

Albuquerque Downtown Neighborhoods Association

Monthly Meeting October 13, 2025

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 & post
4	Treasurer's Report	Glen Salas	3 min	Board to approve & post
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	APS Board Candidate	Rebecca Betzen	5 min	
11	Annual Fall Event date	Sylvia Holguin	5 Min	Board to decide on date
12	2026 Historic Home Tour update	Beverly Salas	15 min	
13	Website tutorial	Eric Carson	1 min	
14	New Business	All	2 min	
15	Adjournment	Sylvia Holguin	NA	Next meeting: Nov. 10 th .

1. The meeting was called to order by the DNA President, Sylvia Holguin
2. Also present at the meeting were: Eric Carson, VP; Glen Salas, Treasurer; Beverly Salas, Secretary; Kristin Shiplet, Nancy Magnusson, Kelly Hogeland, Danny Senn, Peter Rice, Melanie Lewis, Jerry Bowe , Mary Ellen Fresquez, Rebecca Betzen.
3. **Approval of September meeting** minutes by unanimous vote.
4. **Treasurer's report** current balance: \$9,398.51. Approved unanimously.
5. **Update from Mayor's office:** Markela Clinton..." Road Diet" survey a few months ago. Markela shared *National Guard Fact Sheet*...Thursday-Saturday APD helicopter that circles 10-4 pm, Kristin Shiplet brought up the issue, Markela agreed to inquire about the reasons for the APD helicopter presence. ABQ Outdoor Safe Spaces? (see website)
6. **Zoning Committee update:** Eric gave the update.
7. **Forrester Halloween Event:** \$1,000 donated by the DNA.
8. **CommUnity Trees update:** Nancy met Amy from Delores Gonzalez Elementary School who wants us to do a CommUnity Tree with their 4th and 5th grades. Nancy and Bev will meet with Amy on October 29.
9. **Alley Beautification Project** – Danny reporting: Danny, Glen, Kelly, Bev, Nick and Corine met at Mary Fox Park and proceeded to clean up 3-4 alleys in our neighborhood. City of ABQ provided great equipment for the clean-up. Danny suggested we develop interest at our annual meeting. Alley "cookbook." About how to take care of our

alleys. A lot of weeds, and/or trash in some alleys plus fences falling down. Send photos to 311 if you see an alley that needs attention. They will send a notice to the homeowner. Kristen suggested DNA offers “grants” to homeowners to fix their fence, etc. Solid waste responsive about weeds in the neighborhood alleys.

10. **Strong Towns Update:** Ben Bean absent due to new baby. Congratulations!
11. **Low Wallace Update Melanie Lewis, community coordinator,** Fall Festival October 24th Friday 6-8, looking for donations of candy and/or Halloween decorations, the event includes a *Cake Walk*. LW looking for donations of baked goods.
12. **APS Board, District 3, candidate Rebecca Betzen...** Educator, native NM, veteran teacher of APS, husband also a teacher, all children attending APS, priorities...fight school vouchers, keep public schools public, keep schools safe, keep ICE out of schools, stronger support of educators. Ms. Betzen would be *the only public school educator* on the Board. Go to her website: *friendsofrebecca.com*. Endorsed by respected democrats...
13. **Annual Fall Event** to replace Neighborhood Night Out (too hot in August in downtown Albuquerque. The Board voted to hold the Fall Event on a Saturday, Oct. 17^{th, 2026} 4-6 PM.
14. **2026 Historic Home Tour Update:** Homes identified
 - a. 806 Mountain Road NW
 - b. 420 Granite Ave. NW
 - c. 1503 Marble Ave. NW
 - d. 1004 Forrester Ave. NW
15. **Website tutorial:** Eric looking for Board members to tell him what we what to learn.
16. **Roadrunner Food/Money Drive:** Eric attached the link on our website. Kelly sent out a wonderful letter to our constituency.
17. What do we want to do for December? To be discussed at November meeting.
18. Neighbor Jerry Bowe brought up the issue of stop signs versus signal lights and the confusion the City is creating. Can we look at a map and the associated issues at next meeting? Sylvia will invite Joaquin Baca to next meeting to address these issues and bring along with a map.

~ **CPC meetings fourth Thursday of the month. They take place at the Barelás Community Center.**

~ **Nathan Molina’s family had a baby. Nathan is Councilmember Joaquin Baca’s executive assistant.**