

**Observer Corps Report – Albuquerque City Council meeting
7 August 2023
(The City Council did not meet during July)
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Eight of the nine councilors were present at the August 7, 2023 meeting. Trudy Jones (District 8) was excused. The meeting did not include votes on any hot issues. However, there were a few items of interest that came up during the Administration Question and Answer section:

- **North Domingo Baca Aquatic Center.** An indoor/outdoor aquatic center is planned for the North Domingo Baca Park area of northeast Albuquerque. Preliminary plans can be viewed at <https://www.northdomingobacaaquaticcenter.com/> Although the project website run by Citizens for NDB Aquatic Center mentions delays, the city's Chief Administrative Officer Rael indicated that a ribbon cutting ceremony to begin the project is expected around August 31.
- **United Stadium at/near Balloon Fiesta Park.** Councilor Bassan asked the city administration if there would be public meetings with neighborhood associations near the proposed stadium. Chief Administrative Officer Rael responded that Balloon Fiesta Park's master plan must be amended for the United Stadium to be built there. The amendment process includes meetings with the public. At this point the city has been working on a site plan and gathering information from traffic, noise, and lighting studies. The goal is to have pre-development meetings with affected neighborhoods "within 7-8 days". It was unclear if he meant 7-8 days from the August 7 council meeting or 7-8 days from the end of the site planning process.
- **Cameras Connected to Real Time Crime Center.** Councilor Grout asked how many cameras are connected to APD's Real Time Crime Center. The APD representative indicated that there are 9000 cameras connected to the system. The cameras belong to the City of Albuquerque, the NM Department of Transportation, Albuquerque Public Schools, and private entities. He further stated the Community Connect program has two ways to participate:
 1. Private residences can register the location of their surveillance cameras. Officers may request footage if a crime is committed in that area.
 2. Businesses can integrate their cameras via live stream with the Real Time Crime Center.More information is available at APD's website [Albuquerque Community Connect](#).

Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative – Update. None. There was no action or discussion at the August 7 meeting regarding the Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative. The status remains unchanged: on June 30 the Mayor Keller signed the resolution passed by the City Council on an eight to one vote approving the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County establishing the Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative. Voting for: Benton, Davis, Fiebelkorn, Grout, Jones, Lewis, Pena, Sanchez; voting against: Bassan. [R-23-144 Text](#)