

DNA Meeting Minutes Monday, November 10th, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order by President, Sylvia Holguin.
2. Board members and community members introduced themselves. Present were: Sylvia Holguin, Glen Salas, Bev Salas, Karen Foss, Danny Senn, Nancy Magnusson, Ben Bean, Peter Rice, Leila Salim, Jerry Bowe, Nathan Molina, Dana Van Tilborg, Margaret Connolly, David Keleher, Amy Richardson, Nathan Masek, Councilor Joaquin Baca.
3. **The minutes** from October's meeting were approved for posting on our website.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Glen gave report. We currently have \$9, 393.00 in our account.
5. No update from Mayor's Office
6. **Zoning Report:** Nothing to report this month.
7. Update from **Forrester Halloween** – A good time was had by all. It was a wonderful community gathering event.
8. **CommUnity Trees** – The DNA (Nancy and Bev) will be collaborating with Dolores Gonzalez Elementary School the week of November 17th. We will be working with 100 students: two Fifth Grade classes and two Fourth Grade classes. The first time we meet with the students we will have conversations about community. The second time we meet with them we will paint their chosen words on their tree bark ornaments.
9. **Alley Beautification** – “Alley Cookbook” about neighborhood alleys: what to do and what not to do. We will focus on “Adopt an Alley” during our annual meeting.
10. **Strong Towns:** Ben Bean discussed the Strong Towns parking campaign...regarding apartments, get minimum parking requirements dissolved. Need one parking space per apartment versus two. Rethink I25 group, getting some greenhouse gas requirements. Housing trying to get updates on the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO, which tells how, where, why) you can build. Setbacks, how tall your bldg. can be, etc. Community Pain Points: Districts 2,6,7 Outer districts get together once a month.
11. **Lew Wallace Update** – Melanie not present but texted Lew Wallace wants to be on the Home Tour if possible. Unfortunately, it is not feasible because all homes and buildings on the tour are north of Lomas.
12. **Carousel Apartments @ 401 14th St are troublesome.** Dana Van Tilborg presents...the corner of 14th and Fruit. The inhabitants knocked out the windows, replacing them with plywood, which is a code violation. What can DNA do about this? Board member Nancy Magnusson has made several 311 calls about the property. The manager has been contacted and has been nonresponsive. Contact Code or Zoning. Councilor Baca came

after the discussion. We showed him the facility; he said he would see what he can do. Glen said he will follow up.

13. **Downtown traffic pattern/plan:** Nathan Molina from Councilor Baca’s office discussed the changes to traffic lights and Stop signs downtown. Councilor Baca arrived in the middle of the discussion. He shared several possibilities for making the streets safer, discussed the proposed changes to Broadway, and seemed to welcome comments about adding signage saying that pedestrians have the right-of-way, also leaving 8th Street NW as a 2-way street.
14. **Food Bank drives:** People are getting SNAP benefits again. Roadrunner food drive went 30% over their goal. Rio Grande food bank also can use donations. APS (Albuquerque Public Schools) also distributes food donations which can be dropped off at 1504 Roma, NW.
15. **Home Tour Update:** Bev showed a map marked with the homes, galleries and other establishments currently on the Home Tour for 2026. Thanks to the hard work of Danny Senna and Karen Foss we now have 8 homes, two art galleries, Harwood and the Brothers on our Tour.
16. **New Business:** Bev asked permission to use the DNA name to petition Gabe (the First Friday Artwalk coordinator) to put Old Walls Gallery on the First Friday Artwalk map.
17. **Adjournment**

Agenda

#	Topic	Presenter/Owner	Time	Follow-up Actions
1	Call to Order	Sylvia Holguin	1 min	
2	Introduction of Board Members/ Attendees	Sylvia Holguin	2 min	
3	Approval of Meeting Minutes	Beverly Salas	2 min	Board to approve & po
4	Treasurer’s Report	Glen Salas	3 min	Board to approve & po
5	Update from the Mayor’s office	Markela Clinton	10 min	
6	Zoning Committee Report	Eric Carson	10 min	
7	Forrester Halloween Event update	Sylvia Holguin	2 min	
6	Community Trees update	Beverly Salas	5 min	
7	Alley Beautification Project	Danny Senn	2 min	
8	Strong Towns Update	Ben Bean	5 min	

9	Lew Wallace update	Melanie Lewis	2 min	
10	Carousel Apartments @ 401 14 th St.	Danny Senn	10 min.	
11	Downtown traffic pattern/plan	Nathan Molina	15 min.	
12	Food bank drives	Karen Foss	10 min	
13	2026 Historic Home Tour update	Beverly Salas	15 min	
14	Website tutorial	Eric Carson	1 min	
15	New Business	All	2 min	
16	Adjournment	Sylvia Holguin	NA	Next meeting: TBD