

## **Minutes from FWNA Monthly Board and Neighbors Meeting June 27th, 2025, 6:00 pm**

Held at Enchantment Dancing 337 San Pedro Dr NE 87108

Board members present: Nick Hamill-president, Barbara Hroza-vice president, Kyle Gordon-secretary, Hillary Malu, Emily Stafford, Kathy Jackson, Paul Sanchez, Joseline Loera, Jim Farmin.

Neighbors present: Chip Hindi, Robert Donovan, Jena Marquez-Donovan, Kim Snitker, Marcia Badowski, Anita Shenkman, Nick Roehrman.

- Nick called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with a welcome to all.
- Minutes from May 22<sup>nd</sup> monthly meeting were approved.
- Treasury report - \$365 balance.
- Discussion and approval to combine Events, Membership/Outreach, and Clean-Up committees.
- Events/Outreach Committee:
  - Discussion and approval to combine National Night Out and Ice Cream Social, fostering greater neighborhood participation. National Night Out is Tuesday August 5th.
  - Discussion and approval to hold the Neighborhood-wide Yard Sale during State Fair, fostering greater shopper response, Saturday September 6th.
  - Discussion regarding ideas for smaller spontaneous neighborhood meetings: movie night in the park, open mic night, karaoke, block-wide yard sales, food truck night, block party, regular coffee meet, local bands performances, dance night.
  - Rob Donovan suggested a Thursday 7-8pm or Saturday am Meet & Greet, July 10<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Events/Outreach Committee, and Website Committee:
  - Discussion regarding best way to communicate smaller and larger events. Numerous options to meet a variety of neighbors' preferred communication style: facebook, e-mail list serve, newsletter in the take-one box at the park, flyers posted in the neighborhood, website postings. Further discussion next meeting on how to determine internal emails to board members and those actively involved in FWNA activities. And external, more general notices of goings-on to the larger community via email list-serve. Suggestion to create a dedicated FWNA email address where neighbors could submit info of goings-on, and a designated FWNA member could then post to website, facebook.
- Fairgrounds Committee:
  - Agreement to discuss State Fair parking at next month's meeting.
  - Brief Fairgrounds update: New Mexico State awarded an RFP to Stantec. They will do an in-depth study of possibilities for the future of the Fairgrounds over the next nine months. There will be a formal meeting Thurs. July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 at African American Pavilion, Fairgrounds, open to the public. RSPP is following and sharing Fairground updates. Pete Bolleto of D6 Coalition will be involved.

- Pollinators in the Neighborhood: Hillary will reach out to Elizabeth Reed re: dates for September pollinator plants give-way in our neighborhood.
- Joseline will be attending a webinar regarding \$500 block party grants, she will report back.
- Appreciation for Rob's efforts composing an FWNA application to BernCo for their Neighborhood Grant Program. Nick was able to submit it June 11<sup>th</sup> by deadline. If awarded, the grant would go towards surveying/mapping our neighborhood, gathering info on what neighbors want to see happen in the neighborhood, what's important to them, and which businesses are in our neighborhood. This data would help inform future events and community outreach, fostering business/neighbor partnership.
- Parks Committee: Kyle will reach out to David Flores, Parks and Rec for update on planned projects.
- Kyle and Jenna are working on an FWNA logo. Kyle requested current logo from Paul Sanchez.
- Website Committee: Neighbor Dave Travis has agreed to revamp the Fairwest website, he indicated he can start on that project within the next couple weeks. Nick or Hillary will reach out for updates.
- Chip, owner/Instructor of Enchantment Dancing, graciously offered his space for a monthly 45 min neighborhood dance class/ social event. Dates/times TBD by Events/Outreach Committee.
- Chip indicated that City Councilor Renee Grout is proposing a crosswalk at San Mateo & Marquette.
- Emily suggested we invite mayoral candidate Alex Uballez to speak at our Neighborhood Association meeting. It was suggested we open that invitation to all mayoral candidates.
- Chip offered Enchantment Dancing studio space for our monthly meetings on 4th Fridays 6:00 pm. It was agreed our next meeting will be held here on July 25th at 6:00pm.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30.