

Crime Prevention Guest Speaker - Samantha Martinez, APD Foothills Crime Liaison and Officer Mario Marco

- Auto theft is concern in Albuquerque.
 - Recommend taking everything out of car, even small items like change or phone charger.
 - Don't leave firearms in vehicles. Most gun-related crime is committed with stolen guns.
- Crime is still lower in High Desert than other areas of Albuquerque
- Can view Albuquerque crime data on crimemapping.com
- Officer has 17 years experience in Foothills area

Questions and Answers:

1. There seems to be an increase in car thefts and break ins along Tramway corridor?
 - a. The increase is a city-wide problem, and is worse closer to Central
 - b. The homeless problem is contributing, and police can't do much about the homeless
 - c. For gated villages, watch that cars are not slipping in behind you when entering through the gates
2. Thoughts about using cameras?
 - a. Only useful as a deterrent
 - b. Combine with security lights
 - c. Doesn't stop all criminals, even if they know the cameras are there
3. Does APD use recordings from home security cameras?
 - a. Officer Marco doesn't use them to investigate a single crime, but attaches recording to record. If APD sees the same person multiple times, they might investigate more.
 - b. Doesn't really recommend cameras except RTC (real time crime center) systems where APD can remotely view cameras. Samantha will send flyer about RTC to Lynnette. APD does not provide the cameras for this program.
4. Are there car theft rings in Albuquerque?
 - a. No, it is mostly random acts and is increasing because of the homeless problem
5. Does APD use drones? There are drones flying around high desert often. Are drones used by criminals casing our homes?
 - a. APD only uses drones for high incidence situations like SWAT. If there is a problem with drones and privacy, contact FAA.
6. Are there panhandlers living around High Desert?
 - a. No, the panhandlers are living further south, Comanche and south
7. What about speeding motorcycles on Tramway?
 - a. There aren't enough officers for traffic enforcement
 - b. Patrols to reduce speeding problem are funded from a grant program where officers volunteer for overtime
 - c. Used to be able to do 6 to 10 traffic stops per shift because could do enforcement between calls. Now with staff shortage, there is no time between calls to do traffic enforcement.
8. Can you please address the No Pursuit policy?
 - a. Can't pursue or follow vehicles if they refuse to stop following a misdemeanor. Generally can't pursue unless it is a life and death situation.

9. Will there be extra coverage for the Fourth of July?
 - a. Not aware of anything, possibly if there is an overtime slot

What has the Board been doing, Reg Rider:

- New Board in place and first Board meeting is coming Tuesday, via Zoom. Scott Fletcher moved, so will need to appoint a new Board Director to fill the remainder of his term.
- The budget for 2021/2022 was approved
- The Reserve Study was conducted
- Fire Preparedness information is being released on website and Apache Plume. New landscape contractor is considering the need to adapt landscape for wildfire preparedness.

Goat Pilot Project, Judy Pierson

- The goatscaping pilot project started at homes in the Highlands for a few days starting on May 4, and was paid for by the homeowners.
- There were approximately 75 goats from Horned Locusts Goatscaping. About 75 to 85 people stopped by to see the goats working, along with AFR and university representatives.
- Advisors developed metrics for evaluating goat effectiveness
 - Grasses were reduced from about 7-8 inches to about 1 inch
 - This will have a big effect on flame height if a fire occurs, reducing it from about 6-16 feet to 2-4 feet
- Will evaluate regrowth on sample areas
- Eight other homes are evaluating using goats after seeing results and talking to Professor Cram during goatscaping pilot

Questions:

1. How often do goats need to graze and how long do they stay?

The goats cover 1/2 acre in a day at cost of \$400. Experts advise that they come 2 times a year for 2 years and then every year after that.

Governing Documents Overview, Reg Rider

- An overview of the High Desert governing documents was provided (documents are available on the High Desert website)
 - Articles of Incorporation – required for non-profit organizations
 - By-Laws – talks about how our association operates, and mostly reflecting State laws for Corporations and HOAs. It includes things such as election of Board Directors and Voting Members, and the powers that Board Directors and Voting Members have, enforcement of Covenants, and rights of property owners.
 - Covenants – Detail the rights and obligations of the Association, the owner and association maintenance responsibilities, assessments. Sets the architectural standards for the community and puts forth use restrictions on common areas and private areas. It lays out easements and provides dispute resolution methods.

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- Guidelines for Sustainability – Gives High Desert design objectives for site planning, architecture and landscape. Lays out specific requirements for homes and landscape.
- Some Villages have Supplements to the Covenants and/or Guidelines that are more restrictive than the overall governing documents
- The Board is working on a revision to the By-Laws to bring them into compliance with changes that have been made to State Law

Questions:

1. When will the Desert Mountain pool reopen?
 - a. The pool can't reopen until guidelines are set by the state and a permit is obtained.
2. What is the process for Voting Members to get information about new homeowners and/or renters?
 - a. Voting Members are notified by email. Ask Erin for the information.
3. The cracks in High Desert roads are bad, and although it is a city issue, can anything be done?
 - a. Reg will find out what criteria city uses for repaving and if we are on the list
 - b. High Desert has been filing 311 requests for repairs
 - c. The city has been coming out and filling in the huge cracks. Workmanship has been poor.
4. How should we communicate with HOAMCO?
 - a. There is a form on the website that Voting Members can use for Village projects, called Voting Member Work Order Request Form. If a Village has more than one Voting Member, gain consensus from them first, and submit a single form. HOAMCO will send an email with date project is scheduled, and when it is completed.
 - b. Other residents in the village are asked to go through Voting Member if the issue is a village maintenance issue
5. Who should Voting Members contact about problems with landscaping?
 - a. Contact HOAMCO.
6. Some High Desert homeowners are making modifications without going through Modifications Committee (e.g., satellite and HVAC on rooftop)
 - a. It's hard to keep up with those
 - b. Yes, homeowners need to check with Modifications Committee before making changes to outsides of homes.
 - c. Federal law prohibits HOAs from interfering with residents' right to communications, so this affects the satellite dish requirements that HOAs can levy
7. Has the Board considered using armed response patrols instead of G4S?
 - a. Previous Board got bids, and armed response was very expensive (1 million per year)
8. Can we get a temporary gate code for contractors doing stucco repairs?
 - a. Yes, but it is discouraged. Talk to HOAMCO, but it is better for you to buzz the workers in. Don't give out you own permanent code
9. What is the status of the Trillium walk in gate repair?
 - a. Work was delayed at the manufacturer so should be done next week.

The next Town Hall meeting is July 16 at 3 pm.