

Del Webb Mirehaven Neighborhood Association

Annual Meeting Summary/Minutes

March 22, 2025

Sandia Center

APPROVED

Board Members present: Alison Dabney, President; John Newell, Vice President; Martha Hine, Jean Kelley, June Oliverson, Lydia Cote, and 45 association members.

Members absent: Jim Hulbert, Treasurer; Margaret Shogry, Secretary; Nita Pandit.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am by Alison, who welcomed Association Members and introduced Board Members, NA Guest Speaker and City Councillor, Louie Sánchez.

City Councillor, Louie Sánchez of District 1, spent fifty minutes talking and taking questions from residents of Del Webb. Councillor Sánchez was born and raised on the westside of Albuquerque. He worked himself up the ranks in the Albuquerque Police Department until he retired in 2014, and became a small business owner in 2015. Then in 2021 he decided to run for City Councillor. As City Councillor, he said he is saddened to see the state of affairs that the city is in right now. He called out Mayor Tim Keller, for his lack of leadership in handling the car crash of APD Chief Harold Medina, and not holding Medina accountable for his actions. He stated another serious matter is the investigation of the “DWI Scheme”. Mayor Tim Keller nor Chief Harold Medina said they knew of this corruption in the city, which he stated had been going on for decades. Sánchez talked about the homelessness in the city which he said contributes to serious crime such as gangs/cartels, massive drug problems of fentanyl, homicides, stabbings, prostitution, shoplifting, car break-ins and more. He stated city money had been thrown into programs to help end homelessness and crime, which he called “trendy programs”, and that they have failed. He credited himself with assisting in the closing of Coronado Park, off of I-40, which he said was plagued with open drug use and violent crimes. He recognized Chris Patterson, APD Commander assigned to the northwest side of town, who has been extremely helpful with crime as a resource to the community. Sanchez introduced Policy Analyst, Brandon MacEachen who is a community contact for questions or suggestions and can be reached at (505)768-3111.

Sixty million to eighty million dollars have been spent on improvements on the northwest side of town ranging from sidewalks, the roundabout on Tierra Pintada, Ladera City Golf Course, and more. Also soon to be constructed is the Ken Sánchez Westside Sports Complex to include several basketball and volleyball courts. It will host a variety of local and regional tournaments and special events for youth and family.

In the next two weeks Councilor Sánchez says he will be throwing his hat in for the mayoral election. He said Albuquerque is at the top of the list for the most violent city in the United States. As Mayor, his goals are to lead with integrity, work on economic development, decrease crime numbers, and make our city safer by growing a professional police department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from September 29, 2024 general membership meeting, motion to approve made by Jean Kelley seconded by June Oliverson, approved unanimously.

TREASURE REPORT and MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Closing balance was stated as \$4765.36. Membership is voluntary, we take donations but no dues are required. Current DWMNA Membership is at 468 individuals.

DWMNA KEEPS TABS- Alison

...A report is upcoming this summer from West Mesa Community Planning Area Assessment, final steps to review Actions and Policies for the westside.

...Free Shredding on May 24, 10:00 am at Amenities.

...Participation from nearby NAs on the Tierra Pintada Roundabout Art Sculpture.

...Approval of Savio Ridge, 60 acres located off of Tierra Pintada, for 327 homes.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

There are four positions open, two board members will step down, Jean Kelley and Nita Pandit. Two members have declared as candidates, John Newell and Alison Dabney. Alison opened the floor for nominations, of which, there were not any. By a show of hand, a vote to reelect John and Alison was unanimous for a two-year term. Members were reminded that two board seats are empty to be filled.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH- John, Coordinator

John talked about the Neighborhood Watch Program and the importance of it, followed by questions. If anyone sees suspicious activity they can call 242-COPS(non-emergency) or 911(emergency). He said your block/area watch captains are key because they notify that incident by text or email to residents of the block/area, and other watch captains of the neighborhood who let their block/area residents know. Del Webb Neighborhood Watch Program is sanctioned with the City and APD. Activities coming up will be the quarterly watch captain meeting on April 12, 2025, open to anyone, and National Night Out in August. Also John mentioned Captain's Corner in the Mire Newsletter, a segment to help improve security in our neighborhood. John is ready to talk anytime to residents at the Amenities, or at backyard events.

WSCONA REPORT- Martha

WSCONA (West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations) has been focused on two major topics for the past several months. One of which is the West Mesa Film Studios located at Double Eagle Airport. WSCONA works with Integrated Development Ordinances(IDO),a CABQ group, which oversees zoning and regulations to govern land use and development. The main concern for area residents, WSCONA, and Tribal Groups is that it poses a threat to the Petroglyph Monument and surrounding open space. Martha said West Mesa Film Studios plans to move forward after the Albuquerque City Council vote. Another bill O-24-69 is a proposal about an affordable housing development in the neighborhood. WSCONA has been against it, because it strips appeal rights from HOAs and individual property owners. Ultimately the bill did pass, allowing more housing to address the shortage.

RAFFLE AND ADJOURNMENT

Four fire blankets prizes were awarded to conclude the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.