

Minutes from FWNA Monthly Board and Neighbors Meeting Jan. 16th, 2026

held at Enchantment Dancing, 337 San Pedro NE

Board members present: Nick Hamill - president, Barbara Hroza - vice president, Hillary Malu - secretary, Joseline Loera - events coordinator, Kathy Jackson, Emily Stafford

Neighbors present: Chip Hindi, Frances Steinbach, David Travis, Daniel Acosta, Paimon Eltnam, Leah Epstein, Sam Kerwin, Melinda Gallagher

Nick called the meeting to order shortly after 6:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report - Still have our FWNA account at BMO, though we are no longer paying \$15 monthly fee.

Luminaria recap - well attended, a success, thanks to all who helped, will circulate flyers sooner next year.

Little Library - it has been painted, handed over to families with children to decorate.

New FWNA Sign - City Parks Dept. will build new sign, w/in a few weeks. FWNA purchased additional letters.

San Mateo Building - recent ground-breaking ceremony, solid plans for renovation, transform into 100+ mixed housing, cafe ground floor. City support, MRA support. Sichler Farms, with MRA assist, plans to create restaurant, farm to table. To start in a couple weeks.

Fairgrounds Redevelopment - next Board/Public meeting tbd, January Legislative session takes precedence. Fairgrounds Project will start with upgrading/installing infrastructure. SW corner to be purchased, transformed, incorporated into larger property. Microsoft building in SW corner renovated.. or demolished?

Per Daniel and Leah, PSL met with Ben Lewinger, communications go-to for the project. He indicated that some kind of large venue/anchor was definite, though not necessarily a stadium. Housing and green space are definite. Discussion ensued. PSL has created a neighborhood survey re: fairground ideas. Housing on fairgrounds needs to be truly mixed income, including social housing, and affordable. PSL advocating for mixed housing, 25% of income, variety of incomes. State to provide local, responsive management.

Per Emily, need case management up front for those transitioning to housing, to ensure success of the process. Important to have balance of services, because the ID holds 60% of social services, need to spread it out to other parts of city, not centered only in ID.

Tewa Lodge - Nick spoke yesterday to Alex mgr, still getting the site up and running. It's temporary housing for those in recovery. Challenges with zoning, it was not zoned for recovery. Unconditional Love, name of managing company. Nick emphasized offering a FWNA neighborly inclusion to/with them.

Lighting on Cagua - it is quite dark currently. Chip will undertake a petition to the City for Streetlights. Will circulate petition to residents on west side of Cagua between Copper/Nambe.

Cardenas - Chip will also petition for speed bumps on Cardenas. FWNA folks can help circulate both petitions.

Chip brought to our attention the need to support our present neighbors, as well as the numerous options to assist folks in the greater ID. He is aware of neighbors nearby who need help with food, transportation. Members agreed, FWNA could start list of available neighbors to assist, we could create specific meeting soon to organize this. Create flyers to let neighbors know of available help.

State of the Heart - Rebecca, peer support specialist, nominated, then spotlighted by KOB for her fine work.

PSL will have a MLK event Friday evening Jan 23rd, details to come.

Next meeting Feb. 20th, 6:00 pm, Soup Potluck at Enchantment Dancing.

Meeting adjourned