

**The Gardens on the Rio Grande Homeowners Association
Board Meeting
504 Cilantro
May 5, 2025, 6 P M
Monday**

Attendance:

Debbie Smith President, Jerry Simon Treasurer, Shirley Hosler Secretary, Marilyn Showalter, Markela Clinton field representative for the city, Mayor Tim Keller, Gil Clarke, Terre Juarez Lieutenant APD, Sandy DeSalvo

Approval of Previous Minutes: approved.

Treasurer Report

Bank account as of (5/5/2025)

Checking	\$48,880.64	
Landscape Maintenance	\$2521.61	
Undeposited Funds	\$760.00	
Operating Fund		<u>\$52198.25</u>
Road Reserves CD 1	\$104,54.56	
Road Reserves CD 2	\$00.00	
Road Reserves Savings	\$500.76	
Road Reserves Total		<u>\$500.76</u>
Total All Accounts		<u>\$52,699.01</u>

Significant Expenditures

Old Business:

1. **Gates** will be worked on this Wednesday the 7th. Pedestrian gate will be looked at as well as it has been left open several times. Is it because the gate itself is broken or is it because users are not closing it correctly?
2. **Social:** Next Wednesday at 6:30 at the postage stamp. Bring a snack to

share, a chair, and whatever you wish to drink.

3. Gateway Presentation by Markela: 5 Gateway centers work with APS and ACS (Albuquerque Community Safety). When calls come in the individual will be assessed and then supported within the Gateway system. At present, 5000 people are being housed already. Those that don't want to be placed in the Gateway Center will be placed in safe space camping (2 open at present). These camps are being run by the church community. The goal is to have 50 small sites throughout the city instead of a few large ones because it's easier to monitor for safety and clean up. Camps are cleaned by solid waste department at present. Individuals that are housed at the Gateway center will eventually be trained to help with the job that the solid waste department is doing at present. Crime and homelessness are the priorities of the city.

Mayor Keller spoke about the botanical garden: 6 wolves will have a temporary sanctuary there. The electric train will be on a track and will start in September. The train will go around the 20 acres of the park (10 minutes ride).

10 years ago, crime and homelessness were up; 2 years ago, things began to change. Car theft went from first to 8th in the country. 20% of the city has gunshot detection and Mayor wants to increase that to 100%. Cameras and license plate readers are on central. Guns can be tracked through bullet tracing and then linked to the cameras to find the license plates that traveled through the area where the bullets were found. There is a 95% chance the people committing violent crimes will be caught using this system. APS is growing; 4 academies are open. Civilians are being hired to assist the officers as well.

If there is a crime call 242 COPS instead of 311. The operator on 242 COPS will triage which officers or department will respond.

The city is also installing new drinking fountains at park and new bathrooms. The playgrounds at Wells Park will be open by the end of May.

The rail trail is happening, and the first installation will connect the Sawmill to Tiguex Park. The railyards are busy and CNM is building a film center building within the building.

4. **Landscaping:** Nothing new with landscaping. Gaylord has been called several times but no appointment time yet.
5. **Neighborhood Watch:** Marylin asked the lieutenant if there was a shot spotter van and camera at Los Duranes. It has been removed as the gunshots have been lessened. Shot spotters around the city have been very successful. APD has been clearing out crime and the unhoused in the area around Rio Grande and Zearing.
6. There was no new business and the meeting ended at 7:25

