

The meeting was held at the home of Hugh and Linda Nazor, 263 County Road 42 at 7pm.

Present: Donna Herring, Walter Wait, Virginia Eldridge, Hugh Nazor, Linda Murnik, Alexis Higginbotham, Archie Tew

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:25pm. The minutes from the last meeting were accepted. Hugh handed out a treasurer's report and said that in addition he was holding checks which totaled \$120. He has completed the application for non-profit mailing status, and remarked that the publication of a newsletter is an educational activity and could qualify the organization as a 501C4 rather than a 501C3.

Linda reported that the Waldo Aggregates Project people have submitted another application to the city. They made the deadline, so it is likely to go before the CDRC in February. She has heard a rumor that their water will come from the city of Rio Rancho. Possibly they modified the zoning they are asking for. Everyone agreed that it's too bad if they have managed to get water

Walter said they can truck in water but they cannot transfer water rights from one basin to another. He speculated that Rio Rancho might be planning another spurt of growth, and, needing asphalt for planned roads, made some sort of deal. Ginger asked how long before it goes before the CDRC. Possibly Feb 26 or 29, and they rule within 30 days, was the answer. She added that their operation should be in Rio Rancho, and not destroy our land.

Ross and Ann will pick up a copy of the application and meet with water attorney, Mary Humphrey next thursday. It was noted that there are no New Mexico laws for sound levels. In states that have these laws, the rule is 45 decibels near public parks. This level is just a bit below suburban nighttime noise. Deisel trucking registers between the low 60's to 75 decibels. The group questioned whether the county will respect the park they have planned and the integrity of an historic village.

Linda reported on historic preservation of the Cerrillos Hills Park and recreational trails. The coalition did not get the grant last year. They will apply again. The minimum needed are signs, a kiosk, one toilet and picnic table. There are procedural changes this year. Applications will be prioritized and the money will be doled out year by year. Walter moved that Linda write a letter from SMA in support of it. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Helen Boyce has resigned her position on the Community Action Committee and recommended Linda as her alternate. There is a meeting at her place on the 22nd. If this drags on into the summer it will be a problem, as Linda will be away two months. Maybe Alexis could replace her.

Hugh reported that he is waiting for the WAP business and also for Helen to write a story about living out here when there were only six houses. Then he will put out the newsletter. He was advised to mention Helen's resignation in the newsletter, and it was wondered if we could retain her as a consultant. Donna asked Walter about the founding of the San Marcos Association in 1981. He replied that Helen was here long before that, and the important thing is that SMA under her leadership should be reported. Sam Goodwin was mentioned as a source for that information. Walter said all the files are here, and Hugh said he has boxes in the cellar. Walter said there are old, extensive minutes which should probably go to the state archives. Donna grew up here. Walter came 20 years ago and in 1984 Alexis and Archie arrived.

Donna reported that the clinic is under-used and their funding is in danger. They are working on a survey to encourage people to use it. She said it suffers from misconceptions that only poor people or elite people are entitled to use it, when, in fact, they accept 50 kinds of insurance and have a sliding scale for payment.

Hugh said that the woman who printed the addresses on newsletters did not bill for \$177 mailing permit, folding etc. He is embarrassed at the delay. There is a coffeepot and four boxes of records at Helen's. Hugh has eight or nine boxes.

Donna will make the arrangements for the annual meeting at Turquoise Trail Elementary School. Alexis remarked that the lighting is poor. A discussion followed on the selection of a speaker. The State Engineer Tom Turney, Marcus Garcia, David Coss and Robert Jenks were mentioned. Virginia suggested someone connected with the state bill which has been introduced this session to make zoning into law, which cannot be by-passed or ignored. She was asked to get the name of the sponsor and report it to Donna.

The Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, February 15 at 7pm. Attendance could range from 20 to 50, depending upon the year and the issues in front of the populace. One half of the Board gets re-elected every year.

The south fork problem was the next subject to be discussed. 640 acres are leased at 50cents per acre. The current lessee was losing his fences. It is becoming increasingly obvious that the lessee is potentially liable in court for occurrences on this land. The State Land Office's charter is to make money, and they want the land they own to be income-producing in perpetuity. There are two deep arroyos and rolling hills. No water, so it is not suitable for farming. They could graze animals. There is a 3 year lease, which could be for a longer period with commercial use.

The group agreed that it is not really possible to create a local agency of some sort to supervise and protect this land. Donna described it as "a very pleasant piece of property to wander through." Everyone prefers that it remain as open space, but no one has found a solution for preserving it as open space. At the moment, in places, it is a dump with auto bodies and is marred by all terrain vehicles. Donna remarked that people, whether on horseback or a dirt bike, feel entitled to public land. Walter said, "It's an issue of management. The problem is enforcement. The only way is for local people to come up with the bucks and the volunteers." Legally the only ones entitled to use it are the lessee, and anyone with a hunter's license or a \$25.00 permit. It needs a custodian with legal authority, and it has to be posted to be enforced.. Hugh will write up our conclusions.

At 8:40PM on a motion by Hugh, seconded by Walter, the meeting was adjourned.

Virginia Eldridge, Secretary