

Del Webb Mirehaven Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting Summary/Minutes
March 19, 2023
DWM Amenities Center

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- Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by President Randy Verble at 4:05 pm, with approximately 75+ in attendance, including all nine current Board members (Randy Verble, Elizabeth Smith-Chavez, Mike Thomas, Margaret Shogry, Jim Hulburt, Jean Kelley, Martha Hine, Nita Pandit, and Barbara Johnson). Minutes were recorded by M. Shogry, Secretary.
- Guest speaker - RV introduced Mr. Pete Gelabert, Crime Prevention Specialist, Albuquerque Police Department (APD), who spoke about the Neighborhood Watch Program and how it works, encouraged residents to get organized within that system. APD interfaces with the Neighborhood Watch block captains on a regular basis, and signs are available for \$45. He distinguished the difference between 911 calls (emergency), 242-COPS calls for service (non-emergency, crimes not in progress), 311 (also non-emergency, but to report anything else to the City, that needs to be addressed). When asked about crime statistics, he responded that they are available at crimemapping.com.
- Approval of minutes from March 27, 2022 and September 18, 2022 membership meetings. There was a motion and a second from the membership to approve, passed by unanimous vote.
- President's report - Randy Verble
 1. Regarding issues with Pulte, RV reported that he got so many concerns from residents, that the NA needed to listen to and try to respond. He explained the efforts to date that the NA board has taken, including communications (documents and photo evidence) with New Mexico Attorney General's Office, City of Albuquerque Code Enforcement (Planning Department), City Council representative Louie Sanchez. All efforts lead to either no response or dead ends. But the NA board's concerns were also shared with the Transition Committee (TC) who is working with the HOA board. Those concerns were included in the TC report to the HOA board.
 2. Update on Traffic Circle: design work to be finalized late spring of 2023. A drawing of the project was shared and RV reported that the areas to be landscaped will be done so in a manner consistent with existing landscaping. Construction is slated for late summer, early fall, with completion within 4-6 months after construction begins, maybe early 2024. We will provide updates as we get them in the future.
 3. Amending by-laws at next NA meeting in September: By-laws amendments necessary to reflect the changes in the City's Neighborhood Recognition Ordinance which prohibits collection of dues for ability to vote. Residents do need to sign up to be members, and donations are acceptable to help the NA meet expenses, but the requirement of dues for ability to vote will be removed from the By-laws.
 4. Thank you for submitting suggestions to the NA board: RV reviewed the list of suggestions members sent in for possible projects for the NA to pursue. He also suggested that members consider working on the various projects, as board members are already involved and it makes our community stronger.
 5. DWMNA website: RV reviewed the NA web address and contents of website.
- Treasurer's and Membership Report - Mike Thomas

Mike reported that we have 420 registered voting members in the NA. 800 residents have not joined, encourage your neighbors to consider joining. We are currently looking for a new bank that is a better fit for us re: fees.

- Email system update - Jim Hulburt

Jim explained the systems we are using, along with its limitations. We moved from a free version to a paid subscription which is better meeting our needs. We have 670 homeowners on our mailing list. 50% of our emails get opened. If you want to be added to the email list please let us know, we'll be happy to add you.

- WSCONA report - Jean Kelley, Martha Hine

Jean explained that the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (WSCONA) is comprised of 29 Neighborhood Associations on the west side of Albuquerque who regularly communicate with the Albuquerque City Council, Mayor and the State Legislature.

Martha reported that WSCONANM.org is their new web address and their meetings are currently held by zoom. The kinds of issues WSCONA addresses are land use, west side development, crime, affordable housing, homeless issues, changes in zoning regulations. She didn't have an update on State legislature because the session just ended on Saturday 3/18, but we do have great representatives in the legislature right now who are familiar with and have been supported by our community. nmlegislature.gov can be accessed for a legislative update. Martha and Jean both encouraged interested residents to get involved.

- Election of Board members -

RV explained that there are 3 current members of the Board who have declared their candidacy to be reappointed. Teresa Tutlewski nominated herself from the floor and explained her background. Her motion was seconded and she explained that she is a relatively new resident, a 30-year resident of Albuquerque, business owner, and looks forward to finding out more about the NA and wants to do what she can to help. RV moved to vote on the entire slate of candidates at once (Randy Verble, Jean Kelley, Nita Pandit and Teresa Tutlewski). His motion was seconded and the four candidates were elected by unanimous vote. (!!)

- Questions and Answers -

RV spoke about the Neighborhood Watch program and offered that the NA Board is willing to help get the program set up further in our neighborhood, even will help create email lists. We will send out more information and solicit new Block Captains as blocks get organized.

One neighbor stated that her neighbors watched her home while she was gone for 9 months and she greatly appreciated it. Another resident noted that when contractors show up at Phase 2 gate, it is helpful to just tell them they should be at the main gate. Yet another resident noted that if you see suspicious activity to get relevant info and report to APD. Someone asked if we could get a map that shows which blocks are organized and which are not.

Discussion about development in our area; proposal for a huge sign at St. Joseph's and Coors- Martha said WSCONA is fighting it. The area at Western and St. Joseph's is going to be developed soon. The area behind the Presbyterian NOW facility is going to be an Assisted Living facility.

- Closing Comments - Randy Verble

Randy presented Liz Smith-Chavez, outgoing NA Board Vice President with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation for her service on the Board.

- Adjournment - There was a motion and second to adjourn the meeting, approved by unanimous vote at 5:35.