

Neighborhood News

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Richard J. Berry
Mayor of Albuquerque

Message from the Mayor:

It's hard to believe the smell of roasting chili is in the air and that we're already heading into the fall months of 2012. It has been an exciting year of celebration. We've wished our state a happy centennial birthday, recognized our crown jewel - the zoo for 85 years of success and now we are gearing up to end the year with several more celebrations.

One historic treasure of our city is the KiMo Theater, nestled in the heart of downtown on the corner of Central Avenue NW and 5th Street NW.

This year the unique venue will be celebrating its 85th Birthday on Wednesday, September 19 with festivities beginning at 5:30 p.m. The evening will include an architectural tour of the KiMo, a visit from author John Nichols, a screening of *The Milagro Beanfield War* and a reception with birthday cake and sparkling cider.

Also this month we'll continue the tasty tradition of our eighth annual Salsa Fiesta on Saturday, September 15. The question is - who makes the best Salsa in Albuquerque? We'll name the top contestant there on site at the Albuquerque's Old Town Plaza. Come by to place your vote starting at 4 p.m. The votes will be counted at 6:30 p.m. Salsa music and dancing will start at 1 p.m. with several live bands.

While it's important to honor and recognize our City's history it's also important to look towards the future and creating a better more efficient operation for the community and for the government. I just announced a new competition called ABQ Data. This application competition encourages innovation and creativity, by offering a pot of \$30,000 to be split between the winning App creators. Prizes will be awarded to the following categories: cultural resources, business in Albuquerque and outdoor fun and healthy living. The competition is open to anyone who is interested the only eligibility criteria is: You must be at least 13 years old and you must be a resident of Albuquerque or be a student attending a school within Albuquerque. The deadline for submitting your App is October 22, 2012. The winners will be selected by a judging panel made up of technology experts and members of the public with the winners announced in November 2012.

Thanks for all you do to make our community a great place to live.

Best Regards,

Mayor Richard J. Berry

“Dedicated to Providing Information About City Government and Increasing Communication Between Neighborhood and/or Homeowner Associations.”



APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink



Visitors to Albuquerque Staying In Overnight Lodging Facilities

The Albuquerque Police Department would like to welcome you to our fine city. We hope your stay is enjoyable. As in any large city, property crimes do occur. Please review the information below to reduce the probability of becoming a victim of a variety of possible crimes. Remember, all crimes have a target and an opportunity to be committed – remove targets from view and reduce opportunities.

- Always roll up your vehicle windows, lock the doors and take your keys even while being unattended for short periods of time. Engage auto theft prevention devices – steering wheel locks, kill switches, etc. Never leave items of value visible inside your vehicle. Items like electronic equipment, GPS devices, purses, wallets, brief cases or luggage should be removed from the vehicle. Never cover your valuables. Rather, lock away in a trunk or take them to your room. Carry a minimum amount of luggage and never leave them alone. Avoid carrying a purse whenever possible. If you must carry a purse, carry it close to your body with flap inwards with strap around your shoulder - not around body or neck. Park in well lit areas with a lot of activity. Park as close to an entrance nearest your room as possible. Do not park in the back or inactive portion of the parking lot. Utilize the facility safe for your valuables whenever possible or leave them at home.

- Close and lock your room at all times. Use all available locking mechanisms. Always verify who’s knocking at your door prior to opening. If you are not expecting a visitor or they claim to be with the facility call the front desk to verify before opening the door. Call the front desk for assistance any time an unexpected knock at the door occurs. Don’t display your room key or leave them in places they can be easily stolen. Identify emergency exits and discuss hotel/motel safety and security with family. Always be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts – if someone seems suspicious, follow through by asking for assistance from the front desk or local law enforcement.

CALL.....

- 911 for crimes in progress and emergency’s
242-COPS (2677) for non-emergency’s
311 Citizen Contact Center for city information

If you drive one of the vehicles listed below, take extra precaution to prevent auto theft. These vehicles are statistically the ten most likely to be stolen in this area.

- 2005 Dodge Ram 1500
1991 Honda Accord
1995 Honda Civic
1992 Chevrolet C/K 1500
2004 Ford F-150
1999 Ford F-250
2004 Ford F-350
1990 Toyota Camry
2004 Jeep Wrangler
1994 Ford Explorer

(Source: National Insurance Crime Bureau, 2011)

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APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink



Vehicle Identification Number Window Etching Event

Window Etching of your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is an excellent deterrent to auto theft. In a matter of minutes the VIN can be permanently fixed in a corner of each window. Placing the VIN on each window can discourage thieves from dismantling your automobile and reselling the parts which is one of the primary reasons our vehicles are stolen.

The next VIN Etching Event, sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department is scheduled for the following date, time and location.

Saturday, September 29, 2012

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Home Depot

200 Eubank Boulevard SE

(SE corner of Central and Eubank)

The window etching is **FREE**. Citizens must provide current vehicle registration.

Albuquerque Fire Department

Submitted By Melissa Romero



Fire Safety Tips for Halloween

- Buy only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. If you are making your own costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes into contact with heat or flame. Avoid using billowing or long trailing features. If your child is wearing a mask make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources including light bulbs and heaters
- It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candles in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle use extreme

caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn including trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.

- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Tell children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to Stop, Drop and Roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice Stopping immediately, Dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and Rolling over and over to put the flames out.)
- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters whose costumes may brush against the lighting.
- If your children are going to Halloween parties at others homes have them look for exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Planning Department

Submitted By Randall Falkner

Text Amendment to the Comprehensive City Zoning Code

A text amendment to the Comprehensive City Zoning Code intends to amend §14-16-3-19 (General Height and Design Regulations for Walls, Fences and Retaining Walls) to clarify that razor ribbon, barbed wire or similar materials are prohibited in and abutting residential zones; amend §14-16-2 parts 6, 8, and 9 to prohibit the use of razor ribbon, barbed wire or similar materials in the R-1, R-LT and R-T zones, and amend §14-16-3-4 (Nonconformance Regulations) to require that walls or fences constructed of razor ribbon, barbed wire or similar materials shall be removed within six months of the adoption of this amendment. The text amendment (Bill No. O-12-25) was introduced by the City Council on August 14, 2012.

The request is scheduled to be heard by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) on Thursday, October 11, 2012, in the EPC Hearing Room in the basement of the Plaza del Sol Building. The EPC Public Hearing is an all day hearing that begins at 8:30 a.m. A staff report for the proposed text amendment (Project #1001620/Case # 12EPC 40055) will be available to the public at the EPC Study Session on October 4, 2012 at 3 p.m. The report will also be available online at <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/boards-and-commissions/environmental-planning-commission/staff-reports>> on Friday, October 5, 2012. For more information please contact Randall Falkner at **505-924-3933** and/or <rfalkner@cabq.gov>.

Planning Department

Submitted By Maggie Gould

**Amendment to the East Gateway Sector
Development Plan**

The City Council has proposed an amendment to the East Gateway Sector Development Plan that will create new design regulations for a Tijeras Canyon View Shed Zone.

This zone will apply to properties abutting Central Avenue between Dorado Place and Tramway Boulevard. The intent of this zone is to protect the views from Central Avenue to the western opening of Tijeras Canyon.

The proposed design regulations would not change the uses in the existing zones but rather would provide for altered setbacks and pedestrian amenities.

This request is scheduled to be heard by the Environmental Planning Commission on October 11, 2012. The Hearing will be held in the Planning Department Hearing Room, Plaza del Sol, 2nd Street NW, Basement Level. Please contact Madeline Carruthers, EPC Board Secretary at **505-924-3889** to confirm the hearing date and time.

Planning Department

Submitted By Mary Ellen Hennessy

Amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Code

12EPC-40056, Project #1001620; Planning Department agent for the City of Albuquerque, requests approval of an amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Code §14-16-1-5, §14-16-2-6(A) and §14-16-3-4 to define and regulate short term vacation rentals. The amendment intends to address the issue of homeowners using their homes for short-term rental purposes and thereby changing the character of the R-1 zone. Short term vacation rental would be defined as the rental of a house or any portion thereof for a period of less than thirty days. The amendment would limit any such rental to two times within any calendar year within the R-1 and R-1 referenced zones. The amendment would provide for a three year amortization period for such non-conforming uses. Maryellen Hennessy at **505-924-3891**, e-mail <mhennessy@cabq.gov> or Petra Morris at **505-924-3897**, e-mail <pmorris@cabq.gov>.

Planning Department

Submitted By Mikaela Renz-Whitmore

Volcano Heights Sector Development Plan

Councilor Dan Lewis and Acting Planning Director Suzie Lubar are pleased to present the Sector Development Plan for Volcano Heights. The Plan has been submitted to the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) to begin the adoption process at a

first public hearing on **October 4, 2012** at **1 p.m.** The public is encouraged to attend and provide input.

The full draft, answers to frequently asked questions and an overview presentation can all be found on the City's project webpage: <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/residents/sector-development-plans/volcano-mesa-area-sector-development-plans/volcano-heights-sector/>>.

Since October 2011, the Planning Department and City Council staff have been working with property owners and other stakeholders on the latest effort to plan for the 560 acre area surrounding the intersection of Unser Boulevard NW and Paseo del Norte NW. This area is intended to be a Major Activity Center, with employment and commercial opportunities as well as higher density housing options.

The planning team has also been coordinating closely with City Department of Municipal Development and the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) to plan a street grid within the Plan area that can support desired development without adverse impacts to the regional traffic network. As part of the street grid, the Plan proposes a transit boulevard to connect Unser Boulevard NW on the north with Paseo del Norte NW on the south, avoiding the current intersection of these roads farther to the west. This transit boulevard has been included in MRCOG's feasibility study for a high capacity transit connection between Rio Rancho and Journal Center along Paseo del Norte to help reduce congestion at regional river crossings in the future. This parallel planning effort is expected to be finalized in Spring 2013.

Volcano Heights borders the Petroglyph National Monument to the east and contains many outcroppings of volcanic basalt that create a unique physical environment with a rich cultural and geological history. The Plan includes incentives for preservation, as well as regulations for on-site and off-site open space to help create a balance between the intensity of development needed to sustain an employment center and transit opportunities and the respect and enhancement that this unique landscape deserves.

If successful, the Sector Development Plan will help provide opportunities for employment and commercial activities on the Westside to address the imbalance of jobs and housing between the City's Eastside and Westside and reduce congestion on river crossings. This goal must be accomplished while respecting, protecting and embracing the unique natural and cultural assets in and near Volcano Heights. We hope you can help us strike the right balance and we look forward to hearing your ideas.

If you have questions or concerns or if you would like more information about this planning process, please contact Project Manager Mikaela Renz-Whitmore at **505-924-3932**, e-mail <mrenz@cabq.gov>.

Planning Department

Submitted By Carol Toffaleti

West Route 66 Sector Development Plan

The draft plan is scheduled for a second hearing by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) on **Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.** in the Planning Department Hearing Room, Plaza del Sol, 600 2nd Street NW, Basement Level*. The continuance gives you another chance to have a say about proposals in the plan.

Recommended Projects

To date the EPC has mainly received comments from owners of commercial property within the plan area about zoning. While future land uses and development are a critical part of the plan it also includes a whole host of recommended capital projects and improvements. These aim to strengthen West Route 66 as a service and recreational destination for residents and visitors. They include general streetscape improvements (such as filling gaps in sidewalks), adding connections from residential neighborhood to West Central and bigger projects, like a recreational trail corridor along the frontage road west of Unser Boulevard and a new pedestrian/bike/equestrian bridge across the Rio Grande.

The project team is particularly interested to know which projects are top priorities for you individually or for your association. You can tell us by filling in a short survey on the Project Webpage <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/wr66sdp.html>> or by sending comments to Carol Toffaleti, the project manager (see contact details below). Responses will be compiled and given to the EPC for their consideration on Thursday, October 4, 2012. Your comments are also welcome and appreciated on any other aspect of the plan.

The projects are described from west to east in Chapter 5 of the draft plan:

Transportation <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/documents/WR66-Ch-5-Recommendations-PartA-022312.pdf>>.

- City Facilities, Drainage, Utilities, Parks, Open Space and Trails <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/documents/WR66-Ch-5-Recommendations-PartB-022312.pdf>>.

Summary of Plan

The new West Route 66 Sector Development Plan is intended to replace the existing 1987 plan and bring it into the 21st Century. The plan area includes properties along Central Avenue from the City-County line in the west to Rio Grande Boulevard. The Plan proposes new zones and design standards that are tailored for different parts of West Central. They aim to foster quality commercial development and appropriately located multi-family residential development which will complement the best, most-used transit route in the City. Neon sign regulations dovetail with one theme in the Mayor's separate Route 66 Revitalization Plan that is also underway.

* Two appeals related to the project, AC-12-14 and AC-12-15, are being addressed by the Council. For more information on the process, please contact Crystal Ortega, Clerk to the Council, **505-768-3100**. To view or obtain a copy of the appeal packets, please contact Dora Henry, Planning Department Administrative Assistant, **505-924-3883**.

Contact: Carol Toffaleti, Project Manager at **505-924-3345**, e-mail: <cgtoffaleti@cabq.gov>, fax: **505-924-3339**.

Project Webpage: <<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/long-range/wr66sdp.html>>.

Planning Department

Submitted By Carrie Barkhurst

Text Amendment to the Zoning Code Related to Nonconforming Structures and Uses

City Councilors Trudy Jones and Debbie O'Malley sponsored a resolution to amend the nonconformance regulations in the Zoning Code. This amendment will apply city-wide.

The intent of the amendment is to modify the section of the Zoning Code dealing with the amortization periods for nonconforming structures and uses as follows:

1. It deletes §14-16-3-4(A)(1)(a), which requires the owner of a building that became non-conforming in 1959 with the adoption of the Zoning Code to either remove or convert that structure or prove that the use existed in 1959 under the procedures that apply to Status Established Buildings;
2. It divides current nonconformance regulations into clear categories dealing with nonconforming uses, nonconforming structures, nonconforming lot size, nonconforming signs and nonconforming landscaping.
3. It clarifies and amends current language.

The Environmental Planning Commission will consider these amendments on October 11, 2012. The hearing begins at 8:30 a.m. in the basement hearing room at Plaza del Sol, 600 2nd Street NW. The application will then be forwarded to the City Council with the Planning Commission's recommendation. The City Council will consider the amendment at a future date.

This application can be reviewed at the City Planning Department offices in downtown Albuquerque at the Plaza del Sol building. If you would like to provide comments to the Environmental Planning Commission, contact Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879** or by e-mail: <kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov>. Comments should be received at least 48 hours in advance of the public hearing on October 11, 2012.

Mayor's Office

Submitted By Linda Rumpf



ABQ The Plan City Project Updates

Please attend our upcoming events to learn more information.

Upcoming Events:

Town Hall Meetings for the River and 50-Mile Loop Projects

Date: Tuesday, October 2, 2012
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Location: Albuquerque Museum
2000 Mountain Road NW
Albuquerque, NM 87104

Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2012
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Location: Open Space Visitor Center
6500 Coors Boulevard NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Rio Grande Vision



The Mayor's Office and the Parks Open Space Division are working with a team of architects, planners, engineers, scientists and economists to evaluate current conditions along the river. The planning team will reach out to the community to learn more about the Rio Grande in Albuquerque and then develop concepts that will protect the Rio Grande while making it an integral part of our daily lives. Please save the Town Hall dates of October 2 and 3 and visit < www.riograndevision.com > for more information. (Photo courtesy of Bill Tondreau)



50-Mile Loop

Consultants Wilson & Company have begun collecting data and developing ideas and will soon be reaching out to the community for input in the upcoming months as to the best use of a multi-use recreational loop within our city. Please save the Town Hall dates of October 2 and 3.

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Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

For Central Avenue, Bus Rapid Transit may be the next big step. The Rapid Ride buses on Central Avenue have been so popular; it may be time to take “The Ride” to the next level. ABQ Ride is conducting a federally mandated “Alternatives Analysis” to determine how best to make this good service even better. The 15 month study will examine a set of alternatives that have the potential to grow the Central Corridor’s transit capacity while honoring the scale and character of the ‘Mother Road.’ It’s a preliminary look at, among other things, cost effectiveness and financial feasibility. You’ll hear more in the months to come.



Convention Center

The City’s project team for the Convention Center is planning two phases of construction. The design of the first phase is expected to be complete by the end of this year with construction bidding to follow. The first phase of construction is scheduled to start in March 2013 and will be completed in late fall. The project’s second phase of construction is expected to start shortly thereafter.



Revitalizing Route 66

The Route 66 Action Plan is about bringing back the ‘Mother Road,’ making it a destination for visitors and a great place to live, work and play. At a working group meeting at Plaza Del Sol on September 4, 2012, special Guests Jordan Guenther, of the State of New Mexico Tourism Department, Tania Armenta from the Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau and Jim Glover from The Idea Group discussed branding and presented the working group with the direction that branding is going in the State of New Mexico and the City of Albuquerque as well as ideas for the future branding of Route 66.

If you work, play or are simply just interested in the future of Route 66 in Albuquerque, please contact us and join our monthly meetings to get more information.

Learn More!

To learn more about ABQ the Plan, please visit our website at <ABQthePlan.cabq.gov> or contact the Mayor’s Office by calling 505-768-3000 or by e-mailing <theplan@cabq.gov>.

Cultural Services

Submitted By Eric Werner



Cosmic Carnival

Join us at the Balloon Museum for our annual cosmic adventure for the whole family! Enjoy food, fun and family activities at the Cosmic Carnival. Live entertainment featuring Sage Harrington and Nikelle Gessner, Breaking Blue and Friends Forever! It’s an interactive science festival with the Albuquerque Astronomical Society. **FREE** with Balloon Museum admission. Sunday, September 30, 2012 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

2nd Annual Taste of New Mexico

Enjoy the aromas and flavors of New Mexico favorite eats during the 2nd annual Taste of New Mexico “Back for 4 Seconds!”. More than two dozen restaurateurs, breweries and wineries will take over Civic Plaza for this two day autumn event. Offering a range from barbecue to sushi and burgers to vegan treats, deserts and of course red and green chili! Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14. Visit our website at <www.thetasteofNM.com> for more information!

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Monday, September 17 •City Council – 5 p.m.	NO October Meetings for: •District 6 Coalition •District 8 Coalition	Wednesday, October 10 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m.	Wednesday, October 17 •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, September 18 •ZHE – 9 a.m.		Monday, October 1 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Thursday, October 11 •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •South Valley Coalition – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 19 •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Tuesday, October 2 •SWAN – 6 p.m.	Monday, October 15 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Tuesday, October 23 •BOA – 9 a.m.
Thursday, September 20 •AAB – 9 a.m.	Wednesday, October 3 •DRB – 9 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m.		Tuesday, October 16 •ZHE – 9 a.m. National Boss Day
Tuesday, September 25 •BOA – 9 a.m.	Thursday, October 4 •EPC Study Session – 3 p.m.		Wednesday, October 31 •DRB – 9 a.m.
Wednesday, September 26 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m.	Monday, October 8 •GABAC – 4:30 p.m.		
Thursday, September 27 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.			

2012 CALENDAR/LEGEND

AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room
ACCC - Albuquerque Citizens Corp. Council, 1615 University Boulevard NE (Association of General Contractors Building Branch), 505-610-9563 (formally known as the LEPC)
ADC - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room (Basement Level), Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
BOA - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second Street NW
City Council - Vincent E. Griego Council Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
District 4 Coalition - North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, Community Room, 7521 Carmel Avenue NE
District 6 Coalition - EXPO NM, African American Performing Arts Center on San Pedro NE and Copper NE
District 7 Coalition - Grant Middle School, Library, 1111 Easterday NE
District 8 Coalition - James Joseph Dwyer Police Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery Boulevard NE
DRB - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
East Gateway Coalition - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth Street SE
EPC - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
EPC Pre-Hearing - Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Floor, Conference Room
EPC Study Session - Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
GABAC - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302
GARTC - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call 505-768-5308 for information
LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW
POC - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, Fifth and Marquette
SEPC - Special Events Permitting Committee - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, Fifth and Marquette
SVCNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, Sheriff's Department South Area Command, 2039 Isleta Boulevard SW
SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighbors, Alamosa Multi-Purpose Center, 6900 Gonzales Road SW
Westside Coalition - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Drive NW
ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner Offices - 1820 Randolph Rd. SE (near Yale and Gibson), 505-924-3918; ZHE Hearings are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW

EPC Hearing Notice

Neighborhood Alert – Be aware that public comments at EPC Meetings have a time limitation due to the length of the EPC Hearings. The **48-Hour Rule of the EPC**: All written materials and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Department no later than **9 a.m.** on the **2nd Tuesday** of the Public Hearing Week. For an Appeal Hearing – no communication with EPC is allowed within five days of the Public Hearing.

In order to make maximum use of the following information – please note:

- Scan the entire list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month.
- The name and phone number of the developer/agent is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions.
- The assigned staff planner is identified with each agenda item should you need additional information (*i.e., check on the actual placement of your case on the agenda*). All staff may be reached at **505-924-3860**.
- On the day of the EPC Public Hearing, call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** and the receptionist will give you the status of the EPC Public Hearing.
- Staff Reports are available at the Planning Department beginning at **3 p.m.** on the **1st Thursday** prior to the EPC Public Hearing.

On the 1st Thursday of each month, the EPC has a **Study Session** to review the applications scheduled for the all-day Public Hearing which occurs on the **2nd Thursday of each month**.

As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Study Sessions, however, **Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC.** Study Sessions regularly begin at **3 p.m.** in the Planning Department Hearing Room, Plaza Del Sol Building. Please call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule will happen at the times listed, as time adjustments are made occasionally.

The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **October 11, 2012** at **8:30 a.m.** in the **Planning Department Hearing Room**, (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following cases:

The following EPC Project for the Volcano Heights Sector Development Plan will be heard on Thursday, October 4, 2012 beginning at 1 p.m. (only for this EPC Project)

Northwest

Ventana Ranch, Paradise Hills Civic, Paradise Ridge, Taylor Ranch, Volcano Cliffs Property Owners, Volcano Trails, Westside Coalition of NA's; 12EPC-40061, Project #1009414; Please see page 4 for Mikaela's newsletter article about the Volcano Heights Sector Development Plan for more information; Mikaela Renz-Whitmore at **505-924-3932**, e-mail: <mrenz@cabq.gov>.

The following EPC Projects will be heard on Thursday, October 11, 2012 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Citywide

All Neighborhoods and/or Homeowner Associations and Coalitions; 12EPC-40056, Project #1001620; City of Albuquerque, Planning Department at **505-924-3860;** Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Code – The City's Planning Department is requesting that §14-16-1-5, §14-16-2-6(A) and §14-16-3-4 to define and regulate short term vacation rentals of the Zoning Code be amended. The amendment intends to address the issue of homeowners using their homes for short-term rental purposes and thereby changing the character of the R-1 zone. Short term vacation rental would be defined as the rental of a house or any portion thereof for a period of less than thirty days. The amendment would limit any such rental to two times within any calendar year within the R-1 and R-1 referenced zones. The amendment would provide for a three-year amortization period for such non-conforming uses; Maryellen Hennessy at **505-924-3891**, e-mail: <mhennessy@cabq.gov> or Petra Morris at **505-924-3897**, e-mail: <pmorris@cabq.gov>.

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Northeast

North Eastern, Sombra Del Monte, District 7 Coalition of NA’s (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 12EPC-40053, Project #1009402 (case #’s); Approximately .19 acres located on the west side of Wyoming Boulevard NE between Menaul Boulevard NE and Candelaria Road NE (**location of request**); H-19 (**zone atlas page #**); June Polinko at **505-797-1066 (applicant or agency and phone #);** Requests a Zone Map Amendment from O-1 to C-1 for having the same zoning for this lot on Wyoming Boulevard NE (**action requested**); Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879,** e-mail: <kcbarhurst@cabq.gov>. (**City staff planner**)

North Eastern, Sombra Del Monte, District 7 Coalition of NA’s (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 12EPC-40054, Project #1009403 (case #’s); Approximately .19 acres located on the west side of Wyoming Boulevard NE between Menaul Boulevard NE and Candelaria Road NE (**location of request**); H-19 (**zone atlas page #**); Bill O’Brien at **505-239-6949 (applicant or agency and phone #);** Requests a Zone Map

Amendment from O-1 to C-1 for having the same zoning for this lot on Wyoming Boulevard NE (**action requested**); Carrie Barkhurst at **505-924-3879,** e-mail: <kcbarhurst@cabq.gov>. (**City staff planner**)

Southeast

Coronado Terrace, Executive Hills, Four Hills Village HOA, Four Hills Village NA, Juan Tabo Hills, La Mesa Comm. Impr., Manzano Manor, Mirabella-Miravista, Sandia Vista, Singing Arrow, South Los Altos, Terracita, Trumbull Village, Willow Wood, Winterwood Park, East Gateway Coalition; 12EPC-40062, Project #1009415; Please see page 4 for Maggie’s newsletter article about the East Gateway Sector Development Plan for more information; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910,** e-mail: <mgould@cabq.gov>.

Southwest

Downtown NA, Huning Castle, North Valley Coalition; 12EPC-40057, 40058, 40060, Project #1004677; Approximately 1.34 acres located on the south side of Central Avenue SW between Laguna Boulevard SW and San Pasquale Avenue SW; J-13; J.S. Rogers Architects, P.C. at **505-247-1160,** agent for Garcia’s Kitchen; Requests a Site Development Plan for Building Permit, Amend a Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Amendment to the Sector Development Plan for constructing an approximately 7650 square foot Food Preparation and Catering Facility (with a potential to add an additional 1800 square feet of building footprint at some future date) in order to efficiently support their local restaurant operations and house their ongoing catering business and also to house a dry goods warehouse and support offices for the Garcia’s business enterprises; Chris Hyer at **505-924-3927,** e-mail: <chyer@cabq.gov>.

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Legal

*Submitted By Shannon Beaucaire
Alternative Dispute Resolution*



Neighbor-to-Neighbor Mediation

Often conflicts arise between neighbors and because tension mounts over time these individuals have difficulty talking about their differences. Mediation can help to improve communication, diffuse the current situation and assist in helping individuals find better ways to work together so that they can become better neighbors in the future.

Mediation services are available for the following types of situations:

- Noise
- Nuisance
- Property Maintenance
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Mediation is a voluntary, private dispute resolution process in which a trained Mediator assists the parties in reaching an outcome that is mutually agreeable.

This is a **FREE** service that the City of Albuquerque offers to all Albuquerque residents. For more information about this program, please contact the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Office at **505-768-4500**.

**NM State Association of
Parliamentarians**

Submitted By Janice Strand



**Preparing the Agenda.....the Plan for the
Meeting**

The agenda for a meeting is usually developed by the president/chairman/presider with the assistance of the secretary who has the minutes of the previous meeting and can give information on business that must come before the group.

Meeting agendas should include the following:

Call to Order – including the time that the meeting is to be convened.

Reading/ Approval of Minutes – If the minutes are distributed by e-mail/U.S. Mail several days before the meeting the reading may not be necessary. Minutes are **DRAFT** minutes until they are approved. The minutes are the legal document of what was done at the meeting.

Reports of Officers – The list should include only the officers who are expected to report. The officers are listed in the order they are listed in the bylaws. Some organizations have the treasurer report immediately after the reading of the minutes. The report is filed, not adopted.

Reports of Boards – This may be the report of the Executive Committee a summary of that meeting. If recommendations are included the motion to implement the recommendation may be made at the end of the report.

Reports of Standing Committees – Standing committees are those committees listed in the bylaws; these committees function throughout the year for which the officers serve. The committees are listed in the order in which they are listed in the bylaws. Only the committees expected to report are listed for a specific meeting.

Reports of Special Committees – Special committees are formed to perform a specific responsibility and do not exist after their final report....after the responsibility is completed.

Special Orders – These are matters that the bylaws require to be completed at a specific meeting; examples are election of officers, election of nominating committee, etc. It can also be issues made a special order (by 2/3 vote) for this meeting at a previous meeting.

Unfinished Business and General Orders – Items on the agenda for the previous meeting but not completed at that meeting or items postponed from the previous meeting.

New Business – New issues introduced to the group through the use of a main motion.

Announcements – Made by the chair or by previous arrangements with the chair.

Adjournment – When there is no further business, the meeting is adjourned; a time for adjournment can be listed.

Parliamentary Pointers appears each month. If you have a parliamentary question that could be covered, contact Jan Strand, Professional Parliamentarian at <jan_str@msn.com> or call **505-466-1326**.



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