

Downtown Neighborhoods Association



DNA Annual Meeting - March 2023

When: Thursday, March 30th, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

(Come early and share coffee with a neighbor starting at 5:30-6:30 pm at Novel Point Coffee at the entrance to FUSION The Cell)

Where: FUSION | The Cell

700 1st St. NW, Downtown ABQ

Featured Speakers & Presentations:

Terry Bruner with Downtown Forward

What are some of the major plans for downtown?

Lola Bird with ABQ Main Street:

What's happening with the Cafe Oaxaca land?

Update on Sawmill Area Plans:

What's happening next to Sawmill Market, Hotel ABQ, Hotel Chaco, etc?

Agenda Items:

Elect new board members (Want to be a board member? See below.)

Bylaws Update

You are invited whether you are a member of the DNA, a resident, a neighbor, a business owner, or just interested in our community. Come join us!

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Chairperson JJ. Mancini

Minute taker Sara Mancini

Minutes

1. Welcome

Welcome updates from Fusion

2. **Bylaw Updates**

Went through proposed changes to bylaws per the email notice they received

Motion that DNA accepts bylaws changes - J.J.

Second - Corine

Vote passed unanimously

3. **Presentation: Terry Bruner with Downtown Forward**

Background on MRA

Unique agency in the city of Albuquerque (Albuquerque high, el Vado hotel) - not subject to anti donation clause

Downtown Forward Plan -

Focusing on placemaking and enhanced city services with block by block, downtown main street, traffic control

Make Downtown Safe - police overtime; seeing numbers go down; new substation on central; lights in alleyways; grants to private businesses to put cabq security cameras on their businesses

Extend compassion and assistance - gateway center on Gibson;

Give people something to do - storefront grant program; cultural services; art on rail trail

Build more housing - deficit is 5000 units (need both affordable and market)

Anchor, connect, catalyze - rail yards market improvements; rail trail; innovate abq;

Invest in climate future - improve bus emissions; tree program

Financial tools and partnership - BID for downtown;

Share your ideas! (Dog park locations, vacant lots for sale, attractions, restaurants)
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We need to think of downtown as a neighborhood again

4. **Presentation: Lola Bird ABQ Main Street**

Discussion on downtown farmers market limitations with space and number of vendors

Three Sisters Kitchen history

Land opportunity on Central

Challenges with the existing land selection so they might need to move their plans to another location

Downtown Growers Market starts on April 15

5. Presentation Peter Rice with Downtown Albuquerque News

DNA Questions for The DAN to explore in 2023

- Will the downtown core get on track?
- What will happen around Robinson Park?
- What will west downtown look like?
- Will the Old Town folks get on the same page?
- What will the DNA think of next?

6. Update on Sawmill & The Pearl

Two additional multi-family units in Sawmill

The Pearl - 34 units that exit out onto 16th street

Meeting two weeks ago; opinion = matches the zoning and don't want commercial driving through 16th but residential is ok.

Next steps are a little unclear - as soon as DNA hears that it is going to another hearing we will let the email list know so people who have any interest in the project can communicate their opinions

7. Elect new board members!

End of minutes.