

Downtown Neighborhoods Association



Downtown Neighborhoods Association Monthly Meeting

The monthly public Downtown Neighborhoods Association meeting is a place where the public and DNA board meet to discuss opportunities, issues, and events.

Please come to the next one! RSVP not required!

*If you wish to speak at the meeting, please give a 24hr notice so we can add you to the agenda

When Mon, Dec 09 2024 at 5:30 PM

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

Chairperson Danny Senn

Minute taker Beverly Salas

Present Benjamin Bean , Karen Foss , Sylvia Holguin (Vice Chair) , Julie King , Nancy magnusson , Beverly Salas (Secretary), Glen Salas (Treasurer), George Senn

Apologies Arlene , Nancy

Unconfirmed Helga Fenzl , Danielle Gonzales , David Keleher

Minutes

1. Approve November meeting minutes

Attending the meeting: Sylvia Holguin, Bev Salas, Glen Salas, Nancy Magnusson, Kelly Holguin, Karen Foss, Barbara Saville, Julie King, Bernie King, Melanie Lewis, Melodie Damour, Colin V, Ben Bean, Margaret Connealy

Decision

Approved with spelling correction.

2. Approve Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was unanimously approved. Bought some items for the CommUnity Trees. We have an EIN #, waiting for official 501C-3 status. In our bank account: \$12,432.

3. Lew Wallace update

Melanie, Lew Wallace Community Liaison, reported... Career Week Feb; Fine Arts Week, March Melanie said there may be an artists' studio tour in the future.

4. CommUnity Trees Project update

Board members Bev Salas and Nancy Magnusson spent two days at Lew Wallace Elementary School working with 3rd and 4th grade students. The first day students were engaged in a conversation about "community" and elicited words they associated with community. The second day the children painted their community word on a piece of tree bark, then the pieces of bark were hung on the tree outside the entrance to the school.

Tasks

- ✓ Melanie Lewis will schedule another Tree project event
Assignee: Melanie Lewis
Due date: Fri, Jan 31 2025

5. Mayor's office update

Mayor Tim Keller's Field Rep, Markela Clinton, gave us handouts on Crime and Safety. Mayor Keller said Markela is our contact on all issues. The Mayor spoke about the upcoming City Council vote on the downtown being designated a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) area. The Mayor stated, "If you care about what happens downtown, you should support this bill."

The mayor also said:

1. The a vote would come in the Spring to support the downtown as a BID (business improvement district). BIDs are more operational in implementation. They finance clean-up, tree beautification, storefront facade beautification, restaurants on sidewalks, etc.
2. A downtown dog park was going into the empty lot across from the Silver St. grocery. This park will be viable for two years, after which a housing project will begin construction.
3. Lomas is slated for speed cameras.
4. The Rails to Trails is a 12 phase project. Currently, we are in Phase1.
5. Neighbor Ben Bean asked the mayor how we could support these efforts. Write a letter to DOT.
6. Housing of the homeless has risen to 1,000 capacity; next year capacity will be at 2,000.
7. Homicides are down due to a 95% clearance rate on finding the perpetrators.
8. Shoplifting and broken windows are up.

Decision

The DNA would write a letter of support as would various members.

Tasks

- ✓ Write a letter of support for bills R-24-102 and R-24-103
Assignee: Beverly Salas
Due date: Fri, Dec 13 2024

6. Review Meeting with 16th Street neighbors

After meeting with our neighbors who live on and around 16th street regarding the Pearl Project and presenting to the full group the options Jay Rembe was willing to consider for construction, the neighbors unanimously agreed that NO entrance or exit on 16th St. should be allowed. It is unclear how they will proceed forward.

7. Club Runner update

Freebee until January 10th. Board will meet Sunday, Dec. 15th, 2-5 for a Club Runner workshop.

Tasks

- ✓ Nancy and Eric will walk us through certain functions
Assignee: Eric Carson
Due date: Sun, Dec 15 2024

8. Continue Discussion on DNA Projects

Recruitment committee's (RC) goal is to bring more people to the table = meetings, to get more people involved in our community. Recruitment events, strategies, laundry list of ideas will be presented to the Board. RC will present timeline at next meeting.

Ben Bean wondered about blocking off traffic around Mary Fox Park. Nancy said it was a very difficult process.

Gino Lucian Park Supervisor, Sylvia, Gino visiting MFP tomorrow and will take suggestions to the forestry project.

Tasks

- ✓ Follow up on Gino's assessment of what can be done for the health of the park AND to replace the bulletin board.

Assignee: Sylvia Holguin

Due date: Mon, Jan 13 2025

End of minutes.

Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.

Minutes of Downtown Neighborhoods Association Monthly Meeting on Mon, Dec 09 2024

Summary of Matters Arising

Decisions

Item	Decision
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Tasks

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5.	Write a letter of support for bills R-24-102 and R-24-103	Beverly Salas	Fri, Dec 13 2024
7.	Nancy and Eric will walk us through certain functions	Eric Carson	Sun, Dec 15 2024
8.	Follow up on Gino's assessment of what can be done for the health of the park AND to replace the bulletin board.	Sylvia Holguin	Mon, Jan 13 2025