Neighbors West-Northwest is not primarily an advocacy organization: unanimous agreement by all member associations is required for the Coalition. As service organization, NWNW provides direct support to neighborhood associations and the public.

NWNW Board Meetings include three main purposes:

* Board Business: managing the organization, including finances, contracts and staff
* An Informational Venue for topics of common interest via invited guest, staff and volunteer presentations
* Networking: member associations report on activities and engage in conversation about topics of mutual interest.

Business functions will always take precedence. Informational and networking functions may also be accommodated at other venues or times—including arranging pre-meeting time for networking or presentations of interest to a lesser number of associations.

Agendas are set by the President, with assistance from staff. To request an agenda item, please contact the Executive Director and President via email at least fourteen days in advance of the meeting on which the item will appear.