

Reasons to Keep the DWMNA

1. DWMNA is fully established, since 2017 as a result of the work of many residents. The communication network is established (email: dwmnanm@gmail.com), the website is established (dwmna.org), membership data base is established, treasury is established. Everything is in place, only needs to be maintained.
2. DWMNA is legally authorized by the City of Albuquerque, established as part of the local government. As such we receive notice of issues that will impact our neighborhood, early in the processes, and have the right to request more information, a thorough hearing, and participate in decision making. HOAs are not eligible to coordinate on this level with the City. Without DWMNA, our community has no standing and receives no notification. It would not be in our best interest to relinquish legal protections and connections.
3. Participation is totally voluntary; anyone choosing to forego the opportunity is free to do so. However, that choice should remain available to those who DO want to participate, no matter how many or few people that may be.
4. Concerns about lack of interest in serving on the Board of Directors are overstated. DWMNA By-laws require/allow for 3-9 members. There are currently 5 Directors in place; 4 additional members have submitted applications to serve and could be appointed immediately by the current Board.
5. Deconstructing and then reconstructing functions of the NA is not a good use of our time or energy. The reconstruction would put the community in a weaker position because it will not have the legal authority or recognitions that we currently enjoy. This refers to Neighborhood Watch, City development matters, City election forums, and participation in the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations as individuals or an HOA rather than a NA.
6. Development issues are ongoing, especially on the west side of Albuquerque. Additionally, other issues (crime, traffic, safety, etc.) can pop up at any time, and having an official link to the City of Albuquerque through DWMNA allows us the right to participate in decisions that impact us.
7. Our neighborhood was encouraged by both the Mayor and our City Councilor to create a Neighborhood Association in 2017, and we are supported by the City Council's Office of Neighborhood Coordination.
8. Realtors consider having an NA as an asset, it shows stability in the community and helps protect property values.
9. The purpose of the DWMNA, as stated in the By-laws is to protect and enhance property values and safety in the neighborhood. Having a Neighborhood Association provides a level of connection and communication in our community to those ends.

Reasons to Dissolve the Neighborhood Association

1. Resident participation in Member's meetings of March and September was very low; less than 8 people.
2. Many residents are retired and not concerned with City Government or what the NA does.
3. Many residents confuse the NA with the HOA.
4. NA's are for development, safety and infrastructure, which are currently not top resident concerns.
5. NA was useful when the homes were very new (2017-2020) and when roundabout was needed.
6. The value to the community versus the value to a few interested residents should be considered.
7. The NA has asked several times for new members without success. However, now a few volunteers appear.
8. Membership no longer has a fee, and donations have been low.
9. The small group of interested residents can form their own monitoring group and join WSCONA, where their voice is stronger than any one Neighborhood Association.
10. The small group can hold election forums.
11. Neigh. Watch can continue to be part of Neighbor 4 Neighbor.
12. What City planning and development actually affects Del Webb Mirehaven? Getting a grocery store is not part of this equation.