

Downtown Neighborhoods Association



DNA monthly board meeting

Our meeting this month will include various presentations and a follow up on tasks given to board members.

National Night Out coming August 1st. We're excited to be back at the Harwood Art Center!

When Mon, Jun 05 2023 at 5:30 PM

Location: Harwood Art Center, 1114 7th St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102-2051, USA

Chairperson Danny Senn

Minute taker Trudi Wieduwilt

Present William David Saiz

Unconfirmed Linda Schilling

Minutes

1. Approve minutes from May board meetig
motion to approve minutes by Trudi, all approved.

2. Treasurers report
\$11,245 in the account. approved

3. APD
Lieutenant Chavez. There is increased presence with the new substation. Lt Chavez took questions.

4. Melanie Lewis

with Lew Wallace School - not a local neighborhood school so much any more. Looking to get back to more neighborhood school. 2 days of art for students and they partner with Amy Biehl school. It is a free school in APS - not a private school. In the past the DNA would donate money for field trips. It is a Community School and looking to see if there are ways to engage the community. Enrollment numbers are low and Melanie is concerned that it might close.

5. Joaquin Baca

Downtown resident. His kids went to Lew Wallace. Hydrologist involved in management the ditches and the river.

Crime, housing, water are major issues for him. He is running for our district rep. Supports housing forward. We need high density to support the city. also, under the radar is an equity district money issue - same for each district. Joaquin does not believe that is equitable.

Our downtown area is historic, roads are older, we have the museums and oldest buildings etc so our area needs more money to run. 100 year celebration of the Bosque this summer!

Does believe in density housing and also said he would like the ingress and egress to be changed on the Pearl. We need more housing in order to solve other issues in Albuquerque.

6. Urban Design and Development- Planning Department

Katharine Henye and Vicente Quevedo. 12 community planning areas. we are working on the central area which is us - I40 South, I25 west to the river. Survey - walkability was a high priority so far in the survey. Homelessness and Parks. Heritage was another. Will culminate in a report to city council. will be able to use the document to elevate conversation and support.

7. Douglas Jones- Book presentation

Has 200 books on the history of McClennan park and what happened as the city developed. The author would like to donate them as a fund raiser for the DNA.

Bev asked for the authors contact info so we can thank him.

8. Christopher from RNA re: Dog park

Not here this time

9. Jeff Krolicki -Modern General Architect

1720 Central just across the street from our boundaries. Plan to move Vinaigrette to Modern General and then reconfiguring the site. 2 parking spaces will be repurposed. Outdoor setting added, and food truck area for Tiny's Food Truck permanent with a courtyard, and a pickle ball court added with a small bleacher. Requesting a 6 foot wall variance to the standard 3 foot so pickle ball balls won't go into traffic on Central and also a variance for a 4 ft wall around the courtyard for Tiny's.

10. National Night Out

August 1st at Mary Fox Park. Planning on our part in the works. We are looking to create a block party

11. Follow up on News Letter

Karen presented that we are wanting to do a monthly one to update people in DNA on what is going on just in our area.

12. Glass Recycling

The city uses the crushed glass for layer on the landfill instead of using dirt. they said if we found the location, they would communicate with the business and do the coordination. Joaquin said that Raynolds and the central NA are also looking for a spot.

13. Vests for DNA events

Glen reported 20 vests cost \$600 with DNA printed on front.

14. Gizmo Bldg

Kay said not able to find contact information for the Church of Scientology. Maybe someone might be willing to go by the church to talk to someone about the building. Joaquin said the property manager was open to talking.

Joaquin is hoping MRA could help a developer purchase and convert to housing so the city can help.

End of minutes.