

San Marcos Board Mtg. Minutes for: September 20, 2018

Members of the Board present: Helen Boyce, Gail Buono, Ken Graeb, Sherry Graeb, Leslie Hancock, Donna Herring, Susan Macdonell, Isolde Wait, and Walter Wait

Members of the Board not present: Rich Headley, Valerie Nye, Nai Smith, and Joel Yelich

Non Board members present: Gail Karr, Tom Macdonell, Peter Smith

Guest: Liz Stefanics

Susan Macdonell (Pres.) presided and called the meeting to order @ 6:28 p.m. Ken Graeb seconded the motion.

Leslie Hancock reported: Very little activity, "all is well with the web"

Gail Buono did Treasurers report: Paid PO Box fee. New Balance: \$7188.42 Bank has still not reversed the bank charges for 2018. Gail will call the bank re: reversing the charges.

Sherry Graeb passed out the July Meeting Minutes which were approved (show of hands)

Ken Graeb reported RE: the Cerrillos Senior Center. He spoke w/Ron Sandoval (County "Vertical" Team Member) who advised they resolved the "over budget issue" by separating the utilities from the original bid. They will build the Fire Station at the same time they build the Senior Center. There will be a meeting on Saturday, Oct. 13th at the Cerrillos Ranger Station with updates. For info. re: widening roads we need to contact a County "Horizontal" Team Member.

Ken Graeb asked about widening 42 & putting a bike lane on each side for safety. LIZ: explained ICIP (infrastructure County Improvement List). Every Governmental Body must turn in requests to add items by Sept. 1st (but things can be amended & added later). Issues must be on "The List" for the State legislature to fund any project. Any County road with improvements must include bike lanes but many land owners did not

want to provide easements. The cost building a road was more than One Million a mile& that was four of five years ago.

Gail Karr lives in Rancho Alegria and her Phone & Electricity go out all the time. LIZ: said in N.Y. they only allow utilities to be out a designated time. If the outage is longer the utility must reimburse the consumer. Can we create that type of legislature here for PNM or Century Link? If we do not have good infrastructure for our telecommunications, our State we will not keep up for our future needs. We need competent staff in the I.T. Dept.

Walter Wait: Issue of the courts not filing in time & criminals begin let go. LIZ: AOC was not hearing cases in time so the Supreme Court ordered that the D.A. has to file in 10 days. The D.A.'s have funding for training and they have quite a latitude over their judge & their training. Liz will speak to the Chief Justice Judy Nakamura and Peter Wirth (Senate Judiciary) & see if they have any ideas.

Susan McDonnell: What are the plusses & minuses for declaring a sanctuary state?

LIZ: Currently if you support a sanctuary entity you will lose Federal funding. We have alternative drivers licenses. If people are working here they are paying taxes but some people feel they need to go through the necessary steps for citizenship. There are an estimated 2 million illegal immigrants here now. Federal laws do not require us to cooperate with ICE. ICE has access to S.F.'s jail & fingerprint records. S.F. has medicated expansion.

PRE-K - LIZ: We have 89 school districts. The Permanent fund is supposed to be used for education. They took money from the general fund & put 13,000 kids in pre-K and they plan to put 40,00 kids in pre-K this year. Those that go to pre-K excel through 3rd grade. Go visit United Way Bldg's.. Rooms for 0-3 population

Gail Karr: Concerned re: safety of transfer of materials to WIPP: LIZ: talk to your Congress person

Walter Wait: Is there a plan for new highways? LIZ: Yes, there is a Highway Transportation Committee & there is one person for each district. This committee decides when there will be a new road, where & how much they will fund for it.

Walter Wait: How does a new road come about? LIZ: By citizen in public meetings

Ken Graeb: I'd like to talk about charter schools. LIZ: When the public schools take Turquoise Trail back, every student in this area will be able to attend. This school has had both A and D ratings. It is our tax dollars that are improving the schools. The charter schools take money from the traditional schools which hurts the traditional schools. The debate is about money. Gail Karr: Can we make a tax deduction so teachers can deduct the money they spend on supplies (out of their own pockets). Walter Wait: Can we return to a different concept of schools (size & design)?

LIZ: You have easy access to interim Committees. Look up "Legislative Study committee" (it's a standing committee that meets once a month). Go to: [nmlegis.com](http://nmlegis.com) click on: committees

Gayle Buono: RE: Legalizing Marijuana LIZ: they tried to pass it but our current governor did not support. Michelle Lujan Gresham will support it & it can pass with a bill. Need 2/3 of each house, then it goes on the ballot. A bill only needs 51%

LIZ: The Tax Benefits are Major

Walter Wait: I'd like to see the Old Penitentiary better Utilized. LIZ: it is used for training & it is leased as a movie set. LIZ will have them send a report to us.

Walter Wait: Condition of Pumping Station

Walter Wait: RailRunner LIZ: voters will be asked to continue the tax 'Forever' for the N. Central RTD. It pays for the blue busses & the RailRunner. The tax currently expired within a couple years

We thanked our guest Liz Stefanics for her time and contribution.

Susan Macdonell adjourned the meeting @ 8:20 p.m. Walter Wait seconded the motion

Our next meeting will be held @ Susan McDonnell's home on Oct. 18th @ 6:00 p.m.

Our guest will be Dr. Ray Griffin (Head Administrator of The Turquoise Trail Charter School)

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