Mr. Kelly then notified the Village that at the AMAFCA Board Meeting on August 17 there will be discussions on the change of scope of the 4th Street Project and the subsequent lack of regional drainage improvements that are required by the agreement. He believes our project is still regional because water is being carried from the unincorporated area of Bernalillo County to the 2nd Street drain. Mr. Kelly told the Village he is proposing that AMAFCA withdraw the \$500,000 funding. Any available Trustees were asked to attend the meeting with the Mayor, Planner Nighbert, the Larkin Group and Administrator Vigil on August 17, about noon.

Trustee Lopez said a few weeks ago he received a strange phone call from someone he has known for years who lives on Camino Espanol. He said it sounds like the people on that street have concerns about drainage in the area. He said it appears the neighborhood is involved in this.

Administrator Vigil responded that they had a meeting about three weeks ago with about 7 neighbors, including the Chavez' and Macki Kitts, who owns the Spanish Walk commercial area. He said Larkin's design includes an inlet and that they can design one for Willow Road. He said he has had numerous conversations with Mr. Kitts and he has asked him to contact Councillor O'Malley. He said it has been the City administration that has put a block on this project. He said if the City is willing to participate in this project, all they have to do is provide us some feedback.

Trustee Lopez said if we could convince John Kelly and the AMAFCA Board that we are working to get the City's approval, no matter how long it takes, that might convince the AMAFCA Board to defer action on taking away the \$500,000. He said the way Larkin presents the inlet issue at the meeting may be a very crucial piece of evidence.

Administrator Vigil said Village staff is meeting with the Larkin Group tomorrow to go over the process and make sure that the documentation is complete. He said Mayor Abraham had contacted Mr. Eichenberg, who is the Chair of the AMAFCA Board, and he wrote a letter to the City of Albuquerque expressing AMAFCA's dismay that the City was not cooperating with us.

He said he does not understand the full reasoning for this and he believes the Village did everything in its power to get that area served.

Mayor Abraham said he thinks Attorney Tippett should write a letter putting the City on notice that we are going to hold them responsible and liable for any money that the Village loses from AMAFCA.

Attorney Tippett said she believes there is liability on the part of the City and that the Village needs to protect itself because it is a significant amount of money and could result in delay and health and safety issues.

Trustee Lopez said that looking at it from the Village's liability point of view, the engineer in the original design took care of the drainage and now that part of it is being taken away by the City's inaction.

Administrator Vigil then continued with his Administrator's Report:

- An engineering report is currently being developed to install lights at 4th and Los Ranchos that were previously located at 4th and Osuna.
- The County is holding a public meeting at Village Hall on Areas I & J on August 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Homan asked for a status report on a turn signal at the corner near Horizon School.

Administrator Vigil responded that the intersection is too small to have a turn lane available. He said there is not enough width in the roadway to conduct both a through lane and a right lane turning.

C. PLANNER'S REPORT

Planner Nighbert reported that:

- The Department prepared 8 cases for the Planning and Zoning Commission this month and two reports on possible text amendments to the Zone Code Ordinance on floor area ratio and also for a possible moratorium on two-story homes in the Guadalupe Trail Character Area.
- They prepared the information for the public forum on proposed cell tower location held on August 7, 2006.
- The 4th Street Project is in its 24th week of construction and the project is currently at 66% time expended and the job superintendent is still projecting the project will be mostly completed by Balloon Fiesta. However, 10 days were lost due to storms but they believe they can make up some of the lost time by working on Saturdays.
- Star Paving was pumping water into an area off of Mullen Road where they had an agreement with the owner to dredge out a pond so that it will hold the water that cannot flow into the Taft drainage system until the water collars and manholes are connected properly. They are hoping to pave Schulte to Osuna in readiness for the start of school on Monday. They will have a generator for the flashing lights on Schulte during school periods.

- The barn construction is progressing. The wall bracing inspection was approved and the roofing should begin on Friday. The exterior sheeting with paper and a 3-coat stucco will begin after that. The interior is pretty much finished. They will be able to lock the barn once the doors are on; however, there is an area of about 2,000 sq. ft. on the southeast corner that is an open arena which cannot be secured.

Trustee Lopez asked if there have been a lot of calls from residents about flooding and ponding of water.

Planner Nighbert said he received about 12 calls during the heavy rainstorms. He said there was ponding of water at Pueblo Solano, Mullen Road, El Paraiso, Guadalupe Trail, Chavez, Ranchitos and Garduño. He said they ordered sand and sandbags and let anyone who called know they were available.

Trustee Homan said she had 11 calls on Sunday alone regarding Garduño.

Planner Nighbert said as soon as the raw water project is completed, they plan to investigate ways to drain Garduño.

Trustee Lopez asked if the Fire Department is trained to rescue someone from their home.

Planner Nighbert responded that the Fire Department had received a grant for sending the career people to fast water rescue training.

D. LEGAL REPORT

Attorney Tippett reported that:

- She was in court yesterday for the Landau vs. Village of Los Ranchos case and she believes the Village prevailed. The Judge agreed that a proper Notice of Appeal had not been filed and allowed the Appellant 10 days in which to file. There was some disagreement as to what else the Judge said so they will be back in court for a Presentment Hearing on the Order.
- There is a trial next week on the Pennybacker case and she is confident that the Village will prevail.
- She has been working with Planner Nighbert on a number of land use issues.

E. FIRE DEPT. REPORT

Chief Perez reported that:

- He just came from a County Commission meeting where the Village of Los Ranchos Fire Department was recognized for their contributions at the Bosque fire on June 15, 2006. The Commission presented them with a certificate signed by each of the Commissioners.
- They attended the funeral services for Former Fire Chief Sid Hanna.
- They are conducting training every other Tuesday night and are fully staffed.

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

A. CASH REPORT – JULY

Treasurer Haines reported that the ending cash balance at July 31 was \$2,407,055.07. She said for the month of July and year-to-date, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$231,842. She noted that about 76% of that was from the 4th Street debt expenditures with yearly premiums for insurance (Workmen’s Comp, general liability, etc.) making up the other differences. She said the auditors from Hinkle and Landers were conducting their field work.

Trustee Lopez asked if the \$231,000 was an expected number.

Treasurer Haines responded that it was expected due to the 4th Street Project.

MOTION: Trustee Lopez moved approval of the Cash Report. Trustee Rael seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2006-8-1 – FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007

Accountant Saavedra reported that the budget had not changed much from what was presented in April 2006, which was everything budgeted through June 30, 2006. He said whatever did not happen in 2006 was just brought forward to 2007. He said there was some fine tuning to some revenues and expenses but basically it was the same budget as presented in April.

Trustee Lopez asked if the AMAFCA Board decided to take away the \$500,000, when would the budget have to be revised?

Accountant Saavedra responded that the \$500,000 is not included in this budget. He said that money was already received and used. He said if we must refund the \$500,000, then there would be an impact to this budget.

MOTION: Trustee Homan moved approval of the Final Budget, Resolution No. 2006-8-1. Trustee Rael seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Homan, yes; Trustee Lopez, yes; Trustee Rael, yes. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

A. A REQUEST BY THERESA EASLEY FOR SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE C-1 ZONE. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 8320 4TH ST. NW AND LEGALLY KNOWN AS LOT NUMBERED ONE (1) OF THE ENGLEBRECHT SUBDIVISION, A SUB-DIVISION OF A TRACT OF LAND IN LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE, BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE MAP OF SAID SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE

OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF THE BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, OCTOBER 30, 1941. THIS PARCEL CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY .3977 OF AN ACRE.

MOTION: Trustee Lopez moved to defer this item to the September 13, 2006 Board Meeting. Trustee Rael seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE OF THE PUBLIC MEETING AND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER ON VILLAGE PROPERTY.

MOTION: Trustee Rael moved to defer this item to the September 13, 2006 Board Meeting. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR BUSINESS MEETING-2006 ANNUAL NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Trustee Rael asked Trustee Homan whether she would prefer to be the Voting Delegate or the Alternate Delegate.

Trustee Homan said she would like to be the Voting Delegate for this year.

MOTION: Trustee Lopez moved approval of Trustee Homan being the Voting Delegate and Trustee Rael being the Alternate Delegate. Trustee Homan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2006-8-2 – JOINING OTHER REGIONAL ENTITIES IN SUPPORT OF PRESERVING, ESTABLISHING AND OR MAINTAINING DITCH TRAILS IN THE NORTH VALLEY - DITCHES WITH TRAILS PROJECT

This item was discussed as Item 3.C.

C. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2006-8-3 - ADOPTING AN INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN FOR 2008-2012.

Planner Nighbert reported that the State Department of Finance & Administration requires local governments to submit their Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) to the Division by August 31 of each year. He said the ICIP is used by the Legislature to program funds for capital

projects in the upcoming 2007 Legislative Session. He listed the following 12 projects and funding amounts: Blanchard-El Pueblo Open Space Lands, \$3,500,000; GRIP II-Resurface 4th Street from Schulte Road to Paseo del Norte and provide selective storm water drainage inlets and French drains, \$2,000,000; GRIP II Design & Construction of a Bike Path along Rio Grande Blvd., \$300,000; Additional Fire Station Construction Funding, \$2,000,000; Village Park Community Center, \$330,000; Fire Hydrant Installations throughout the Village, \$135,000; Police Vehicles, \$22,000; Road Safety Enhancements, \$350,000; Land Acquisitions for Open Space and Agricultural Lands, \$1,100,000; Public Works Vehicles, \$160,000, Replace Park Maintenance Equipment, \$100,000; Village Hall/Business Incubator, \$350,000.

Patti Serna asked for a description of a “business incubator”.

Administrator Vigil responded that they are looking at areas, not necessarily at Village Hall, but along 4th Street that would serve to help businesses establish themselves.

Mayor Abraham noted that for clarification, on Project No. 12, the fact that Village Hall and the Business Incubator were on the same line does not mean the Business Incubator will be at Village Hall.

Chief Perez also commented that the Fire Station will still remain in the same location because they have to keep a number of trucks inside the bay and a portion of the Fire Department will remain here.

MOTION: Trustee Homan moved approval of Resolution No. 2006-8-3, adopting an Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for 2008-2012. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Homan, yes; Trustee Lopez, yes; Trustee Rael, yes. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

D. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE FOURTH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Planner Nighbert reported that there has been one prior change order to the 4th Street Improvement Project. He said Change Order No. 2, in the amount of \$145,233.55, is for certain modifications to the construction materials, new bus shelters and unanticipated removal of concrete of existing concrete roadbed from Osuna north to Schulte. He said there were some delays caused by the recent rainstorms and the contractor has been working on Saturdays to make up time lost and at this report the project is only a few days behind schedule. He said the major items in the change order are the additional manholes and catch basin required for the storm drainage systems, certain changes to the Taft Detention Basin, adjustments made to the City water and sewer system manholes and fire hydrants that were made in the field, installation of six bus shelters, concrete valley gutter, and removal of the old U.S. Highway 85 concrete roadbed. He said if this change order is approved, it would bring the new contract total to \$5,568,352.50 and it will add 14 days to the contract time for a total of 272 days.

Trustee Lopez referenced Page CO2-4 of 8 of the attachment under Summary and asked if there was any reason to believe the Village would not receive the funding cited for Lot 5b and Lot 6 from APS and the City of Albuquerque.

Planner Nighbert responded that there was no reason to believe we would not receive that funding.

MOTION: Trustee Lopez moved approval of the 4th Street Project Change Order No. 2. Trustee Rael seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

E. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR THE 2006 LEGISLATIVE SEVERANCE TAX BOND APPROPRIATIONS

Administrator Vigil said the Department of Finance and Administration sent us the Grant Agreements for the 2006 Legislative Severance Tax Bond Appropriations that total \$1,255,000. He said the Village has certified to the Department that it is appropriate to sell those bonds as follows: \$200,000 for the purchase of open space land adjacent to Los Poblanos and Anderson Fields; \$400,000 to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish the Unser Racing Museum; \$600,000 to acquire land for and to plan, design and construct a fire station; and \$55,000 to purchase road maintenance equipment. He said he recommends approval of the agreements and the Village will be able to expend the monies within the time limit of June 30, 2010.

Trustee Lopez asked what the Village had in mind regarding the \$55,000 to purchase road maintenance vehicles.

Administrator Vigil said they really need to replace a tractor and the front-end loader which is used with an attachment to cut down weeds. He said those are the primary pieces of equipment they are looking at.

MOTION: Trustee Rael moved approval of the Grant Agreements for the 2006 Legislative Severance Tax Bond. Trustee Homan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

F. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO SUBMIT COMMENTS TO THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION TO CONTINUE AREA CODE 505 IN THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE

Administrator Vigil reported that at the last Board Meeting Trustee Rael asked that this issue be brought before the Board to establish a position and to submit comments to the Public Regulation Commission regarding the new area code proposed within the State. He said the State is looking at two primary options. The first would be an overlay which would mean that Area Code 575 would be issued to all new subscribers; i.e., cell phone users, land line users and anyone else. He said what that would mean is that anybody who is calling another number within New Mexico would have to dial 10 digits. He said it would be like a local call, not a long distance charge. He said the second option would be to split the State and give 505 to one area of the State and the 575 to a different area. He said that option puts Area B, which is where the Village would be, as Area Code 505 and that would include mostly San Juan County, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County, Tarrant County, Los Lunas, Zuni, Gallop and that area of the State, up to Santa Fe. He said the remainder of the State (basically the northeastern part, southeastern parts up to Des Moines and Chama and

that area would be the 575 area code. He said it is projected that the change will only be in effect for 22 years and then a third area code number would be needed.

Trustee Rael said he wanted discussion on this and he believes the Board should contact the PRC with the Board's position. He said his personal feeling is that they should vote for retaining the 505. He said the overlay creates a problem because you would be dialing 11 digits. He said he believes it is better to assign an area code to an area rather than trying to overlay the 575 area code as people sign up. He said he believes the Board should support retaining Area Code 505 because this is the most heavily populated area and it would be the least expensive to the general public.

Trustee Homan said she has been fortunate enough to sit in on many of the discussions the Commissioners have had on this issue. She said both the Commissioners and the public that were present at those times were very split on it. She said the smaller, rural communities are saying they would be the hardest hit from the standpoint of the smaller businesses, much like the businesses in Los Ranchos where changing letterhead, business cards, checks, white page ads, yellow page ads, etc., would become a significant financial burden for those small businesses. She said she believes it is going to be quite a battle at the PRC and she believes the most probable outcome is going to be the overlay. She said her suggestion to the Board is to really think about which way they want to go. She said she agrees that the Village is part of the largest population concentration in New Mexico and from that we are saying we want Area Code 505, but the smaller areas are saying the opposite, they believe they should be the ones to keep 505 and make the others change.

Trustee Rael said that a few years ago the State allowed the phone company to pass on some fees to the Albuquerque area so that they could have local calling from Belen and Torrance County even though we were not getting a benefit but it helped support the cost to other areas. He said he believes there should be some type of similar plan that would help pay for those expenses through the system. He said he thinks the overlay is not a good plan and will only create problems.

Mayor Abraham asked when this needs to be submitted.

Administrator Vigil responded that October 3, 2006 is when they will take it to the PRC.

Trustee Homan said it is a hard decision because no matter what you do there is going to be loss of convenience and a financial loss for some.

Trustee Lopez asked if the State splits, do we know how it will be split?

Administrator Vigil distributed a map which outlined how the split would be made.

MOTION: Trustee Lopez moved to defer this item to the September 13, 2006 Board Meeting. Trustee Homan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

9. TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Trustee Homan announced that the Los Ranchos Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held at Protocol on 4th Street at 7:15 a.m. on August 10. She also mentioned that after receiving a landslide of phone calls regarding flooding on Garduño, she stopped by and talked to them. She

said the water averaged over 4 inches in the areas that were flooded and some places it was up to 7 inches. She said she was concerned for a handicapped person who was trapped in her own home.

Trustee Lopez said since we have an active contract with Star Paving, could they help us do some pumping if we felt it was critical?

Administrator Vigil said when the water level reaches a point that it is getting close to the wastewater manholes, the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority does pumping. He said he has contacted Mr. Sanchez numerous times and they have been doing the pumping when it becomes an issue of possible pollution.

Trustee Homan said with the rains this past week, that individual did have part of her interior ceiling fall in exposing a lot of insulation. She said if anyone has any knowledge of a charitable organization that might give this person a hand, they could pass her telephone number along. She said the neighbors were telling her that about 10 years ago is when that portion of the Village went through the sewer installation. She said they mentioned that during the construction there were heavy rains and that the far west end was not completed for some time due to the rains. She said they told her when Wilson & Co. was prodded to complete the project, they graded it down even further than it was and did the paving then. She said the residents said it never flooded prior to the 10 years to the extent it does now. She said the manholes are a good 8 inches above the grade of the roadway.

Trustee Homan said she would like to know which Trustees and if the Mayor or any of the administrative staff plans to attend the Municipal League’s annual meeting.

Mayor Abraham responded that the four Trustees would be attending, along with the Village Attorney, Village Clerk and Judge Garcia.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Trustee Lopez moved to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Trustee Rael seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque this _____ day of _____, 2006.

ATTEST:

Annabelle Silvas,
Village Clerk