

# Downtown Neighborhoods Association



## DNA Board Monthly Meeting

The monthly Board meetings of the Downtown Neighborhoods Association have been changed to the first Monday of each month and will begin at 5:30 PM. Until a permanent location can be identified, we will meet at 901 Roma Ave. NW

When Mon, May 01 2023 at 5:30 PM

Location: 901 Roma Ave NW, 901 Roma Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102-1941, USA

Chairperson Danny Senn

Minute taker Trudi Wieduwilt

Present Karen Foss , Julie Henss , Carol Johnson , MONACO KAY , Corine Leger , William David Saiz , Beverly Salas (Vice Chair, Home Tour) , Glen Salas (Treasurer) , Danny Senn (Chair)

Apologies Beth Black & Gail Stockman , Richard Eager

Unconfirmed Downtown Albuquerque News

## Minutes

### 1. Approve Agenda

motion to approve agenda by Corrine and seconded by Danny. All in favor. Motion carries

### 2. Approve Treasurer Report

Glenn gave treasury report: \$1300 (I'll get the exact amount next time) in bank with income last month of \$200 plus and over \$300 for February. Kay moved to approve treasury report. Seconded by Bev. All in favor. Motion carried

### 3. Speaker- Police Dept

No speaker attended

#### 4. **Old Business- Pearl Project**

Kay reported the Pearl Project is Jay Rembe multi-housing on Central just west of Laguna. Many DNA members and several neighbors within our area were in attendance. The main complaint is the traffic and parking disruption in the quiet neighborhood on 16th with the cul-de-sac. Rembe is currently proposing the end of 16th street as the only entrance and exit to the entire complex. Several houses have on street parking only. There is only room for single traffic to pass between the normal cars that park on both sides of the street. Carol lives on the cul-de-sac and says it's only half a block long and narrower than other streets like 12th or Fruit. Martin is a developer and lives on Central next to where Rembe wants to build. He gave a report with photos of how 2 cars cannot pass side by side on 16th. He also had a bio of the Saizes who have owned their house since 40's or 50s when he began working at the rail yards. A major impact for them, and other residences, is the potential elimination of street parking because fire and safety says they would eliminate the street parking on one side of the street as two cars cannot pass on the street. Martin has photos showing there is no room for two cars to come and go at the same time.

Another concern is the zero setbacks on two sides that will greatly affect the properties bordering the proposed building(s) and the potential fire hazard. One of those properties is owned by Martin.

From the reports given by Kay and Martin we learned that the plans have not been approved by the planning and zoning commission yet. We also learned that the Huning Castle NA was able to get Rembe to change his ingress and egress to Central for The Franz 3 story apartments project instead of his original plan through a lot he purchased so along Laguna.

Although the DNA has no legal influence, we do have a political influence. Not one person at the meeting expressed concern over the building itself. I believe we heard from some neighbors that 3 stories is preferred over the 4 stories proposed, but the voices seem to be in favor of the project. It truly is the concern of increases in traffic and people through the old, established peaceful neighborhood and side street that has residences upset.

Martin expressed the ask of our help in communicating to DNA members when the planning or council meetings were taking place, communicating the progress of the development to our members, and also drafting supportive letters in solidarity of the concerns as discussed.

Marin will get us contact information for Catalina Loehner.

#### 5. **Old Business- Purchase Projector for DNA Meeting**

Projector - What is our budget? Do we want wifi connection? Martin has offered the use of his projector if we would like to try it out - HDMI connection. Danny will get with Martin to try it out.

##### **Tasks**

- Danny to get with Martin to test out his projector  
Assignee: Danny Senn  
Due date: Sat, Jun 03 2023

## 6. **Old Business- Discuss Ideas regarding vests to identify board members**

Nametags or vests as ways to identify us. Glen will check on companies that can print the DNA on the back. printed vests that can be passed on the other members. Corine said Lowes has worker bright colored vests for pretty cheap

### **Tasks**

- ✓ Glen to check on companies that can print logo on back of vests  
Assignee: Glen Salas  
Due date: Sat, Jun 03 2023

## 7. **Old Business- Newsletter Discussion**

electronic? What would it look like? Karen said - start with once every other month - Raynolds does an email newsletter. Quarterly? Updates on our specific goings on and offer street gatherings - ways to meet your neighbors. Karen Foss and Kay Monaco and Julie Henss volunteered to work on it

### **Tasks**

- ✓ Rough draft of a newsletter Karen, Kay, and Julie  
Assignee: Karen Foss  
Due date: Sat, Jun 03 2023
- ✓ Rough draft of a newsletter Karen, Kay, and Julie  
Assignee: MONACO KAY  
Due date: Sat, Jun 03 2023
- ✓ rough draft of a newsletter Karen, Kay, and Julie  
Assignee: Julie Henss  
Due date: Sat, Jun 03 2023

## 8. **Old Business- Clean Up Day review**

I'm not sure if I missed something or we didn't really talk about this

## 9. **New Business- Home Tour/create agenda.**

June 2024. This is how we get money to fund the 8th and Forrester halloween and other projects we fund.

Fee was \$18 in advance and \$20 at day of event. This price included transportation so we could probably do 10 to 15 for a walking tour. Bev has 5 names for the volunteer of the garden tours. Glenn thought we had names of those who volunteered for 2020 that was cancelled due to COVID. Bev and Glenn will follow up to see if those people would be interested in volunteering for 2024

Categories for volunteers needed : home selection of docents, transportation, advertising, parking, we can print out tickets thru TidyHQ,

We are in favor of combining the garden and home tour.

#### **10. New Business- MRA Update**

An idea was brought up to send letters to the scientology folks who own the Gizmo building to promote selling building to the city - Kay will find a email or physical address so we can promote folks to write letters to please sell so we can revitalize our downtown.

MRA - metropolitan redevelopment agency Terry is the director

##### **Tasks**

- Kay to find email or physical address for Scientology owgners of Gizmo Bld  
Assignee: MONACO KAY  
Due date: Sat, Jun 03 2023

#### **11. New Business- Dicuss Retreat**

We settled on a brainstorming session for Saturday, June 3 10 to noon or 1 to 3?

#### **12. New Business- Glass Recycling**

Trudi to find out if we can get a bin in Downtown area

##### **Tasks**

- Trudi to talk to someone about glass recycling rolloff for DT  
Assignee: Trudi Wieduwilt  
Due date: Sat, Jun 03 2023

#### **13. New Business- Future Meeting Place**

Harwood is interested in helping and we can meet with them Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday - Kay will email them and set up the date for week of Mary 15th to get a tour.

##### **Tasks**

- Kay to get tour of Harwood meeting space set up and get back to us  
Assignee: MONACO KAY  
Due date: Sat, May 20 2023

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*End of minutes.*

*Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.*

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## Summary of Matters Arising

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