



El Vado Motel Sign Refurbished & Re-Energized



For the first time in years, the 80-year-old El Vado Motel sign is greeting motorists on Route 66 after the City secured a grant to fund the restoration. Mayor Richard J. Berry, the Planning Department's Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency (MRA), the Department of Family and Community Services, Palindrome, and Family Housing Development Corporation (FHDC) recently hosted a sign lighting ceremony to announce that work has begun on the El Vado Motel/Casa Grande site redevelopment project.

The historic motel and adjacent site are being redeveloped by Palindrome, a company known for developing catalytic projects in neighborhoods throughout the country, and FHDC, a local affordable housing developer. The first step was to refurbish and re-light the classic neon sign that has greeted travelers since 1937.

"The El Vado Motel is an iconic symbol that speaks to the character of Route 66, the Mother Road," said Mayor Richard J. Berry. "This transit-oriented redevelopment project will spark new life into the area and will add to the El Vado's charm with modern amenities that will further strengthen Albuquerque and the Central corridor as a place to live, work and play."

The El Vado/Casa Grande redevelopment project is the result of a public/private partnership between the MRA, the City's Department of Family and Community Services, Palindrome and FHDC. Palindrome signed an agreement with the MRA in July 2016 to redevelop the El Vado Motel, and FHDC signed an agreement with the Department of Family and Community Services in July 2016 to develop the former Casa Grande Restaurant site. Both sites will be developed to create a single mixed-use development that offers a variety of amenities. Both Palindrome and FHDC are proud to work with the city on this catalytic redevelopment project.

El Vado is one of the few remaining classic Route 66 motels. This community redevelopment project will not only preserve the site, but add a boutique motel, an amphitheater, an event center, a Ponderosa Brewery tap room, restaurant pods, a spa, and adjacent retail and mixed-income housing. Once completed, this mixed-use facility will modernize the historic charm of the El Vado and serve generations of Albuquerque residents for years to come on Route 66.

This redevelopment project is just the latest in a series of projects that are intended to remove blight, stimulate economic development, create housing and job opportunities, and enhance the overall appeal of Albuquerque's Central Avenue corridor and Downtown area. Some of those redevelopment projects include the Imperial Building, the One Central Entertainment Hub and Old Albuquerque High.



Planning Director Suzanne Lubar opens the sign lighting ceremony and introduces the guest speakers. From left: Chad Rennaker, Mayor Richard J. Berry, Councilor Isaac Benton, Developer, Developer Rick Davis and Family and Community Services Director Doug Chaplin.



#TuesdayCopTalk with APD

Do you ever have a question for police, but don't want to call 505-242-COPS? Have you never talked to an officer directly? Are you unable to attend a Community Policing Council meeting? Now, you can get your policing questions answered with the click of a mouse.

The Albuquerque Police Department has opened its messaging functions on both Facebook and Twitter and is receiving approximately 250 direct messages via social media each month. Messages vary from tips reporting the whereabouts of wanted subjects, to possible criminal activity, to inquiries concerning certain APD tactics and even kudos.

Now, APD has launched **#TuesdayCopTalk** on Twitter. On the first Tuesday of each month, members of the department will answer questions and listen to the community's concerns live on Twitter. You can ask your own questions, or follow along with the conversation, by using the hashtag **#TuesdayCopTalk** and by following APD on Twitter **@ABQPOLICE**. The department's Twitter feed is also available for non-Twitter users on APD's website at cabq.gov/police where anyone can view the conversation as it happens.

So join **#TuesdayCopTalk** to get your questions answered and connect with APD!

APD Implements Six Sigma Process Training

The Albuquerque Police Department is partnering with regional corporations to enhance its training, leadership, and data collection opportunities.

Recently, APD received *Six Sigma* training in an effort to improve reform-related efficiency. The *Six Sigma* process is a world-renowned program which seeks to advance the output of any process by identifying and removing unnecessary procedures or defects. The process has also proven to increase overall efficiency for agencies, consequentially saving them money and increasing productivity.

The department is taking the process a step further by partnering with local corporations to provide experienced community mentors to APD employees who are interested in moving forward with the plan. The APD employees will be selecting projects that are within their workgroup. The community mentors will then assist the employees with bringing the projects to a successful conclusion. The mentors will provide information on how their organizations have improved utilizing the *Six Sigma* process, as well as the type of projects, and technical guidance.

APD plans to use the six-step *Six Sigma* process to address inefficiencies within the department, improve communication and data transfer with the Independent Monitor, evaluate its data collections systems and identify trend data.

APD supervisors, both civilian and sworn, have already begun the first phase of this training. To learn more visit cabq.gov/police



ONC Moving to Council Services April 3



The Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) is moving from the Planning Department to the City Council Services Department effective Monday, April 3. The resolution to move the ONC, sponsored by City Councilor Klarissa Peña, was voted on by the City Council on Jan. 18, 2017.

With nearly 250 neighborhood associations and homeowner associations citywide, the ONC will have more resources in order to better assist and facilitate these groups to build stronger relationships and communities within neighborhoods. The goal of the ONC is to create healthy and vibrant neighborhoods in the city of Albuquerque, as well as help residents become actively, constructively, and positively involved with their community. The ONC assists neighborhoods in utilizing existing resources, finding and using new ones, and maintaining meaningful involvement with local communities and government. To learn more about the move or services offered by the ONC, visit cabq.gov/council/neighborhoods.

Baseball Complex Hits a Home Run for Neighborhood Groups

Baseball is one of ABQ's favorite sports, and recently it was in the spotlight when Mayor Berry, City Councilors Ken Sanchez and Dan Lewis, and the Department of Municipal Development officially broke ground on the Albuquerque Baseball Complex.

The \$17.8 million project is expected to take about 10 months to complete, and was funded from revenue bonds. When complete, the complex will offer five baseball fields, allowing additional sports tournaments to bring increased recreational opportunities to the city's West Side, which serves Districts 1, 3, and 5, as well as numerous neighborhood communities and associations. The complex was also one of the reasons that Albuquerque was chosen to host the National Senior Games in 2019.



Pictured, from left: City Councilor Dan Lewis (D5); former West Side Little League President Mario Martinez; Donna Swanson, President of Tres Volcanes Neighborhood Association; City Councilor Ken Sanchez (D1); and Mayor Richard Berry.

ONC Needs Your Feedback



The Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) would like to know how they can help your neighborhood group! What types of services would be beneficial for your community? What kind of information would you like to see in the monthly *Neighborhood News* electronic newsletter?

Take the short online survey to share your ideas and discuss what you'd like to see. Take the survey at: cabq.gov/council/neighborhoods/albuquerque-neighborhood-survey

AFD & PulsePoint: A Two Year Success Update



The Albuquerque Fire Department (AFD) launched PulsePoint on February 5, 2015. Through the use of a location-aware mobile app, PulsePoint works with AFD to improve communications with citizens, empowering them to help reduce the millions of annual deaths from sudden cardiac arrest. Deployment of the PulsePoint alerts can significantly strengthen the “chain of survival” by improving bystander response to cardiac arrest victims and increasing the chance that lifesaving steps will be taken prior to the arrival of emergency medical services.

About PulsePoint:

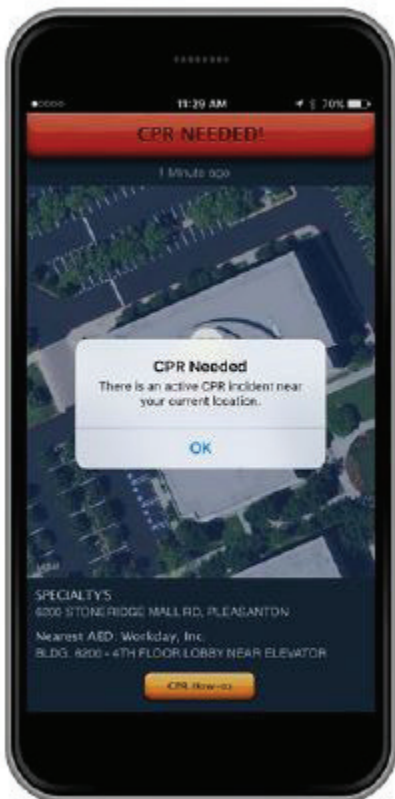
PulsePoint Respond is a mobile app that alerts CPR-trained citizens to someone nearby having a sudden cardiac arrest in a public place. The app is activated by the local public safety communications center simultaneously with the dispatch of local fire and EMS resources. The system is intended to reducing collapse-to-CPR times by increasing citizen awareness of cardiac events and reduce collapse-to-defibrillation times by notifying citizens where the nearest AED is located by using real-time mapping.

Two Year Update:

As of February 2017, the PulsePoint partnership with AFD has resulted in the following:

- ◆ 4,637 local subscribers downloaded the app
- ◆ 2,557 local subscribers enabled CPR alerts
- ◆ 1,524 city employees certified in CPR
- ◆ 5000+ citizens trained in Hands-Only CPR
- ◆ 253 AED's have been registered on PulsePoint
- ◆ More than 2,000 cities across the U.S. use PulsePoint
- ◆ In the U.S., 1M people have downloaded the App
- ◆ In the U.S., 453,000 subscribers enabled CPR alerts

For more information, or do download the App, visit cabq.gov/fire



Sudden Cardiac Arrest
Victim in Need



911 System Sends
PulsePoint Alert



Signal Received by
Nearby PulsePoint
Subscribers



Subscribers Rush to
Help Victim Before
EMS Arrives

Partnership Brings Faster Broadband to City Locations



Recently, the City of Albuquerque completed contracts with CenturyLink to provide increased broadband internet speeds to 40 City locations, including three senior centers and nine community centers. The new broadband speeds will range

as high as one Gigabit, over reliable fiber optic-based services. Other locations receiving increased broadband speeds include police and fire stations, as well as several recreational facilities. With the use of fiber optic technology, the broadband speeds can be easily increased by the City up to 10 Gigabits as the need arises.

"This partnership with CenturyLink allows us to further the fiber connections and increase telecom capabilities to some of our most critical City sites," remarked Mayor Berry. "As broadband requirements continue to grow, I am proud that our citizens and employees will benefit by having increased broadband speeds where we most need it, at our community service and public safety facilities."

CenturyLink has been working with the City's Department of Technology and Innovation for the past several months to plan and develop solutions to upgrade broadband speeds to multiple locations, using CenturyLink's existing fiber optic network within the city. As part of this public/private partnership, CenturyLink agreed to invest over \$600,000 to build the additional infrastructure required to bring broadband to each of the 40 City locations.

"CenturyLink is proud to continue being a valued business partner with the City of Albuquerque to bring state-of-the-art broadband speeds to the citizens of Albuquerque," said CenturyLink's Vice President of Operations, Larry North. "This is a great example of how we can leverage CenturyLink's expansive existing fiber network to optimize the City's budget when delivering new services and how public/private partnerships can come together to benefit the broader community."

Construction for most of the 40 City locations has been completed and the sites are currently operating under the upgraded broadband service from CenturyLink. Nearly all locations will be completed by July 2017.

For more information about the City's Department of Technology and Innovation, visit: cabq.gov/technology-innovation



Friday, March 31, 2017
6 – 8:30 p.m.

Join some of your favorite local musicians and discover new bands at *Live & Local* presented by the City of Albuquerque. *Lilah Rose* will take the stage followed by *The Real Matt Jones* as they take over the KiMo Theatre for a free, live concert.

Doors open at 6 p.m. so come enjoy beer from Bosque Brewing and sandwiches from the Blazin' Zia food truck before the show. Support Albuquerque's local music in the historic theatre!

For more information on this free event, visit CultureABQ.com or call 311.



The Division of Child and Family Development has moved offices. The new office is located at 1820 Randolph Rd SE. This division of the Department of Family and Community Services will still offer the same services as in their previous location. To learn more about services, visit: cabq.gov/family

City Hearings & Meetings

- ◆ City Council
 - Meets first and third Monday each month, 5 p.m.
 - Agendas at cabq.gov/council
- ◆ Community Policing Councils
 - Meeting days and times vary
 - Agendas at cabq.gov/police/community-policing-council
- ◆ Development Review Board
 - Meets weekly on Wednesdays, 9 a.m.
 - Agendas at cabq.gov/planning
- ◆ Environmental Planning Commission
 - Meets second Thursday of each month, 8:30 a.m.
 - Agendas/staff reports at cabq.gov/planning
- ◆ Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission
 - Meets second Wednesday of each month, 3 p.m.
 - Agendas/staff reports at cabq.gov/planning
- ◆ Zoning Board of Appeals
 - Meets fourth Tuesday of each month, 9 a.m.
 - Agendas/staff reports at cabq.gov/planning
- ◆ Zoning Hearing Examiner
 - Meets third Tuesday of each month, 9 a.m.
 - Agendas/notices of decisions at cabq.gov/planning



Join us at Fiestas de Albuquerque

Happy Birthday Albuquerque! Celebrate the eras of Albuquerque's history as our beautiful city turns 311-years-old on Saturday, April 8 from 12 to 5 p.m.

Mayor Richard J. Berry invites you and your family out for a day of fun in Historic Old Town with free children's activities, artist demonstrations, local food, and shopping. Plus, enjoy an afternoon of entertainment from local dancers, mariachis and a performance by *Tanya Griego*. In addition, honor the founders at 3:30 p.m. as descendants of Albuquerque's founding families hold their annual procession through Old Town.

Learn more at: cabq.gov/culturalservices/historic-old-town/fiestas-de-albuquerque

Coalition Meetings

- ◆ District 4 Coalition
 - Meets third Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.
 - ◆ District 6 Coalition
 - Meets quarterly, days vary, 7 p.m.
 - ◆ District 7 Coalition
 - Meets first Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.
 - ◆ District 8 Coalition
 - Meets bimonthly, days vary, 7 p.m.
 - ◆ East Gateway Coalition
 - Meets quarterly, days vary, 6:30 p.m.
 - ◆ North Valley Coalition
 - Meets quarterly, days vary, 6:30 p.m.
 - ◆ Southwest Alliance of Neighborhoods
 - Meets first Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m.
 - ◆ South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations
 - Meets second Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.
 - ◆ Westside Coalition
 - Meets first Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.
- *Additional information available at cabq.gov/council

ABC-Z Project Comp Plan & IDO Update

ABC Comprehensive Plan:

In January, City Council deferred the updated ABC Comprehensive Plan to allow more time to conduct meetings about the plan in Spanish and for additional public review and comment. In February, the project team hosted four meetings in Spanish and 12 clinics for recognized neighborhood association representatives.

The City Council will hear the updated Comprehensive Plan next on Monday, March 6, beginning at 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers in City Hall. Parking in the garage under Civic Plaza will be validated for those attending the hearing.

If you'd like to submit written comments about the Comprehensive Plan update, you may send those to Crystal Ortega, Council Clerk by Friday, March 3 via email at cortega@cabq.gov or you may send comments via mail to: One Civic Plaza NW, PO Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

To learn more about the ABC Comprehensive Plan, read the update draft, or provide feedback, visit: abc-zone.com

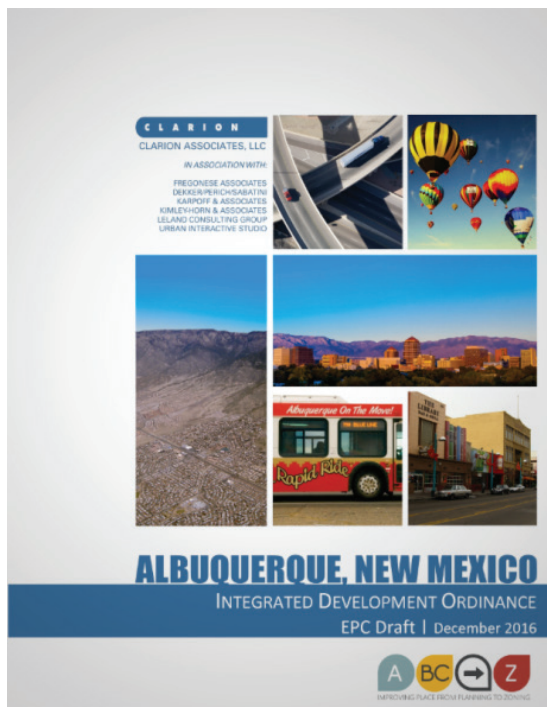


Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO):

Due to the Comprehensive Plan deferral, the first IDO hearing at the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) was deferred to Thursday, April 6 from 1 to 8 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers at City Hall. This meeting will feature a rolling sign-up throughout the afternoon and evening for those who would like to speak and provide public input. Parking in the garage under Civic Plaza will be validated for those attending the hearing.

If you would like to provide written comments regarding the proposed IDO, to be included in the EPC staff report with staff responses, please submit comments by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21. If you would like to provide written comments to be forwarded to the EPC, but not included in the staff report, please submit comments by 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 4 (48-hours prior to the hearing). Comments may either be submitted via email to abcto@cabq.gov or mailed to Catalina Lehner, Staff Planner, 600 2nd Street NW, 3rd Floor, Albuquerque, NM, 87102.

The draft documents are available for review at abc-zone.com. Hard copies are available at libraries, community centers, multigenerational centers, senior centers, and for checkout by calling (505) 924-3345. In addition, project staff offers "Office Hours" Monday and Friday afternoons for individuals and small groups. Contact abcto@cabq.gov to request an appointment.



Singing Arrow Community Center Public Meeting

District 9 City Councilor Don Harris recently held a public meeting to discuss the development of Singing Arrow Community Center. To ensure an opportunity for community involvement and input, Councilor Harris went over the project in detail with a crowd of over 60 residents. During his presentation, Councilor Harris discussed how additional facility resources such as a fitness area, adult and teen-focused classes, enhancements to existing park access and providing more general facility parking would greatly benefit the community.

Once completed, over 36,000 residents and 10 neighborhood associations will get to enjoy the new developments at Singing Arrow Community Center, which is expected to be managed by the Department of Family and Community Services. A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for late 2017.

For details on community centers operated by the Department of Family and Community Services visit: cabq.gov/family

For information on other events hosted by City Council or City Council Services, visit: cabq.gov/council



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