LAS CANDELAS de LOS CERRILLOS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
General Meeting Sunday May 22, 2022 4:00 pm
State Park Visitor Center (outside)
Approved 10/16/2022

Current Board Members: Todd Brown, President, Todd Yocham, Vice President, Pat Brown, Treasurer, Ruth Center, Secretary, Robert Egger, Wendy Flood, Cynthia Frederick, Ross Lockridge, Ann Murray, Carol O'Keefe, Sue Schneider, Vera Simoni, Patrick Torres, Becky Walding, Gretel Wanemacher.

Board members present: Todd & Pat Brown, Sue Schneider, Robert Egger, Carol O'Keefe, Patrick Torres, Cynthia Frederick and Becky Walding

Absent board members: Todd Yocham, Wendy Flood, Ross Lockridge, Ann Murray, Vera Simoni, Gretel Wanemacher & Ruth Center

Members present: Joan Lynch, Kim & Paul Seftel. Guests from Santa Fe County: Curt Temple, Cerrillos Senior Center Project Manager and PJ Montano Project Facilities Director

Agenda: Due to a miscount of attending board members it was thought we didn't achieve a quorum of eight members and the agenda was not approved. Patrick added Cerrillos Fiesta and Whiskey Festival to New Business.

Santa Fe County representatives Curt Temple & PJ Montano spoke on the Cerrillos Senior Center / Fire Station.

Status: The Senior Center/Fire Department is going forward. The County purchased the plans from Lloyd & Assoc Architect. Construction costs during Covid increased significantly and the building could not be built for the allotted budget. The Architect is finishing up plans and a bid package may be ready in a month. It will go out to general bid with a 5 million dollar budget. The County expects it to take 6 months to finish the process and finalize a contractor. Comments from the floor included the use of blacktop in the parking lot and around the building, with the hope of finding a less black solution, building color, softer wall lines, and Main St paving. Outdoor lighting was a main concern. The design will use energy efficient lighting & sensors to lower light level 25% when not sensing activity, they will be shielded and conform to County regulations for night sky. The building is 6000 sq feet (projected cost of $700 per sq ft). Solar panels over the parking area will provide up to 50% of electric use. The building will have a public meeting room and the fire station could be expanded & manned in the future.
To contact Curt Temple office (505) 992-9863, c (505) 479-2691
To contact PJ Montano office (505) 992-3037, c (505) 231-1702

Mr. Montano took questions on road maintenance and provided the number for Brian Snyder (505) 992-3015, head of road maintenance. We appreciated the County update.

Past Minutes: Due to lack of perceived quorum the past minutes & current treasurer's report and donations to Christmas fund & Christmas decorations will be emailed to the Board for approval. These were approved.

Treasurers Report: Pat read the Treasurers report for Nov 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022. Income was $837.55. Expenses were $885.35. All bills are paid. There is $13,472.91 in the checking account.

Presidents Report: The president thanked everyone for coming.

Movies: a film company showed interest but did not use Cerrillos. Another company submitted an application to film a few scenes for Trigger Warning. They made a $750 donation.

Portable: The current portable company is less than desirable and the County is looking for a new vendor. The Brown's have kept it stocked with toilet paper.

Flow of Food: Sue reports community donations to the clinic have diminished and she spends about $120 each month for food & toiletries. Bienvenidos Outreach donations were not appropriate for area needs. She asked for

$600 for the flow of food program. Patrick suggests Las Candelas send an email to the broader community asking for money donations to bolster the program. Robert will write the email content. Monetary donations deposited to bank account. Food donations go to the clinic. Todd will send out the email.

Christmas Decorations: A $100 donation was requested by Sue Schneider to refurbish the pine swag with new mesh ribbons.

TTVFD: $100.00 donation was approved for the 2022 Christmas Fund

Community Input: No update on the proposed AT&T communications tower

Hacienda Dona Andrea application: Ross reports that the County has essentially listened to Las Candelas, & the people and organizations who expressed concern, and consequently the Hacienda has pulled back from their proposed large expansion of a poorly managed B&B. Betsy Brandt expressed her gratitude for our support. Major issues raised have not been settled as Hacienda is still requesting a blanket permit for many weddings in the nearer future. The issues that have been dodged, namely fire, noise, water and liability remain a focus that Betsy and her group is following.

Corporation Reports: Pat filed annual 2021 reports; IRS 990-N, Secretary of State report & Attorney General nonprofit Corporation report

Accumulating Garbage at Devils Throne: an accumulating pile of green waste and bagged garbage is near Devils throne. Gretel contacted Las Candelas and NMDOT who will look into it and place large rocks to block access.

Adopt a Hwy, mm 33-34: June 25, 9am volunteers will meet to pick up garbage on the community association mile on hwy 14, one mile north of the RR bridge. Park on the left after the pull out

Cerrillos Fiesta: Patrick asked about a Sept fiesta. The consensus was yes but not Studio Tour weekends Sept 17 and 24. Patrick will call a meeting. Someone approached Patrick to see if Cerrillos would host a Whiskey Festival, similar to one held at the movie ranch. Concerns were County permit, parking, noise, drinking and liability. Paul offered his property if Patrick's license can be used. Wait to see if person contacts Patrick again.

Feedback on the May 7, pack burro race: Thirty five donkey groups ran a 3 mile or 6 mile course in the state park. Everyone felt it was a successful event and fun day. In the future, the event coordinator will need to contact Frank White for more parking area, paper town with event info. It was suggested that LC could raise money at similar events with lemonade or can soda & water sales.