

Del Webb Mirehaven Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting Summary/Minutes
General Membership
March 24, 2024
DWM Amenities Center

APPROVED

Board members present: J. Hulbert, M. Shogry, N. Pandit, M. Hine, J. Kelley, B. Johnson, J. Newell, A. Dabney

Board members absent: M. Thomas

- Call to order and introductions -

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Hulbert at 4:05 and introduced Board members to Association members. He also reminded members that if they are not getting Association email notices to please let us know so they can be added to the mailing list.

- Approve minutes from September 17, 2023 Annual meeting

M. Shogry moved to amend the draft minutes by including the correct date of March 19, 2023 in place of "March ?, 23", and to adopt the amended minutes. N. Pandit seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

- President's report - President J. Hulbert

Tierra Pintada Blvd. and Mirehaven Parkway Roundabout Project: background and history of traffic calming project was reviewed, and update provided. Star Paving Co. is the construction company selected as the contractor, with City of Albuquerque Construction Services overseeing the work. The contract stipulates 210 calendar days for the project to reach substantial completion. A start date is anticipated late Spring-early Summer 2024, depending on how quickly the contractor can acquire necessary materials and schedule crews. The specific day will be provided by the City once it is known. Road closures and detours will be needed at certain times during construction process and will be provided to residents as soon as the City gets the information. An illustration of the project was also provided. The NA (Neighborhood Association) will stay in touch with City contacts as the start date approaches.

Non-profit status: the application for 501(c)(3) status was completed last fall, filing as a Non-Profit has been submitted to State agencies, approval pending.

Neighborhood Watch Program: one of the goals of the NA is to continue to support and help facilitate further development of new Neighborhood Watch teams, especially in Phases 3 and 4. NAs are the official neighborhood block watch agents in community policing partnerships as established by City of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Police Department.

New Committee formed: Neighbor for Neighbor (N4N) committee has been established, effective March 1, 2024. Carolyn Ajie is the Committee Chair, NA board member B. Johnson will serve as Board liaison to the Committee. Carolyn will present later in the meeting.

Community Suggestions: President reviewed list of community suggestions received last fall, reported that the Board is evaluating feasibility and cost.

- Treasurer and Membership Reports - J. Hulbert for M. Thomas, Treasurer

Over the last year the NA had \$400 income, \$595 in expenses, have a current balance of \$5,869.

The NA currently has 436 members, having had 90 new members added in FY/23.

- WSCONA report (West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations) - J. Kelley, M. Hine, A. Dabney

Jean Kelley explained that there are 29 Neighborhood Associations in WSCONA, and our board has 3 representatives who attend (J. Kelley, M. Hine, A. Dabney). The Coalition focuses on development issues, crime, traffic, legislation as it affects the west side of Albuquerque. Speakers and recent successes for WSCONA were reviewed.

Regarding crime, auto theft is running high; Animal Welfare shared about their programs and services; Mayor Keller spoke at the February meeting regarding the homeless issues; APD Commander who participates in the Coalition regularly reported that speed on Unser is a big area of concern for APD. The LNG (Liquid Natural Gas) facility proposal by PNM was heard by the Public Regulatory Commission (PRC) last month and was DENIED. 62 Del Webb Mirehaven homeowners petitioned the PRC to deny, along with the negative comments that were submitted by WSCONA.

M. Hine reported on highlights from the State Legislative session, as discussed at WSCONA meeting.

- Funding appropriated for a wide range of projects and services.
- \$30 million was appropriated for solar tax credits, as the previous funding to EMNRD (Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department of the State of New Mexico) was not adequate. If you missed out on the tax credit (2020-2023), reach out to the company that installed your solar system for help. If you used New Mexico Solar Group, they have gone out of business, but you can contact EMNRD beginning in late May or early June. They will provide a form to be filled out and submitted along with a property tax bill, project invoice, and a copy of the permit from City of Albuquerque.
- Veterans and Seniors: 8.5% increase in recurring funding for Aging and Long Term Services and adds surviving spouses to the tax exemption for armed forces retirement pay.
- New Mexico hasn't had an electric vehicle credit, but one is approved for 2024. Tax credit comes through the dealer, \$5k for new cars, \$2,500 for used cars.

- Election of Board members -

There were 5 positions open, 5 current board members have all declared as candidates: M. Hine, J. Hulbert, B. Johnson, M. Shogry, and M. Thomas. President Hulbert opened the floor for nominations from the floor, of which, there were none. J. Kelley moved to elect the slate of 5 members by acclamation, there was a second from the audience. Motion passed by a unanimous vote by show of hands.

- Neighborhood Watch update - R. Verble

Mr. Verble, who has been working directly with residents to help get new Watch groups started, reported that there are 9 active watch groups, interest in forming more, especially in Phases 3 and 4. He reviewed safety tips from APD, and announced that there will be a Block Captain Spring Conference hosted by City of Albuquerque and he would like to get a group of our Block Captains to attend. He also offered his contact information and NA web address for people interested in starting their Block Watch.

- New Business -

President announced that a new NA Committee has been formed: Neighbor for Neighbor (N4N). Carolyn Ajie is the Chair of the Committee and the Coordinator for the program. She explained what the group will do: offer free support to all residents, especially in emergency situations, gave a list of examples, and provided an email address for questions, volunteer opportunities, or request for services: MirehavenN4N@gmail.com. There is also a page on the NA website where people can volunteer or make requests for service: DWMNA.org.

- Questions & Answers -

- A member asked if the Del Webb Mirehaven Facebook page is replacing any of the information channels that we have talked about in the meeting. Board President stated the Facebook page is not related to NA, our primary communication vehicle is the email newsletter that we send out and our webpage. The Facebook page is not affiliated with either the NA or the HOA.
- A. Gandy, Block Captain for 5 years, encouraged people to report crimes to APD, and when you do, it really helps if you have a Block Captain, so include that information. She reminded members that if you are setting up a Block Watch, you have to get permission from each person if you want to add someone to your NW Block list.

- Closing Comments -
- Difference between NA and HOA was reviewed by President, he encouraged people to attend and participate in both. The NA is comprised of all volunteers, recognized by the City of Alb. as an extension of City government.
- Gate Codes: Please DO NOT share your 4-digit codes with anyone. It was compared to giving out your bank PIN number. Please use your 3-digit code, NOT the 4-digit code. President encouraged people who have shared 4-digit code to ask the HOA for a new code.
- Catalogues provided by the City Department of Senior Affairs are available near the doors, thanks to M. Shogry for getting them.

- Adjourn -

J. Kelley moved to adjourn, seconded by M. Hine, motion passed by unanimous vote.