

Downtown Neighborhoods Association



Downtown Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting

Lew Wallace Presentation, "The George" at the Pearl Addition appeal review, Club Runner update, DNA Projects and discussion regarding incident in Wells Park/DNA Neighborhood. A reminder that our meeting is now one hour. Anyone wishing to speak at the meeting please give a 24 hour notice. All neighbors are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

When Mon, Nov 11 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location: Fusion, 708 1st St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102-2308, USA

Chairperson Danny Senn

Minute taker Beverly Salas

Present Eric Carson , Karen Foss , Sylvia Holguin (Vice Chair) , Julie King , Lissa Knudsen , Nancy magnusson , Ramsey ROSE , John Sais , Beverly Salas (Secretary)

Apologies Mary Raje , Trudi Wieduwilt

Unconfirmed Gabriela Barros , Lee Blaugrund , Helga Fenzl , Linda Larson , Judith Reynolds

Minutes

1. Review and approve October meeting minutes.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Review and approve Treasurers report.

The treasurer's report was unanimously approved. We currently have \$11,727.00 in our account.

DNA unanimously approved \$275 to purchase Non-profit, 501C3 status.

Tasks

- ✓ Complete application for Non-profit status.
Assignee: Glen Salas
Due date: Fri, Dec 20 2024

3. Club Runner discussion

Club Runner wants to give us a 30 minute zoom introduction to their software. They have offered the date of Wed., Nov. 20th at 6 pm.

Nancy has volunteered to host at her house. Nancy suggested we designate a webmaster, and Eric agreed to serve in that role.

All board members indicated we should proceed with Club Runner.

Early Dec: all board meet for final design, Eric will input as we make suggestions. Go live in early January depending on Tidyhq payments.

We will carry forward from Tidyhq: 2 years of meetings, 2 years of agendas, Newsletter.

About DNA section needs to be updated, rewritten before moving to Club Runner. Filming donations? Extend 'what we've accomplished thru 2024. Sylvia will rewrite.

Kelly good w newsletter.

Danny will review minutes/agendas and decide how to present in CR.

Go over Eric's version for any gaps or errors.

Decision

We will come to Nancy's with any questions we have regarding usage of the Club Runner software.

Tasks

- ✓ Meet at Nancy's Nov. 20th to zoom
Assignee: Nancy magnusson
Due date: Wed, Nov 20 2024
- ✓ Meet December 15th for final website design.
Assignee: Nancy magnusson
Due date: Sun, Dec 15 2024
- ✓ Copy into Club Runner two years of meetings, agendas, and minutes
Assignee: Danny Senn
Due date: Tue, Dec 31 2024
- ✓ About DBA section revised
Assignee: Sylvia Holguin
Due date: Fri, Dec 20 2024
- ✓ Deleting duplicate and defunct contacts
Assignee: Karen Foss
Due date: Fri, Dec 20 2024

4. "The George" at the Pearl Addition appeal review.

Several Board and community members attended a presentation by Jay Rembe, the developer of The George. Rembe offered a new plan that he hoped would be satisfying to the residents on 16th Street, those who are most directly affected by the traffic this site will produce.

After our meeting, Rembe once again invited all the above to a second meeting to review two new site plan options of the design. He is now giving the community two choices for the design of the building, one with primary vehicular access off Central.

Decision

We will meet as a neighborhood, on Tuesday evening, November 19th, to share the new designs with all who show up, and come to a decision. J. Rembe has said that he wants a decision by Thursday, November 21.

Tasks

- ✓ Open our home to the meeting,
Assignee: Beverly Salas
Due date: Tue, Nov 19 2024
- ✓ Danny will facilitate the discussion.
Assignee: Danny Senn
Due date: Tue, Nov 19 2024

5. Lew Wallace Presentation.

We met the new principal, Melanie Telles, of Lew Wallace Elementary. She spoke of her vision for the school including Creative Campuses and Elevated Arts programs. She also spoke of the need to increase enrollment. More student mean more money allocations which can help immensely with enrichment programs. In order to save money, they are hoping to have an energy usage analysis completed to pinpoint where they are wasting energy and to identify where they can conserve energy.

She is looking forward to further partnering with the DNA.

Decision

6. Wells Park/DNA incident

Political signs had been up for years. Code regarding political signs state that they should not be up more than two months prior to an election and must come down within two weeks after an election. These signs were also over-sized according to code. We were in touch with a representative from Wells Park NA and told them we have their back. We should join in collaboration in the future on such issues to ensure a speedy response,

Decision

No further action needed for now.

7. DNA projects

1. Nancy and Beverly spoke briefly about their CommUnity Tree committee working with Lew Wallace's 3rd grade students on Monday and Tuesday November 25, 26 respectively.
2. Kristin Shilet gave a presentation on recruitment of new members. I've included the text below so that it will be part of the public record. Board members Glen Salas, Eric Carson, and Bev Salas agreed to serve on that committee.

Why is recruitment so important?

- Enhanced Community: More members mean a closer, more connected neighborhood.
- Greater Advocacy Power: A bigger group has a louder voice to push for things like safety, neighborhood resources, and City attention on things that matter.
- More Resources: Higher participation can attract different ideas for funding and support for local projects.
- Better Safety & Preparedness: An organized community is better equipped to handle emergencies and to look out for our fellow neighbors.
- Local Decision-Making: Active and diverse membership gives the association and residents associations more say in decisions that affect daily life.
- Promotes Inclusion: We want to build a neighborhood in which everyone feels like they belong and are supported!

Ideas for Membership Recruitment:

- Hold events specific to recruitment:
- Bikes and Beers
- Slice of pizza and DNA info session
- **Think of other venues for our meeting:**
- for a shared meal/potluck dinner
- Space to provide childcare (and advertising babysitting jobs to neighborhood teens for \$30/hour, DNA could also host and pay for them to receive their babysitting certificate with the American Red Cross \$45/student)

Focused effort on recruiting our neighbors who rent:

- DNA becomes an advocate for a rent control initiative in ABQ
- Flyers about the DNA board meetings posted around apartment buildings ensuring renters are welcome to join.
- Welcome packet with DNA information and the historical DNA book.

Funding opportunities for our neighbors:

- Have a small fund that can provide assistance for security deposits or rent when neighbors are in need.
- Annually, the DNA could provide 3 grants up to \$3,000 a year with a small application process
- Create a small "home improvement" fund for assistance with a new roof, replacing windows, a fence, etc.
- Annually, the DNA could provide 2-3 grants up to \$2,000 for home repairs for homeowners in need of assistance.

Neighborhood Activities sponsored by the DNA:

- Artist studio tour
- Annual DNA garage sale

- Table at the Grower's Market
- Shared tool/garden supplies shed
- Community garden at Mary Fox
- Skills-sharing workshops
- Stroller Stroll
- Annual Dog Parade
- Annual Neighborhood Night Out

3. Vice-Chair, Sylvia Holguin, talked about the need to create a **Projects Committee** to visit all of the project suggestions from Board members to identify which ones have traction with enough members to serve on those committees.

Tasks

- ✓ Sylvia will determine the best time to formulate a Projects Committee
Assignee: Sylvia Holguin
Due date: Fri, Dec 20 2024
- ✓ Hold meeting for recruitment committee
Assignee: Kristin and Eric Shiplet and Carson
Due date: Tue, Nov 26 2024

End of minutes.

Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.

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