

**The Gardens on the Rio Grande
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, May 7 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Notes**

Board Members Present: Sky Gross and Gil Clarke

Board Members Absent: Jerry Simon, Terry Farmer and Jody Harris Booher

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Residents in attendance: Jed and Keren Crandall, Marilyn and Dean Showalter, Gwen Walker

There was not a quorum and as a result **no actions were taken**. These notes include a report by Dave Herstedt, the Landscape Contract Manager, and input from the residents and board members who attended.

Landscape Report – Dave Herstedt

“Authorized Vehicles Only” signs will be placed on both the north and south ditches.

10 shrubs and 2 new trees have been planted along Laguna Seca NW. A tree also has been planted in the postage stamp area (intersection of Aloysia and Cilantro).

The elm trees in the postage stamp area are diseased and removal is being considered. A resident has volunteered to donate \$500 toward the removal of the diseased elms and the purchase of replacement trees. Gardens residents are reminded that the City of Albuquerque systematically is removing elms from public areas.

The tree that was removed in the South Common Area will be replaced. Placement is under discussion.

Additional input shared during the meeting:

- Many thanks to Dave Herstedt and Wyatt Booher for installing the new signs.
- A painted crosswalk at the Mountain Road entrance is under discussion.
- **The speed limit is 15 mph throughout the neighborhood!** Residents are reminded to be aware that there are children, pets and individuals using scooters and assistance dogs on our streets. Sidewalks are not consistent throughout the neighborhood. **Please be sure to remind guests and vendors of the 15 mph speed limit!**
- Elm trees on the BioPark property are growing through the fence along the southern boundary of The Gardens. Efforts are underway to work with BioPark to resolve this. Additionally, a resident reported that some large landscaping stones were not replaced when the water line was worked on last summer. Efforts are underway to discuss this with the BioPark.

- The City of Albuquerque's Integrated Design Ordinance goes into effect May 18 2018. Parking on landscaped areas is limited by the IDO.
- **Trespassing:** Gil Clarke is working with the staff at APD's North Valley substation to set up a meeting to discuss how best to report trespassing. Note to **ALL** residents: The Police advise that trespassers not be confronted.
- Residents are asked to **leave front lights on overnight.** Dusk to Dawn bulbs are available.
- A UPS driver was seen parking his truck on Laguna Seca, the driver walking west through our landscaping, the driver scaling the wall and delivering a parcel to a resident on the other side of the wall. Gil Clarke will contact UPS about this and will contact Fed Ex about speeding truck(s).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Jody Harris Booher is out of town. These notes were taken by Julia Clarke.