

Minutes  
Inaugural Meeting of the  
Green Party of (the) Albuquerque Metropolitan Area  
4 March 2015

- I. The group discussed and determined the name and geographical coverage of the local to be Green Party of (the) Albuquerque Metropolitan Area and to include all or portions of Sandoval, Bernalillo, Tarrant, and Valencia Counties. Initial filings will be with Sandoval and Bernalillo Counties. Brian Rasmussen will file the rules and attestation with the Sandoval County Clerk; Richard Yost will do the same with the Bernalillo County Clerk.
- II. The group preferred having the current Green Party of Albuquerque Facebook page, administered by Chad Gruber, as the web presence for the local. We will request that Chad modify the URL name to add "Metro" or "Metro Area" to the existing URL. A separate web site may be started at a later date.
- III. Officer positions were discussed. Co-chairs are Richard Yost and Em Ward. Secretary-Treasurer is Michal Mudd (position(s) may be divided in the future). Jaime Denison is a representative to the Green Council. Chad Gruber was nominated as a representative to the Green Council. Two other Green Council Representatives may be named at a later date. Michal Mudd will check on requirements for a checking account. Financial filing requirements were briefly discussed.
- IV. The group discussed various issues of a potential electoral nature that align with the 10 Key Values. Topics included the following: proposed development of the middle Rio Grande bosque, the Gila River diversion, the mixed-waste landfill and jet fuel plume threats to the aquifer, police brutality, getting money out of politics, ranked-choice or instant run-off voting, HIV testing programs, and paid or sponsored sport killing of wildlife. Other groups working on various aspects of the topics were identified.  
  
For our initial efforts, the group determined to obtain more information regarding threats to the bosque and HIV programs, particularly with regard to legislative or referendum remedies. Brian Rasmussen will collect more information regarding the bosque threats, and Jaime Denison will do the same regarding HIV programs. Em Ward will share the public meeting and tour information regarding the KAFB response to the aquifer contamination issue that was recently released.
- V. The next meeting of the local will be Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at Winning Coffee Co. We will convene at 6:00 p. m. and adjourn at 7:30 p. m. The 2015 State Meeting/Convention will be Saturday, April 25, 2015--time and venue to be determined.