



County of Los Alamos

BCC Meeting Minutes

Los Alamos County DWI Planning Council

1000 Central Avenue
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Juanita McNeil, Chair; Laruen Smith, Vice-Chair; Eli Argo; Kristine Coblentz; Adrianna Delvo; Jaime Gonzales; Judy Lovejoy; Rachel Mohr-Richards; Jemuel Montoya; and Jordan Redmond, Members

Monday, April 21, 2025

1:30 PM

Municipal Court, Hearing Room

Special Meeting

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Due to some issues, this meeting was not recorded.

The April 21, 2025, Los Alamos County DWI Planning Council Special Meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by Chair, Juanita McNeil.

Present: Chair Juanita McNeil, Vice-Chair Lauren Smith, Councilor Eli Argo, Councilor Kristine Coblentz, Councilor Rachel Mohr-Richards, Councilor Jemuel Montoya, and Councilor Jordan Redmond.

Absent: Councilor Adrianna Delvo, Councilor Jaime Gonzales, and Councilor Judy Lovejoy.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There as one public comment made by Greg White. He commented that he was in support of DWI funding the LAPD Darren the Lion robot that support the DARE program in the schools and the DWI funding items such as services for Senior Appreciation Night (SAN). He was concerned about the movie selections for Midnight Movies that the Teen Center was requesting funds for and thought the movies were not something teens would be interested in.

III. BUSINESS

- A. [19806-25](#) Approval of Minutes from the DWI Planning Council Meeting on January 9, 2025.

Attachments: [A - DWI Planning Council Draft Minutes for January 9, 2025](#)

A motion was made by Chair Juanita McNiel, seconded by Eli Argo, that the minutes for January 9, 2025 meeting, be approved with edits made by Councilor Kristine Coblenz.

Motion passed 5-0

Councilor Jordan Redmond and Councilor Jemuel Montoya abstained.

- B. [20000-25](#) Approval of Minutes from the DWI Planning Council Special Meeting on March 24, 2025.

Attachments: [A - DWI Planning Council Draft Minutes for March 24, 2025](#)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Lauren Smith, seconded by Chair Juanita McNiel, that the minutes for the special meeting on March 24, 2025, be approved as presented.

Motion passed 5-0

Councilor Jordan Redmond and Councilor Jemuel Montoya abstained.

C. [20002-25](#) DWI Planning Council Request for Funding - LAPD DARE Lion

Attachments: [A- DWI Planning Council Request for Funding - LAPD DARE Lion](#)

The councilors discussed the proposed use and effectiveness of Darren the DARE Lion. Councilor Kristine Coblenz requested more information regarding evidence that the DARE Lion robot would prevent children and teens from drinking, using substances, or drinking and driving. She stated that the amount of funding requested could be used to support a year long program at the high school that would have more impact. Councilor Lauren Smith pointed out that the funding request form requires applicants to state how the program is evidence-based or a promising practice activity. Councilor Montoya chimed in stating he felt the DARE program is beneficial not only at the elementary level but from K through 12.

The councilors agreed and decided that Sgt. Benjamin Irving should come to the next meeting and present to the council the evidence of the program and the real benefits of having Darren the DARE lion robot.

A motion was made by Chair Juanita McNiel, seconded by Vice-Chair Lauren Smith, that the DWI funding request made by Los Alamos Police Department for the Darren the DARE Lion robot be tabled until Sgt. Benjamin Irving presents to the board.

Motioned passed 7-0

D. [20004-25](#) DWI Planning Council Request for Funding - SAN

Attachments: [A- DWI Planning Council Request for Funding - SAN](#)

The Councilors reviewed the funding request and did make it clear that the Senior Appreciation Night was a great program that does help seniors stay out of trouble on Graduation night. They felt that if the YMCA wanted continued support that they should present a survey to have the participants take to give feedback on the event. Questioning what they would actually be doing if there weren't there, is the program a good way to keep them out of trouble, and if they liked the program. The councilors told Eli to report back to the YMCA as he does work closely with them and to share the results of the survey.

A motion was made by Councilor Jordan Redmond, seconded by Chair Juanita McNiel, that DWI approve the Senior Appreciation Night Funding request of \$4200.42 with the contingency that a survey is pushed to the seniors participating that night and the survey results be shared with the DWI Counsel.

Motion passed 6-0

Councilor Eli Argo abstained because of his employment with YMCA.

E. [20097-25](#) DWI Planning Council Request for Funding - Midnight Movies

Attachments: [B. SALA Estimated Total](#)
[A- DWI Planning Council Request for Funding - Midnight Movies](#)

After Greg White made the comment about the questionable movie choices, Councilor Eli Argo talked to the councilors and Greg White about the process to select movies. Teens are given a survey as to what their choices of movies would be if the Teen Center showed them. Then the top five movies are reviewed by the Teen Center staff and they pick two to show. The movies selected are ones that the teens themselves pick and do enjoy watching.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Lauren Smith, seconded by Councilor Rachel Mohr-Richards, that the DWI approve the funding request for the Midnight Movies with the contingency to have the participants take a survey and the results be shared with the DWI Council.

Motion passed 4-0

Councilor Eli Argo abstained because of his employment with the Teen Center.

VI. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular DWI meeting will be held May 8, 2025 at 8:30 am. This will be held via zoom and in person at the Justice Center Hearing Room.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:07pm.