

RGBNA Annual Meeting Summary (May 29, 2025)

Location: Nahalat Shalom, Albuquerque, NM

Time: 6:00–7:30 PM

Welcome & Overview

The meeting opened with introductions and a review of neighborhood priorities, followed by updates from local and state representatives, city staff, and community partners.

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance: **\$1,403.53**
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Key Community Updates

State Legislature – Javier Martinez

- **Tax Relief:** Efforts to reduce income taxes, especially for middle-income residents.
- **Behavioral Health:** \$250M invested in services + \$100M trust fund for long-term care.
- **Child Welfare:** New protections and oversight for children in state care.
- **Public Safety:** New laws targeting fentanyl, auto theft, and gun violence.
- **Housing:** Ongoing investment in affordable housing statewide (no immediate local projects planned).

Community Concerns Raised:

- Traffic safety issues on Rio Grande Blvd (speeding, racing, pedestrian risk)
- Questions about zoning/building changes (no recent bills passed affecting these)
- Encouragement to stay engaged with city and county leadership

City Council District 2 – Nathan Molina

- **Traffic Safety Study:** Underway for Rio Grande Blvd (Indian School → Candelaria)
- **Potential Improvements:** Medians, curb extensions, and other traffic-calming designs
- **Speed Enforcement:** Possible addition of speed cameras; mobile speed trailers already deployed
- **Noise Enforcement:** Pilot noise cameras to address loud vehicles
- **Infrastructure:**
 - Griego's Road pedestrian safety upgrades funded
 - Roundabout safety concerns under review

Water & Land Management – Colin Baugh

- Exploring **new water storage options** near Albuquerque
- Improving irrigation efficiency and conservation
- Restoring acequias and green spaces with community partners
- Addressing **tree safety** and wildfire risks along ditches

Public Safety – Brittany Martinez

- **Crime remains relatively low** in the neighborhood
- Most common calls: suspicious activity and alarms
- Residents encouraged to:
 - Report concerns (speeding, dumping, etc.)
 - Request speed trailers and signage
 - Use APD's non-emergency line or app

Open Space Updates – JoAnna Strange & Dustin Chavez

- **Candelaria Nature Preserve (167 acres):**
 - Ongoing habitat restoration (~100 acres)
 - Public tours and volunteer opportunities available
 - New educational and tree nursery programs coming soon
 - Improvements to **public access and parking** are planned
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Neighborhood & Development Updates

- **2722 Rio Grande:** ɩuɩɩuɩ reduced from 7 to 5 homes after community input
 - **2611 Rio Grande:** Compromise reached on lot development
 - **Citywide Concern:** Changes to zoning (IDO) reduced neighborhood input; legal challenge underway
 - Proposed \$250 donation to support lawsuit **tabled** for further review
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Board Elections

- Re-elected members:
 - David Michalski
 - Eleanor Walther
 - Carmen Marrone
 - Suzanne Shave
 - Molly Bailey
 - **2 board positions remain open** (no nominations received yet)
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Announcements & Upcoming Events

- **National Night Out:** August 5, 2025
 - **Volunteer Needs:**
 - Tree planting initiatives
 - Median landscaping (traffic calming + heat reduction)
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Key Takeaways / Next Steps

- Continued advocacy for **traffic safety improvements** on Rio Grande Blvd
- Ongoing monitoring of **development and zoning changes**
- Expansion of **community engagement and volunteer efforts**
- Recruitment for **open board positions**