



Neighborhood Ordinance Rewrite

The Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO) guides the work of the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC). In Fall 2017, City Councilors Benton and Jones expressed an intent to address the weaknesses and shortcomings in the NARO.

Process Goals

- To ensure more representative and democratic associations
- To encourage vibrant and thriving neighborhoods
- To improve the clarity of and have proper expectations for the NARO
- To help inform ONC on how best to support neighborhoods

Range of Options to Explore Together

- The NARO could be amended with clear language giving more authority to ONC to strengthen coordination between associations across the City.
- The NARO could be simplified to keep effective elements and clarify elements that result in conflict, confusion, and disagreements.
- We could write a Resolution to identify internal ONC procedures to support neighborhood goals, priorities, and values.
- We could create guidelines for neighborhood best practices and create trainings for neighborhoods to build capacity.
- Or a combination thereof.

**WE NEED YOUR
INVOLVEMENT
AND
YOUR VOICE!**

What do you see as the future of the relationship between ONC and neighborhood associations? What is the identity and purpose of your association?

Before we begin the revision and public process we wanted to contract with a local facilitator to ensure the process and meetings are productive and conducive to good conversations and flow of ideas.

We are excited to announce that we will be working with Everette Hill of the Social Innovation Strategies Group and Eduardo Martinez of Meridian Strategies. Both have worked in community, youth, economic and organizational development arenas in Albuquerque and statewide for over twenty years. They are accomplished facilitators specializing in community dialogue and dialogue to change processes.

To learn more about the NARO rewrite, visit: <http://www.cabq.gov/office-of-neighborhood-coordination/neighborhood-ordinance-update>

West Old Town Neighborhood: Working for the Good of the Community

The West Old Town Neighborhood Association (WOTNA) was reestablished in December 2016, after a hiatus of several years from when they originally formed in the mid-1990s. The impetus for reestablishing the association was initially to address civic concerns and neighborhood safety issues as the area continued to expand with small businesses and with continued developments along Central Avenue, one of the boundaries of the NA.



“I’m proud to say that our association is very progressive and has an active approach to addressing our neighborhood issues,” said Ben Lovato, President of WOTNA. “Even though we are located in the heart of the most historic area of the city and we believe strongly in preserving our history and culture, we believe in using very modern and progressive methods to do so.”

Among the progressive tools WOTNA has utilized to expand their membership is their website at: westoldtownna.com. The website shares neighborhood and community information, city and county resources, points of interest within the neighborhood, and membership information. The WOTNA board, currently at six elected members, is proud of their ever-expanding membership, currently at 60 paid members.

“However, we don’t believe in keeping information to ourselves, so no matter if you’re a paid member or not, the WOTNA board always shares information and invites all our residents to participate as much as they can, because anything that happens in our area is going to affect everyone living here. We are all part of a community,” said Lovato.

The Botanical Gardens and Aquarium are the most well-known landmarks, but there are many other gems to be found in this beautiful neighborhood. The Alameda Drainage Channel, access to bosque walking paths, and numerous small and local businesses add to the unique flavor of this association.



“Our historical neighborhood, our small businesses, our church, and most of all, our residents, are our strength and lifeblood,” said Lovato. “We are very lucky to live in the neighborhood we do, and all of us are committed to keeping it safe, beautiful and culturally relevant for years to come.”

What's In Your Recycle Cart, Albuquerque?



There are several items that can be recycled in a different way. Plastic bags can be taken to your local grocery store to be recycled. You can take your glass bottles to the City of Albuquerque approved drop-off sites. Clothing can be donated to local charities. Next time you pull your blue recycle cart to the curb, make sure you think of the top ten materials that should always be placed in your cart.

Top 10 Items for Your Recycle Cart

1. Cardboard
2. Milk/Juice Boxes
3. Food Boxes
4. Household Jugs
5. Junk Mail
6. Paper Egg Cartons
7. Newspaper
8. Aluminum Cans
9. Tin Cans
10. Plastic Bottles

To learn more about recycling, visit:
www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/recycling

One of the main questions asked by Albuquerque residents is “what can I recycle?” Thanks to the City’s single-stream recycling program, recycling in Albuquerque is fairly easy. To make things even more convenient, we’ve put together a top 10 list of what materials should definitely go into your blue cart.

Recyclothes Event Offers Clothing For Kids in Need

The Keep Albuquerque Beautiful Program hosts the 7th annual Recyclothes Event on Saturday, March 17 at the Hinkle Family Fun Center, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and would like your help!

On St. Patrick’s Day, go green and spring clean! As you organize your closets, dresser drawers, and even your garages, set aside clean, gently used clothes to benefit the lives of Albuquerque students.

Bring your donation to the Hinkle Family Fun Center at Tramway and Indian School.

Participants who bring a large bag(s) of clean, gently used clothes will receive a free mini golf pass. Help make a difference in a child’s life.



Senior Apartments Now Accepting Applications



The Albuquerque Housing Authority (AHA) and WISHROCK Housing Partners celebrated the completion of the solar-powered Rio Vista Apartments rehabilitation project at 770 Juan Tabo Blvd NE with a Ribbon Cutting in early 2018.

One of the community's first Enterprise Green Communities Certified developments, Rio Vista is a three-story building consisting of 75 one-bedroom units serving low-income seniors 62 and older. Rooftop solar electric generation panels; new flooring and ENERGY STAR appliances in all kitchens; brand-new VRF heating and cooling systems; and double-layer windows are among the features. An Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB) provided by the Bernalillo County Commission qualified the property for 30-year property tax abatement.

Potential residents can apply in person between 7:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Subsidized rent is restricted to just 30% of tenant income; and some eligibility and income limits apply. To learn more, visit: www.abqha.org

Read to Me Book Drive Benefits Community Kids

The Read to Me Book Drive is an annual citywide event that collects new and gently used book donations from February through the end of March. The books are donated to family and community centers, and to children whose families may not have resources to buy books. Some of the children's books are also put on city buses, as an added incentive for families who utilize public transportation.

Childhood literacy is a key element in educational success, and the Read to Me book drive helps build that foundation for developing literacy skills, both in children and in some adults who learned to read later in life. A local man who rode the city bus to and from his job each day taught himself to read by perusing the children's books available during his bus commute - a wonderful example that literacy can be gained at any age.



So if your neighborhood association wants to organize a neighborhood book donation, or if you've been wanting to clean out those bookshelves in your kid's room, now is the time. Delivery or pick-up of book donations can be coordinated by e-mailing: dorner6@comcast.net. You can also donate to the program online at: www.aps.edu/education-foundation/giving

IDO Update: March 2018



The Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) will go into effect May 17, 2018*, completely replacing the 1970s Zoning Code, Subdivision Ordinance, and regulations in the Sector Development Plans. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in this effort. Your involvement has helped improve the land use and zoning system in Albuquerque.

Training Sessions

We had great turnout for the initial training sessions on the IDO in January and February. Thank you to everyone who participated! Presentations and handouts from each training are available on the project website: www.abc-zone.com/events

The project team will offer follow-up training sessions during daytime and evening hours focused on specific IDO content. All meetings will take place in the Basement Hearing Room of the Plaza del Sol Building (600 2nd Street NW).

IDO Topic	Daytime: Fridays, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Evening: Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Zone Districts, Overlay Zones, and Uses	March 23	March 21
Development Standards	March 30	April 4
Admin & Enforcement (i.e., review/ approval processes)	April 6	April 18

Staff will be available after each Friday training session until 3:30 p.m. for “study hall” for those who want to spend more time with the IDO. You

can also email: abcto@cabq.gov to request an “office hour” appointment on Monday afternoons to ask more specific questions about the IDO.

Errors and Omissions

The project team has been gathering errors and omissions noted by staff and the public. An ordinance to address these errors and omissions will be introduced for Council consideration on Monday, March 5. The ordinance and all associated errors and omissions will be available from Legistar as well as abc-zone.com.

City Council Review

The ordinance will be reviewed first by the City Council’s Land Use, Planning, and Zoning (LUPZ) Committee and then by the full City Council. The regular schedule of hearing dates prior to the May 17 effective date is included here for your convenience. As soon as the ordinance is scheduled for a specific hearing, we will post details on the project website. There may be more than one LUPZ and one City Council hearing on the IDO.

LUPZ Hearing Dates

- March 14
- March 28 (as needed)
- April 11
- April 25 (as needed)

Council Dates

- April 2
- April 16
- May 7

***PLEASE NOTE:** An ordinance ([O-18-6](#)) has been introduced by City Councilor Cynthia Borrego that proposes to delay the effective date of the IDO until May 17, 2019. That ordinance is anticipated to be discussed the Land Use, Planning and Zoning (LUPZ) Committee on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, and possibly by the full Council at a later date.

What Makes Albuquerque Great?

In addition to our many cultural events, Albuquerque has a host of other treasures that our residents love. Maggie Casias-Goodmon, a resident of the Iñez neighborhood, shared her thoughts on what makes Albuquerque great.

“Being a proud native of New Mexico and a longtime Albuquerque resident, I’d say that our outdoor spaces and mountain ranges are the best things about living here,” she said. “My husband and I are avid outdoor people, and we love the big turquoise sky, and the Elena Gallegos Open Space for hiking and dog walking.”

Albuquerque has a total of 14 open space lands, including Elena Gallegos shown at right, and the Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors NW, hosts numerous cultural and athletic events year-round. Guided nature walks along the bosque, art shows, viewing the Sandhill cranes in the fall, yoga, and various workshops are just a hint of all the great activities you can experience in our Open Spaces!



Image of Elena Gallegos Open Space courtesy of
Tripadvisor.com

To learn more about our open spaces, visit:
www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/open-space

Let us know what
makes Albuquerque great
by e-mailing:
onc@cabq.gov
and we'll feature your answer
in an upcoming
newsletter!

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