

CORRECTED MINUTES OF SNA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 15, 2017

President John Durham opened the meeting at Taos Mesa Brewing by introducing a few of the people present who didn't know each other. A Treasurer's report was not available.

Discussion ensued on building reviews and permits and what is required when anyone wants to do a construction project on Tune Drive, whether an addition or new structure. A few applicants had their plans signed off by the SNA Design Review Committee, but the projects were not approved by the SNA Board, which is required. Since there seems to be some inconsistency with the review process, John will speak with Ed Vigil in the Taos County Planning Department to clarify how these reviews are to be done. Terry Thompson reminded the group that although the County doesn't require neighborhood review and approval, the Stagecoach Zoning Overlay does.

Discussion turned to the future of Tune Drive (aka Tune Road on some maps) There remains no consensus among the neighborhood as to whether the road should remain private or if we should continue to pursue the County taking possession. Linda Thompson presented a letter she had sent to Senator Tom Udall (copy to Senator Martin Heinrich) regarding the difficulty Tune Drive residents had with maintaining a private road being used by the public to access the Manby Hot Springs, part of the Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument. Looking at websites for tourism in our area, Linda found that most indicated Tune "Road" was the way to get to the Hot Springs. Linda's letter prompted a response from Patricia Dominguez, who works in Martin Heinrich's Santa Fe office, and Maya Hermann, who works for him in Washington, D.C. Linda has been in contact with Maya and she will ask Patricia to arrange a meeting with the local BLM representative, John Bailey, and any Tune Drive residents who would like to attend.

Please email Linda Thompson at lindat@taosnet.com to be included in upcoming communications regarding the meeting, which, optimistically, will be the 2nd or 3rd week in May. The Thompsons felt that negotiations with the federal government regarding Tune Drive were a possibility. Because of this, it was decided that no further signage would be posted on the road until after the meeting. Maya Hermann said that there are two models for the federal government to help with the upkeep of Tune Drive. They are as follows. (1) With agreement of the SHRMA members, make Tune Drive a public, federally (BLM) maintained road, to be used by anyone. However, if residents are not happy with the BLM's level of maintenance, we would have no power to change it. The BLM would not have to maintain the road to any particular standard. (2) Keep the road private and the federal government buys the right to use it. For this right, the federal government pays a one-time payment. There would be no further contribution over the years. This payment is based on the road's "in perpetuity value," using federal appraisal standards. Linda asked "Is this payment in the hundreds of dollars? Thousands of dollars? Tens of thousands? Hundreds of thousands?" Maya said "Maybe tens of thousands, certainly not hundreds of thousands." Maya said she could forward Linda's letter to the BLM office in Santa Fe, and perhaps they could set up a meeting with the representative here in Taos.

Terry Thompson stated a preferable option to models (1) and (2) given by Maya. Similar to No. 2, Tune Drive stays a private road, but the amount from the federal government is spread over 5 or so years so that we can use the funds for improving the road with new pit run material. We would then continue to maintain the road—Tune Drive will be easier for us to maintain if we first rebuild it correctly. When we have the meeting with the BLM in Taos, we could propose this third idea.

Julie LeBlanc reported for SHRMA giving an account of the financial status. Letters have been sent out notifying landowners who have the annual dues requirement for road maintenance on their deeds that payment is due. Letters of request for donations went to people who do not have the road maintenance requirement on their deed, as well. Letters will also be sent to people who are in arrears for dues payment from past years, informing them that a lien will be placed on their properties. When conditions are right, road grading, rolling with additional road material will be done. There will also be material added around the mailboxes at the beginning of Tune Drive that will be paid for out of SNA dues in that it is not a part of the road proper. Please let Julie or Hank know of areas on the road that need extra attention because of even worse condition.

There will be a Tune Drive and Hwy 64 (from Calle Feliberto to the brewery) clean-up day on May 13th. Black plastic trash bags will be provided. We will meet at the mailboxes at 9:00 A.M. (If you intend to participate, please email John at denvergiovanni@gmail.com)

John proposed a community yard sale sometime in June. He will ask Dan Irion about using the parking area at the Brewery to set up tables. Anyone interested in having a space to sell your once-loved treasures, contact John Durham at denvergiovanni@gmail.com. A date will be selected soon and published on the web site. John will also ask Dan if either July 9th or 16th are free at TMB for us to have our annual SNA barbeque/picnic. Information will be forthcoming via email as dates and times are firmed up.

The next SNA meeting will be in October, either the 21st or 28th. The meeting was adjourned by John.

Minutes submitted by Janice Crouse