

Alameda Depot Neighborhood Association

Meeting Notes

May 14, 2022 11:00 am-12:30 pm

J Paul Taylor Academy Cafeteria

Facilitator: George Pearson

Time Keeper: Eric Ahner

Notetaker: Amy Simpson

Welcome: ADNA President George Pearson

11:00 am

Approval of Agenda and Time Allotments: ADNA Secretary Amy Simpson.

Old Business:

1. Update on 501-c3 status- Lesa Wilson
 - a. Officially incorporated. This will allow us to waive the fee. We will be able to officially be tax deductible. Heather Pollard donated the fee for ADNA to become tax deductible. Bank balance \$625. (5 min)
2. Upcoming Events-Downtown Las Cruces Partnership Arts
And Cultural District June 6th event-Robert Cruise
Lit walk on 6/6. Several different events including readings and ending up at the Rio Grande Theater. Will do a literary mural on the upper part of COAs. Combination of a contracted artist and on the bottom half will be a community mural.
3. ADNA Dues Amounts for upcoming year-Lesa Wilson
4. Bylaws updates-we will need to update bylaws and will be sending recommended updates via email to current and past members
5. Ad hoc committee results-Amy Simpson. Reviewed categories of interest and encouraged people to complete the jotform.

Standing Agenda Items:

1. JPTA Activities- Eric Ahner Getting ready for annual graduation. July 5th is the first in-service day. (2 min)
2. City of Las Cruces- Mayor Pro-Tem Kasandra Gandara
 - a. Mayor's Bike Ride next week. Under 5 miles leaving city hall on Alameda. Route will. Meet on Saturday at 10am for the ride.
 - b. Installed 20 bike racks in the downtown mall. Painted green-national color scheme.
 - c. Re-doing the bathroom on the downtown mall.
 - d. Will be shutting down the block on the mall between Friday and Saturday night to prevent Cars from racing

- e. Noise ordinance will be considered by the council. Also considering a sound barrier. The current design actually aggravates the issue—in that it faces the neighborhood.
3. City of Las Cruces representatives (TBD-Public Safety, Parks and Rec)
- a. Working on the issues raised regarding bars downtown. Working on issues of overserving and age limit. Traffic closure will make it feel safer.
 - b. This is often a corridor of crimes of opportunity.
 - c. Another dog attack. Had multiple offenses. (8). The dog was euthanized. Residents asked what is the level of complaints before it gets euthanized. 8 seems excessive.
 - d. Any developments on the Baptist Church? Leah mentioned that Cruces Creatives is in initial discussions about purchasing the building.
 - e. LCPS is 85% staffed. There are still openings. The result means they are more in a response mode. It takes a year to train a new officer, so the process is slow.

New Business:

1. Update on WIA Building -Heather Pollard
 - a. Met with the Women’s Progress Club about restoring the building. Had a meeting with the city manager and interim facilities manager. City agreed to do a needs-assessment. The city found monies that were authorized of \$125,000 for WIA roof and other items. Mayor Pro-tem did research about the needs of the building and the right people at the meeting. Meeting was very successful.
2. [City Council Redistricting](#)—Estela Hernandez
 - a. PresGeorge looked at maps. Estela is representative for District 1 to have citizens be involved. There are 5 concept maps. All of them place ADNA in district 4. They have split up mesquite district in all but one. David Chavez was there talking about the importance of keeping these neighborhoods intact because of knowledge base, potential funding, communities of interest. Estela asked why they didn’t keep these historic districts together. Ad hoc committee will make recommendations by end of summer. City council will vote by end of december. District 1 needs to grow the most. This

Next redistricting meeting is Wednesday, May 25th at 5:00 pm. New email for redistricting the city has been set up.

Motion to keep historic neighborhoods together and keep in district 1.

(Amy)

Second: Maria

Unanimous vote approved.

Motion carried to recommend to keep historic neighborhoods together and Keep in district 1.
ADNA will draft a letter to send to the commission.

Community Input and Additional Discussion

3. Color choices on Gazebo. Color choices and designs were limited and not necessarily in keeping with the historic aesthetic of the neighborhood. Heather recommends coming to the next meeting to advocate for the colors we recommend.
4. As capital outlay opportunities come up again, we need to make sure we are on the funding lists. Should create a process so we don't miss these opportunities.

Motion to adjourn-Maria
Second: Monica

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Adjourn

12:30 pm