

San Marcos Association

Minutes From The Meeting Of September 21, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:15PM by Walter Wait, since President Donna was not in attendance. Walter, Archie, Alex, Helen, Virginia, and _____ (sorry! I didn't catch the woman's name) attended. The minutes from the meeting of July 2000 were not read but will be typed up by Alexis and read at the SMA meeting in October.

The following topics were discussed:

Ø SMA financial situation the same.

Ø Renee on medical leave because of a broken neck. Virginia Eldridge was elected to replace Renee as Secretary. She will not begin until November, since she will be out of town in October.

Ø Helen made a suggestion and it was agreed that she would buy a tape recorder for future meetings.

Ø Waldo Aggregates Project - Bill Rodriguez from the Rural Conservation Alliance gave an overview of Peter Naumburg and J.R.Hale's application to open a gravel pit on Buffalo Mountain. The permit would be for 14 years, including the use of rail and road. They would be operating 8 to 5, Monday through Friday, some evenings for clean-up. Since they have no access to water, they would like to buy and truck 20,000 gallons of water per day from Sangre de Cristo Water Company or Santa Fe County. The potential site is adjacent to the newly established Cerrillos Hills Historic Park. They are requesting a rezoning change from Agricultural to Mining/Industrial. The effects of the mine will be far-reaching - dust, noise, air pollution, its impact on the park, on COLPAC, pollution of the Galisteo Basin downstream from crushed gravel. Walter stated 3 things the SMA can do: insert flyer information in the next SMA newsletter, write a letter of protest to the CDRC, and donate to the RCA fund for attorney's fees. Bill Rodriguez will email flyer for the newsletter, Donna elected in absentia to write to the CDRC, and we will make our monetary donation when Treasurer Hugh returns.

Ø Tom Udall's bill HR 1970 to protect archeological sites was quashed by a dissenting vote from Pete Domenici. Walter will write letter to Domenici voicing SMA disapproval.

Ø Route 14 Corridor Study - Helen and Walter described the meeting they attended in Cedar Crest regarding connecting I-25 to Highway 14. Helena and Walter had suggested using 22, which would benefit our local tourism, instead of the suggested route through Placitas.

Ø NM 14 and CR44, CR45 Intersection Development - Two phase development by the Highway Department was mentioned, and concern that they would not respect vegetation and old growth trees along the road. Plans for 44 and 45 include large decorated medians, which seem inappropriate for the area. A roundabout was suggested as a viable alternative. Archie and Alexis will write a letter to Parsons Brinkerhoff, Inc., cc: Ted Garcia at the State Highway Department, and Donald Simpson the Environmental Expert in Dallas with suggestions for a roundabout as well as our concern that the Highway Department take into account all the old growth trees and vegetation while expanding the road. All letters will go on web site and signed by Donna as President of SMA.

Ø The ATV trespassing incident from a few months ago - only one response so far, a letter in July from Mr. Powell, Public Land Commissioner. No follow up from them since then. Walter suggested and it was agreed that Mr. Powell's letter should be put into the upcoming SMA newsletter.

Ø Newsletter Contents:

w WAP flyer

w Public Land Commissioner's response to the ATV incident

w Highway Department's suggestions as well as our suggestions for the road

w Donna's letter

w Letter to Domenici voicing our disappointment that he quashed Udall's Bill HD1970

- w Corridor information
- w Donna's report on the clinic
- w Linda's report on the park
- w Report on SMA incorporation
- w Reminders about SMA web site

Ø All newsletter information should reach Hugh by Saturday September 30th.

Ø Alexis will attend the next Road Advisory Committee meeting on October 11th on behalf of the SMA. There has been concern that ex-SMA President Fritz Ireland is still representing himself as a SMA member at these meetings.

Ø Complaints about the noise and traffic from the parties being held at Eaves Ranch. Suggestions for researching their license, permits, the noise ordinance, safety issues, etc. Helen will call Land Use Department to find out what they are permitted to do.

Motion to adjourn by Walt and seconded by Archie. Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.