Santa Barbara Martineztown Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes
1420 Edith Drive, Albuquerque; May 21, 2009

In Attendance: Rick Miera, New Mexico House of Representatives; Isaac Benton, City Councilor; Chuck Thompson, City Transportation Department; Laura Mason, City Council representative; Andrew Marcum, UNM Research Service Learning Program instructor/community organizer; City of Albuquerque Mayor’s representative; Chal-Marie Lucero, NA President; APD representatives; Christina-Marie Apodaca, Community Activist; Michael Polikoff, UNM Planner; Will Gleason, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini Planner; and various members of the community.

Presentation: The NA invited UNM Planning and Campus Development and DPS to provide a brief update on the UNM Master Plan Update, specifically focusing on the issues of the potential for increased general neighborhood traffic, traffic specific to Mountain Road, and drainage which may potentially arise from new construction projects in Lands West of University Blvd.

Michael Polikoff introduced Will Gleason indicating UNM PCD willingness to continue to communicate and participate in ongoing discussions and resolutions of any issues involving future growth of the University. Michael indicated that there were many people in the audience who have already participated in such meetings.

Will Gleason gave a brief summary of the proposed hospital expansion, new clinics, and how this was important for serving the community with added presence along the interstate. Will explained that Mountain Road is proposed to be extended to the east only to the proposed hospital extension and not continue on to University for autos. The road extension would continue on for bicycles, shuttles, and pedestrians east to University. An exhibit illustrated how Mountain could be configured to essentially not allow any new access onto Mountain Road exiting west from Lands West. This would allow north and south bound traffic on the frontage roads to turn east into Lands West and exit westbound from Lands West only onto the frontage roads. It was emphasized that this concept had not been yet been engineered or approved but was offered as a potential solution to prevent traffic from continuing west on Mountain. The University could recommend to NMDOT the proposed configuration to construct west bound left only lanes under the I-25 bridge.

Q&A: Rep. Rick Miera: How would the intersection work? Where would the drainage go and what can be done?

A: (As explained in above presentation). The University will do everything it can to comply with AMAFCA and any City required drainage regulations to capture run off and appropriately drain the site into the established prescribed channels. As requested by Councilor Benton, this will be accomplished through sustainable drainage practices, detaining the run-off on site as required, and not overloading the AMAFCA or City drainage systems. Will Gleason pledged that
the University team would develop drainage concepts and present to the neighborhood at a subsequent meeting.

**Comments:** Polikoff- The City sector plan can supplement these ideas by providing traffic calming methods on Mountain. These would include planting trees and landscaping, providing bulb-outs at intersections where appropriate, textured pedestrian crossings, bike lanes and safety signage.

Benton- Hopes the City and Mayor can support prohibiting trucks on Mountain.