

**Minutes of the SNA Board Meeting,
March 21, 2023, 9:00 AM (MST) via Zoom**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Doug Daubert called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

SNA Board of Directors

Present: President Doug Daubert; Vice President Sherry Popham; Treasurer Charles Morris; Secretary Bonnie Taylor. Directors: Melvin Allen, Mary Lane Leslie, Vern Miller, Kim Stevens, Terry Thompson, Rhonda Vanderhoff

Absent: Massimo Bardetti

Members

Lynn Antonoplos, Brian Boyd, Ben Casarez, John Fisher, Gary Hillman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of Jan 17, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports:

Asphalt Plant

Fire Station

Welcome

SESC (Scenic Easement Steering Committee)

Nominating

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

Sherry made a motion to approve the March 21, 2023 Agenda. Terry seconded. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 17, 2023 SNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Rhonda made a motion to approve the minutes. Terry seconded. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of 3-21-23	\$4,034.88 (includes \$648.00 D&O Insurance)
Pending Deposits	\$ 150.00
Pending Expenditures	\$ 825.00 Liability Insurance
	\$ 269.00 Asphalt Plant/Mailing (reimbursement to Sherry)

To date, 15 checks have been received for dues. Sherry will check returned envelopes for duplications and non-deliverables. She will also provide the names of residents, who have paid SNA membership dues and who have donated towards the Asphalt Plant appeals process, through Paypal.

Sherry made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Terry seconded. The motion carried.

Action Items:

- Sherry will report on duplication and non-deliverables, payment apps Zelle and Venmo, and names of donors.
- Charles will resolve issues with the banking app.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Asphalt Plant

Sherry encourages SNA residents to attend the April 18 hearing by the Taos County Board of Commissioners. This will be the third appeal of the grandfathering of an asphalt plant located near the National Monument and residential neighborhoods without public input. Sherry and Kim have prepared a PowerPoint presentation. Discussion continued to detail strategy for the appeal.

Action Items:

- Terry is waiting for a complaint line on the SNA website. Residents will be able to post and document any issues they are having as a result of the plant (see January 17, 2023 SNA Board Minutes).
- Sherry and Kim plan to write letters to *Taos News'* Editor and an essay for the "My Turn" column.
- Sherry will send a notice to residents about the April 18 Taos County Board of Commissioners' hearing and will post notices on Mr. Perovich's property, where the plant is located, by March 27. Legal ads were posted in both the Taos and Santa Fe newspapers.

Fire Station

In a recent meeting that included Fire Marshall James Hampton, El Prado Water's John Painter, and landowner Mary Lane Leslie, Painter said El Prado Water (EPW) will extend its pipeline from its current terminal within SNA to the site already selected by the Fire Chief and Fire Marshall for a training station and EMS services. The SNA Fire Station is an agreement between Mary Lane and Taos County Fire Department, but two years out for funding and building.

Welcome

Rhonda welcomed Ashley and Matt Benson (193 Tune Dr.) and Symone Arguello-Dada (the Morrissette property on Calle Feliberto).

SESC (Scenic Easement Steering Committee)

Sherry reviewed the origins of the SESC. The area at the end of Tune, which has been used as a parking lot, is part of the Scenic Easement for the National Monument. The public has used, and continues to use, private properties to access Manby Hot Springs. The Sheriff's department is under a contractual agreement with the BLM to protect areas that are properly posted with no trespassing signs. The major challenge to securing these areas is the underfunding of the BLM. In a recent meeting of the SESC (primarily Gorge residents), Sherry agreed to contact the Regional Advisory Council (RAC), which is part of the BLM and operates at a federal level. It was thought that RAC could assist financially. Before doing so, she has requested a meeting with Pam Mathis, who oversees the Taos Field Office of the BLM.

Additionally, there are concerns with parking on Calle Feliberto. Sherry feels there needs to be a continuing discussion about gates and their placement. There are two license plate reader cameras on Tune Drive and a third on Calle Feliberto. With all of these measures that include signage and security cameras, unless there is enforcement, the public will continue to improperly access the Scenic Easement and Manby Hot Springs. Access from John Dunn Bridge to the Springs is closed until repairs to the bridge are completed.

The only legal access to the Springs from the John Dunn Bridge is along the Rio Grande river. Sherry advised residents to attend the National Monument Management Plan meeting, which BLM has said may occur in April. At that meeting, residents are encouraged to voice support for a reasonable, navigable route to the Springs, which could be more broadly advertised and hopefully, preclude trespassing issues.

Action Items:

- Rhonda will follow up with Brenda Wilhelmson.
- Sherry will contact RAC and meet with Pam Mathis before. She will notify residents of an April Management Plan meeting.

Nominating

Rhonda and Bonnie sent an email to a group of residents inquiring about their interest in serving on the SNA Board. The next step is to send out a Mail Chimp and then, reach out personally to residents by phone. SNA has seven months to enlist four new Board members and more committee members, which allows ample time for training. Rhonda added that Board members should encourage other residents to attend meetings. Zoom affords residents, who don't live here full time, the ability to participate. Residents and property owners alike are eligible to run for office and sit on committees. One does not have to be a Director to sit on a committee, or chair it.

Old Business

Doug announced that the road clean-up is on Saturday May 6, 9:00 AM, and will be preceded by a brief Firewise update. The annual SNA Picnic is scheduled for September 16. The first-time Stagecoach Hills Art and Exhibition Event is scheduled for October 7 at Taos Mesa Brewing. The Board is developing plans and engaging local artists.

After SNA was certified as a Firewise neighborhood, Terry received two signs and will put them up at the head of Tune and Calle Feliberto.

New Business

Vern asked how to replace a 2014 Neighborhood Watch sign. Sherry said we are not registered in NW. We would have to contact the Sheriff's department, and they would provide the signs.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Doug Daubert at 10:44 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Taylor, Secretary SNA Board

REMINDERS

SNA 2023 Meetings

- Apr 22 General Membership Meeting
- May 16 Board Meeting
- Jul 18 Board Meeting
- Sep 19 Board Meeting
- Oct 14 General Membership Meeting (election of New Directors)

SNA 2023 Events

- May 6 Road Clean Up (9:00 AM)
- Sep 16 SNA picnic, Taos Mesa Brewery
- Oct 7 The Stagecoach Hills Art and Exhibition Event, Taos Mesa Brewery