

Minutes of the DNA's September Meeting

(numbers relate to Agenda, found below)

1, 2: Meeting of the DNA Board called to order. Present: Sylvia Holguin, Beverly Salas, Glen Salas, Susan Deichsel, Dick Deichsel, Karen Foss, Nancy Magnusson, Danny Senn, Margaret Connelly, Kristin Shiplet, Eric Carson, Rowan Carson, Leila Salim, Kelly Hogeland, Danielle Gonzales

3,4: July's meeting minutes and the Treasurer's report were approved unanimously . The DNA funds stand at \$11,250.

5. No update from the Office of the Mayor. Markela not present

6. **Zoning Committee:** Eric gave a report. Sept. 16th (see below)*

7. **Forrester Halloween event:** The Board approved \$850 to be donated to the homes on Forrester for candy.

8. **CommUnity Trees** – One of DNA's neighbors contacted us through our website and requested CommUnity ornaments be hung on one of her street trees. Beverly made a plea to the attendees to consider having one of their trees be decorated with painted bark and stick "ornaments."

9. Danny reported on the "**Adopt an Alley**" beautification project. Neighbors will meet at Mary Fox Park on Saturday, Sept 27th 8 am where they will receive gloves, trash bags, trash grabbers provided by the City of ABQ. Attendees are encouraged to bring a hat and water bottle.

10. No update regarding Strong Towns.

11. **Low Wallace:** Melanie asked the DNA for, and was granted, \$1,000 for their Fall Festival, Attendance Incentives, and other worthwhile projects.

12. Danielle Gonzales, a **District 3 candidate for APS School Board** (currently on the Board) made a presentation, basically asking for our vote.

13. Eric requested that **we each send to him what we need to, or would like to learn about using and editing our DNA website**. Once he has a better idea of everyone's needs, he can figure out the best way to help us.

14. The DNA Board has agreed that because it seems that early August heat is always too hot downtown, we will no longer participate in the National Neighborhood Night Out. We will, instead, hold our own neighborhood-building event in late September. At the next Board, meeting members to recommend dates (in between State Fair and Hot Air Balloon Fiesta) for the event.

15. **Historic Homes Tour 2026:** Beverly stated that Glen and she will serve again as the overall Chair for organizing the Home Tour.

The Board agreed the ticket prices should be Pre-sale \$20; Day of price \$25; Children under 12 Free

We will use a stamp on the patron's hand as identification they are on the tour.

Booties provided at the request of the homeowners.

She described the committees and asked for volunteers to head each committee. They are as follows:

Advertising (media) – Glen Salas

Advertising (brochure) – each board member should find a business to advertise in the brochure.

Brochure design – Eric Carson

Bus/Cable Car – to be decided if we want to hire one, once we have a better idea of the houses involved.

Docents – Karen Foss

Home Owner Connections – Danny Senn

Map – Nancy Magnusson

Set up/Clean up – The Board

Signage – Nancy Magnusson

Ticketing – Susan and Dick Deichsel

Schools, Homes, and other buildings currently identified as “potential” for the Tour (not all “locked in” yet):

Lew Wallace Elementary School, Harwood Art Center

806 Gallery – Angus Macpherson – 806 Mountain Road NW

Sylvia Holguin – 1503 Marble Ave. NW

Brad Otis on Forrester – Danny will talk with him about his rental as well as other homeowners around him.

Laura and Richard – Roma House – 1211 Roma Ave. NW

We will once again offer books for free (with donation boxes nearby) at the homes on the tour.

The September meeting of the Board was adjourned at 6:30 pm

**** DNA Zoning Committee Meeting Sept 8th 2025**

1220 Fruit - Replacing chain link fence

401 Lomas Blvd NW and 801 4th ST NW

Bern Co Metro Court "vacating right of way" behind building.

Applying for ZMA to move floating zone line within property

2021 Old Town Road - Applying for a small wall permit

420 Central Ave SW (5th and central) Currently Effex Night Club

Owners are transferring a beer license. and need a waiver bc it is 300ft from school

601 Gold Ave SW (5th and central) Currently Boese Brothers Brewery

Brewery Owners are seeking an off premises beer license. and need a waiver bc it is 300ft from school

714 Slate Ave NW - Replacing Shingle Roof

16th and Central updates

Per Martin's request, Eric has requested building permits for the site from Buildingsafetyapplications@cabq.gov .

He has have not received a response.

Martin owes Eric a phone call. They have not connected on the phone or in person

Framing is going up at the site

1701 Central - Seeking solar rights permit to skylights in building. ZMH hearing 9/16 on Zoom.

Martin has asked for our support, so Eric will attend this Zoom meeting

Albuquerque Downtown Neighborhoods Association

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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	Sylvia Holguin	2 min	
8	Community Trees update	Beverly Salas	5 min	
9	Alley Beautification Project	Danny Senn	2 min	
10	Strong Towns Update	Ben Bean	5 min	
11	Lew Wallace donation request	Melanie Lewis	2 min	
12	2026 Historic Home Tour	Beverly Salas	15 min	
13	APS Update	Danielle Gonzales	5 min	
14	Website tutorial	Sylvia Holguin	1 min	
15	New Business	All	2 min	
16	Adjournment	Sylvia Holguin	NA	Next meeting: Oct. 13 th .