



Oscar Dominguez  
City Manager

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**City of Anthony Board of Trustees**  
**820 Highway 478, Anthony NM 88021**  
**& Conference Call**  
**Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

*Mayor Diana M. Trujillo*  
*MPT Fernie Herrera*  
*Trustee Elva Flores*  
*Trustee Javier Silva*  
*Trustee Gloria Gameros*

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Diana M. Trujillo
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by City Manager – Oscar Dominguez
3. **ROLL CALL** Present:
 

MPT Fernie Herrera	<b>YES</b>	NO
Trustee Gloria Gameros	<b>YES</b>	NO
Trustee Elva Flores	<b>YES</b>	NO
Trustee Javier Silva	<b>YES</b>	NO
Mayor Diana M. Trujillo	<b>YES</b>	NO
Quorum Established		<b>YES</b> NO <i>Discussion only</i>

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4. **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR – PUBLIC COMMENTS - no items**
5. **PRESENTATION**

- *Mayor Trujillo: Since we have no quorum to vote for anything, we can only listen to public comments and the presentation only.*

a. **Introducing Save the Children Action Network - Marisol Diaz -NM Senior Coordinator Family Engagement**

- *Marisol Diaz: I am the Senior Coordinator for Save the Children Action Network. My role with the Action Network is to oversee the newly established Family Engagement Program. I was at a school meeting where I met Trustee Silva. He had some powerful words at that meeting. Trustee Silva sounded like a firm advocate for children and their well-being. That is how we ended up here today.*
- *Save the Children was founded in 1919 and has been working globally for over 100 years.*
- *We look at a child health, education and protection across the world. Currently, we have a presence in over 100 countries globally.*
- *We are a non-profit agency that protects children in emergency situations, eliminating hunger and also making sure that children have the best opportunity to grow and thrive.*
- *The work that we are doing across the US, currently, the movement has approximately 400,000 supporters.*
- *We also have staff working across the country, mobilizing adults, parents, school professionals, college students, families and basically everyone in anyone who is interested in the well-being of children.*

- *In 2018, we endorsed Michelle Lujan Grisham for Governor. We were able to partner with her administration to lead the advocacy efforts to establish the Early Learning Childhood Care department. This means looking at high quality, evidence-based programming, preschool, home visits, all this, for children under the age of five because we know that developmentally, children learn and grow the most between those ages, and those are the most critical years.*
- *We do endorse candidates, we make contributions to candidate campaigns, we place political advertisements in key markets and in areas where we know that the elected officials are not necessarily in line with the issues that are best for children.*
- *We have a whole media department that works day in and out to build social media awareness and submits letters to the editors of local papers and make sure that local communities understand what's at risk when, well, we're looking at issues coming up for children. Save the Children, recognized that there was another area highly populated area (Southern New Mexico) with no recognition in the state, no voice, and no elevation of family, voice, and story.*
- ***Trustee Silva:** I want to thank Ms. Diaz for the opportunity to work with the community. I am excited to use my platform to be able to educate parents, our community, and expanding early childhood education. We need to discuss ways to better the system within our school district and in our education, for our children. I always say education starts at home. I thank you for bringing this platform to southern New Mexico.*
- ***Mayor Trujillo:** Thank you for this presentation, Ms. Diaz. The school administrator had mentioned Save the Children. We are trying to partner with the school district, the City of Anthony, and hopefully partner up with you as well to bring some resources for our residents.*

**b. Request for additional officer request. Presented by Neighborhood Services Supervisor**

- ***Neighborhood Services Supervisor:** Our agenda is improving Anthony in the life of the wildlife and residents, which is moving very slowly.*
- *We have hired a Neighborhood Service Officer who replaced the vacant code's position. We are fortunate that he came with a good background in animal control and in law enforcement. He is doing very well. He is only one officer. It is very easy to get overwhelmed.*
- *Would like to thank the police department for stepping in to help with animal control.*
- *Residents have spoken and there are a lot of weeds and mosquitos. Our ordinance gives residents time to comply. It requires an officer to come back and make sure residents are working on cleaning their yards. We are not able to patrol as much when we have one officer. The supervisor has to be in the office to prepare for court cases and update ordinances.*
- *Luckily, the residents have been very good at complying. Ninety percent of residents are very good with the first notice.*
- *There are a lot of vacant properties that take even more time to try to send certified letters to owners. Some owners are no longer within our community. They are out of state.*

- *On the other side, our department is Neighborhood Services. This is more of a service department. We need to make time and be able to meet with residents as they come for construction permits. All this, among other duties, requires more employees in this department.*
- *I would like to request at least one position to be open for one more officer.*
- ***MPT Herrera:** I have been advocating for an additional officer for Neighborhood Services, and I hope the board takes notice. I have done that job before, and it is not an easy job. The job is even more sophisticated now with technology changes. I hope the rest of the board agrees with me that we need another officer.*
- ***Mayor Trujillo:** Thank you, Mr. Salazar, for your presentation and thank you for what you are doing for the city. We appreciate it.*
- *Since there is no quorum, that is all for today. The meeting is adjourned at 6:42 pm*



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**Diana Murillo-Trujillo, Mayor**

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**Esther Motongo, CMC- City Clerk**