



Mark Twain Neighborhood Association

January
2022

A blend of commercial and residential living

President's Message

Barbara Lohbeck, MTNA President

Dear Mark Twain Neighbors: Here's to 2022! May it be a happy, healthy, and successful New Year for you and yours!

Your Mark Twain Neighborhood Association Board wants you to know that we are returning to our regular schedule for general meetings beginning Sunday, January 23, 2022; but in response to the ongoing Public Health Emergency, the meeting will be held via Zoom video conference. See page 3 for information about the Zoom meeting.

We welcome new members, as well! Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings, regardless of membership status, though members do have the privilege of voting. You may update your membership via the form in this newsletter. Membership dues are \$10 per household, \$15 per business, and are important. This is how we are able to print our newsletters, help the Farmers Market, maintain membership in the District 7 Coalition and more.

Our July 2022 neighborhood meeting will mark our Election of Officers for the following two years. We welcome any nominations now, so that we can have the slate ready in good time. *Let us know if you would like to join the Board and perhaps serve as one of our Officers! Officers serve a two-year term and can be re-elected for another term. Election of Officers happens on each even year. Hopefully, the July meeting will be in person.

We encourage everyone to sign on to our neighborhood email network for up-to-date information from our Board; city, county, and state information pertinent to our area; minutes from any meetings in which we are involved; and timely alerts specific to our Mark Twain neighbors. Contact our network administrator Dottie at dottie.w.hatchell@gmail.com to join our email network. Of course, all email addresses remain secure.

Many of you are signed onto NextDoor, as well, which is a little broader in scope and a bit different from our own network. Check it out at <https://nextdoor.com/city/albuquerque--nm/>

Despite the challenges of this past year's COVID pandemic, our MTNA Board has been busy!

District 7 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations:

Mark Twain maintains membership and attends meetings of the Coalition, as in past years and recently via Zoom. We send along the minutes from these meetings to our email Network signees.

San Pedro Initiative: Exciting things continue to happen in the endeavor to make San Pedro a neighbor friendly corridor. We are working with nearby neighbor associations and local businesses to boost our local economy, increase property values, and provide a safe and happy place to walk, ride bikes, frequent restaurants, and more.

Farmers Market: We contribute a stipend to help make this a successful event in Alvarado Park, happening in warmer months. It has proven to be a wonderful way to meet with neighbors and enjoy fresh produce, arts and crafts, and delicious snacks.

Mark Twain Elementary: Our neighborhood school has opened, resuming classes with much caution. We will report on how Mark Twain is doing as we learn more.

Crime Issues: We receive updates from area APD Commands that we send along to you. Lock your cars and empty them of anything visible. Report any issues to police. It's been a busy time for APD, but they do try to attend to all concerns.

We want to thank Diane Gibson for her excellent job as our District 7 City Councilor! We also welcome Tammy Fiebelkorn as our new City Councilor! We look forward to meeting her at our January 23 meeting!

We hope you will join us at any of the Board meetings and certainly at our January meeting. Let us know if you would like to serve on the Board and consider a membership in our Association.

Again, let's look to a brighter new year! Be safe, stay healthy, and stay hopeful for better times to come!

A Note from Tammy Fiebelkorn, our newly elected City Councilor

Happy New Year Mark Twain Neighborhood Association! I am honored to be your new representative on the Albuquerque City Council. As most of you know, I'm an environmental economist, social justice advocate, and animal rights activist. A District 7 resident for 20 years, I live with my partner Paul and our three senior dogs and a special needs parrot.

My priorities in office will be to reduce violence in our district, assist people experiencing homelessness, provide economic development opportunities, prioritize the fight against climate change, and improve the safety and wellbeing of animals.

I took office on January 1 and am spending the month of January focused on capital outlay requests at the state legislature, working on the Winrock TIDD bond offering and getting myself and my new policy analyst, Donna Griffin, up-to-speed on all the happenings at City Hall. Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. My email address is tfiebelkorn@cabq.gov I'm excited to get to work for you!

Near Heights Community Planning Area: Status **Joel C. Wooldridge, MTNA Vice-President**

The Near Heights Community Planning Area (CPA) draft assessment by the City of Albuquerque Planning Department has been placed on the project web site (<https://cpa.abc-zone.com/near-heights-draft>) for review and comment by members of the community. The report contains an extensive and well-organized compilation and analysis of existing conditions, assets, and trends in growth patterns, land use, community identity, urban design, transportation, economic development, housing, parks and open space, conservation, infrastructure facilities and services, and sustainability. The report identifies needs in each category, as well as recent regulatory actions (for example, the evolving Integrated Development Ordinance or IDO for short), relevant programs and public initiatives (such as the recent designation of a portion of the San Pedro Blvd corridor under the NM Main Street Program), and identification of opportunities, priorities and recommendations for every sub-section.

There is also a link in the main web page of the current draft Near Heights report to its recommendations to date. You can click on any one section (Land Use,

Transportation, Economic Development) to view the recommended actions as well as add your own **Near Heights Community Planning Area: Status, continued** suggestions. As I noted in the summer newsletter, these conclusions and recommendations will be very important going forward, as they supply community-based direction to future regulatory and funding decisions affecting our area.

Rebecca Bolen, the Planning Department's planner now assigned to the Near Heights report, envisions that it will be ready for transmittal through the Environmental Planning Commission and City Council by the fall of 2022. A big part of the process will be realigning portions of the report that are broader in geographic perspective than just one community planning area. Those more general elements of the report will be worked into a separate background document of a metro-wide scope, leaving a succinct Near Heights report that is targeted to features and recommendations specific to the Near Heights. Rebecca plans to attend our MTNA January 23 general meeting to answer your questions about the Near Heights assessment and process.

San Pedro Revitalization Project **Michele Benton, MTNA Secretary**

For more than 10 years, four neighborhood associations (Mark Twain, Mile-Hi, Alvarado Park, and Fair West) have worked in partnership with the City of Albuquerque to promote the unique features of San Pedro Drive between I-40 and Central Avenue and to work toward solutions to the challenges faced by residents and businesses in this area. We were recently awarded designation as a New Mexico Main Street "Urban Neighborhood Commercial Corridor Initiative."

The City of Albuquerque has already recognized this segment of San Pedro as a priority "Main Street" and now the first steps have been taken toward becoming a state-authorized Main Street America program. We are currently working on the outreach process to businesses.

We met again on January 7 to focus on how to engage with business owners about our revitalization efforts and will continue to seek business owners input in this process. Some of the accomplishments of the past in response to business owners' suggestions were implementing traffic-calming measures, lighting, and colorful street banners along San Pedro north of Lomas. We hope to continue these efforts south of Lomas.

Mark Twain Neighborhood Association Meeting

January 23, 2022 via Zoom,

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Sign-in beginning at 1:30 pms

Please let Dottie Hatchell know if you are interested in receiving the Link to the meeting!

dottie.w.hatchell@gmail.com

Agenda:

2:00 – 2:15: General Introductions and a little business.

2:15 – 2:45: Tammy Fiebelkorn, our newly elected City Councilor

2:45 – 3:15: Rebecca Bolen, Near Heights City Planner

3:15 – 3:45: Jose Brionez, Crime Prevention Specialist, APD SE Area Command

ZOOM Information: Rebecca Bolen is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://cabq.zoom.us/j/88678565451>

Meeting ID: 886 7856 5451

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2022 Membership Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Include me on the email news mailing list. Email: _____

Suggestions: _____

Payment Attached (Circle) \$10 Resident

\$15 Business

Treasurer's use: Cash or Check # _____

Business members, if you would like to have a small ad in our newsletter, please send your business card or information that you would like to represent your business along with your check for \$15. Your ad will appear in both 2022 editions of this newsletter.

Make check payable to Mark Twain Neighborhood Association (MTNA)

Mail to: Clancey Tarbox, 1405 Georgia St NE. 87110

Let's Support These Neighborhood Businesses - They Support Us

We live in a mixed residential/ commercial area and do so for the convenience, robustness, diversity, and verve it offers. We wish to welcome and support our business neighbors by patronizing them and recognizing their contribution. To do so, we have created a business membership that includes a mention in our newsletter.



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