

Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority
Housing Forum
July 18, 1998
Acoma Tribal Auditorium

Concerns made by homebuyers

Solid Waste Transfer Station

Lloyd Tortalita questioned if the tribe had an ordinance in place regarding trash burning. His neighbor is constantly burning trash instead of taking it to the transfer station to properly dispose. It seems that his neighbor burns trash when his laundry is hanging outside on the clothes line. He has gone to his neighbors house to stress his concern, and to ask of he'd stop burning his trash. His neighbor told him to deal with the smoke. "If we have an ordinance in place, we need to enforce it."

Rex Salvador informed the public. "If people do not listen, then you have every right to call the police and report the individuals. The police should give a citation to these people who burn trash."

Outside oven are also a concern: With the ashes flying around, it would be very dangerous especially with the houses being built close by.

A clause should be put in policies regarding trash and outside ovens.

Chairman Aragon informed homebuyers about writing housing codes on trash burning and outside ovens. When housing codes are written PAHA will enforce laws.

Rex stressed that if people have clothes to throw away, bring them to the transfer station, they know what to do with or who to give the clothes to.

Marvin Garcia stated that he will not abide by the ordinance regarding burning trash at the subdivision. This law should have already been in place a long time ago. The housing authority could have already issued trash cans to the homebuyers so that trash could have been easier to dump and not burned. There is a lot of trash around, we need to learn to bundle our trash and dispose of properly. Requested that trash cans be issued as soon as possible.

Angela Concho reported that her neighbor is dumping cat litter outside her house. It is starting to smell around her house and can not enjoy dinner with the door open. Would like to open her door to let fresh air in her house, but all she smells is the cat litter. Requested that her neighbor please bag her cat litter.

Chairman Aragon stated that if we, as people, would only listen to each other, then maybe there wouldn't have to be rules.

Tillie Antonio asked about dogs in the subdivision area. How many dogs per household are allowed? Stressed that there are too many dogs in the subdivision area. She tries to keep a clean yard, but the dogs just come around messing in her yard.

PAHA will look into code.

Comments on the Drug Elimination Program Presentation

Emerson Vallo stated that this a good program for our youth. Asked that people start talking to their children. He has recently lost a loved one to drugs. Asked people to encourage their kids to take advantage of these programs. Teach kids to speak our language. Asked if there was a van or some sort of transportation to and from the recreation activities for the children?

Andy responded that PAHA has a van, but is currently being used. Will look into getting a van to transport children.

Verda Lopez asked if posters are posted to inform children about recreation activities?

There are not any posters posted right now but, will post posters on the next activity.

Nina Garcia stated that parents can't put their responsibilities on someone else, but is very thankful that Andy has a program to help kids stay away from drugs and alcohol.

Family Budgeting/Credit History

Winfred Sanchez stated that PAHA needs to implement some kind of service or give homebuyers some kind of knowledge before signing mortgage loans.

Elaine Leal, Office Manager at United South Broadway Corporation responded that if the community wants to set up a program, she encourages it. PAHA could only advocate, they would not be the ones to start the service.

Xeri-scaping

Winfred Sanchez stated that the housing authority never allowed homebuyers to plant outside their units. Why are they promoting xeri-scaping? Is worried about water pressure in the subdivision area. Landscaping shouldn't be allowed.

Mrs. Tiffany Mirabal stated that most of the plants she has mentioned in her presentation are very low maintenance. Some plants required low water. Homebuyer needs to discuss issues with the housing authority.

Lloyd Tortalita stressed his concerns about the landscaping around his unit. He stated that he has not heard from the housing authority since May 4, 1998 regarding the landscape. He was away

from his home during the rainstorm. When he returned, he noticed a big puddle outside his new home from the rain and noticed that someone's vehicle must have gotten stuck.

Derek replied that after the rainstorm there was not as much water as Lloyd stated there was. He took the inspector to that particular unit to check if there was any puddling. There was a wet spot, but no water. If PAHA were to grate the area as discussed with the homebuyer, then it would cause puddling. Unit is good the way it is. The only item holding that unit back is the electricity. It shouldn't be much longer before we get it serviced.

Emerson Vallo informed PAHA of water collecting on the south side of his unit. He has spoken with David Garcia. David told him that the drainage needs to be worked on, and will send someone to his unit. No one has stopped by his home. Mr. Vallo would like his roof checked on as soon as possible, due to shingles falling off.

Derek told Mr. Vallo that he'll have David Gibbs from Preferred stop by his home first thing Monday morning.

General Comments

Winfred Sanchez questioned if Acoma Pueblo is still represented on ALPHA's Board of Directors and is there middle management between PAHA and ALPHA?

Raymond Concho stated ALPHA no longer exists. The Rio Grande Pueblo Housing Authority serves two pueblos only, Santa Ana Pueblo and Sandia Pueblo. PAHA was created by Acoma Pueblo for Acoma Pueblo and there is no middle management. Housing funds are directed for direct housing services including other funds like BIA, HIP funds.

PUEBLO OF ACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

HOUSING FORUM ACOMA TRIBAL AUDITORIUM JULY 18, 1998

AGENDA

- 9:00 - 9:15 Welcome
 Governor Reginald T. Pasqual, Pueblo of Acoma
 Chairman Marvis Aragon Jr., PAHA Board of Commissioners
- 9:15 - 9:30 Purpose of Forum & Indian Housing Plan ✓
 Raymond J. Concho Jr., Executive Director, PAHA
- 9:30 - 10:00 Solid Waste Transfer Station - Rex Salvador / Loren Concho ✓
 Drug Elimination Program Initiatives
 Andy Concho, Recreational Specialist ✓
 Dennis Lorenzo, Northwest NM Fighting Back - Healthy Nations ✓
- 10:00 - 10:30 Formation of 4-H Clubs at Acoma Pueblo
 Jeanne Narramore, Former 4-H Leader ✓
- 10:30 - 11:00 Skyline Housing Resident Organization
 Bonnie Martinez, President ✓
- 11:00 - 11:30 Neighborhood Watch Programs
 Harold Vicente, Acoma Police Department (No Show)
- 11:30 - 12:30 Lunch
- 12:30 - 1:00 Loan/Grant Opportunities with USDA - Rural Development
 Eric Schneider, Housing Specialist ✓
- 1:00 - 2:00 Family Budgeting and Credit History
 Louella Gibson, United South Broadway Corporation ✓
- 2:00 - 2:30 Southwest/Desert Landscaping Tips
 Juan and Tiffany Mirabal, Xeriscaping Specialists ✓
- 2:30 - 3:00 Simple Home Maintenance Repairs
 Derek Valdo, Development Specialist, PAHA ✓
- 3:00 - 3:30 Minimizing Utility Costs
 Maria Mirabal/Rose Histia, HOC Staff, PAHA
- 3:30 - 4:00 Fire Safety
 Marcus Proctor, AMERIND Risk Management Corporation
- 4:00 Questions/Answers Housing Issues