

Gates Pass Area Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes for **June 8, 2024**, at the home of Donna Snyder

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

1. Call to order — roll call

Donna Snyder *President*, Sue King *Treasurer*, Tony Knight, *Member*, Dori Frankel, *Member*, via phone,
Absent: Barb Fleming *Member*, Karen Sweeney *Member*

2. Old Business:

a. Up-zoning (Donna): regarding the Yarbrough property at 4375 Ironwood Hill Drive being divided into two lots. Donna Snyder, representing GPANA, spoke against the rezoning at the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 21, 2024. Steve Dolan, representing the Tucson Mountains Association, along with a neighbor of the Yarbrough property also spoke against the rezoning. A majority of the Board of Supervisors voted in favor of the Yarbrough Family Trust request to rezone the property from SR to RS-2. The vote was 3 in favor, 2 against. Rex Scott, Dr. Matt Heinz and Sylvia Lee voted in favor. Chair Adelita Grijalva and Steve Christie voted against the request. GPANA is very grateful to all of you who wrote emails to the Board of Supervisors in opposition to allowing the subdivision. You really stepped up and we appreciate it.

b. Treasurer's Report (Sue): See last page.

c. Membership and new members (Sue): we've had no new members join in the past month.

d. D&O and General Liability Insurance (Sue): After much investigation, discussion and angst, the board voted to renew our current insurance policy. The price more than doubled from last year. Cost jumped from \$740 to \$1,884.10. Dropping the 'Cyber Data' breach coverage for \$140 brought the cost to \$1,774.10. Member Mike Ignatowicz referred us for a second opinion to Brendan Kenny at Alliant Insurance in NY. Mr. Kenny confirmed that the new rate is in line with what is happening in the insurance industry. Barb Fleming also reached out to other insurance providers with no success. Note that we are registered with the Arizona Corporation Commissions Division as a "**Domestic Nonprofit Corporation.**" The board feels it is important to keep Directors & Officers and General Liability Insurance to make it more attractive for members to join the board. Our current policy is with American Family Insurance and our agent is GPANA member Bruce Carper.

e. Boards and Commissions (Tony): Nothing to report at this time.

f. Monitoring Outdoor Lighting Codes (Karen): As Karen cannot attend, Dori offered to attend the public meeting on June 11 at 9:00 AM via their livestream option.

g. Continuing Issues, Updates:

- International Wildlife Museum: nothing to report at this time. If anyone in our association learns of anything, please email us: gpanasec@gmail.com.
- Accidents at THE intersection: As far as we know things have been quiet. DOT has made some improvements at the Anklam Road/Speedway spot. Traffic guide posts and larger signage are evident. The damaged end cap of the guard rail has been replaced. If you should witness or learn of any accidents, incidents at our section of Gates Pass Road/Speedway please email us at gpanasec@gmail.com.

- Pima Prosper's revisions for the Tucson Mountains Special Area. Our inputs were submitted to Chris Poirier of PC Planning. Big thanks to Barb Fleming and Roger Carpenter for all their hard work on this.

3. New Business:

a. 4202 W Anklam Road: this property, recently sold, has undergone many changes. Complaints to Chris Poirier at Planning and Zoning regarding paint color (the property sits on a major scenic route and there are 'rules'), resulted in the house being repainted light gray rather than white. Also there have been reports of Saguaros being destroyed. Board Member Dori Frankel offered to check county maps bird's eye images to see what she could find. Landscaping with non-native plants is apparently allowed, to a limit. But the county did crack down on outdoor lighting violations and those have apparently been corrected. Boulders were moved the appropriate distance away from the road.

b. I-11 and Governor Hobbs: It has been reported in the news that Gov. Hobbs will not object to I-11 being built next to the Tucson Mountains. Donna reached out to TMA and Carolyn Campbell of the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection. CSDP is on the case. They are asking their members to flood the Governor's office with calls, emails, and letters in opposition. They are also looking to hold a meeting with ADOT Director Jennifer Toth in Phoenix and try to reason with her to influence the Governor. They will keep us informed. That said, we will be sending an e-blast to our members asking them to protest against this interstate highway that will bring development west of the Tucson Mountains, damage to the Sonoran Desert, threaten our Tucson Water aquifer and more. We are coordinating with Tucson Mountains Association along with CSDP. More to come.

c. Website and Social Media: Things are mostly up to date. We recently shared TMA's newsletter with articles on Light Pollution, Bobcats and Habitat Restoration with our members.

d. Roadside Pickup: the next roadside cleanup will be along Painted Hills Road and a section of Speedway on October 19. The next roadside cleanup for Camino de Oeste and a section of Speedway is November 2. We meet at 8:00 AM for both events. Reminders will be sent to members.

e. Fall Membership Meeting and Pot Luck: The board is working on a plan to finalize the date, location and speaker. It was suggested that we invite the Sheriff's Department to make a Fraud and Scam presentation. If this is of interest to you, please email us.

f. Resignation: Our board member, Vice President Gary Bruins, submitted his resignation recently due to family health issues. We thank Gary for his tenure on the board and we wish he and his family well. The board voted in favor of presenting Gary a gift in appreciation of his service.

No further business being presented, the meeting was adjourned at about 11:00 AM.

GPANA is in need of a Secretary and an additional board member! We need enthusiastic folks who love our Gate Pass Area and are willing to do a bit of work for our organization. **We can't do it without volunteers!** Please reach out to us and support our work. Email us at gpanasec@gmail.com. We have an open invitation for members to sit in on our board meetings, usually the second Saturday of the Month. Contact us for more information.

Upcoming Events: *Dates are subject to change*

July 13, 2024 — *Board Meeting* at 10 AM

August 1, 2024 – Deadline for board/committee members to notify board if planning to leave

August 10, 2024 — *Board Meeting* at 10 AM

September 1, 2024 – Prepare slate of officers for next year's board

September 1, 2024 – Renew County Permit for Roadside Cleanups (Barb)

September 7, 2024 – **Feliz Paseos Park** cleanup (Tony)

September 14, 2024 – *Board Meeting* at 10 AM

October 12, 2024 — *Board meeting* at 10 AM

October 19, 2024 – **Painted Hills /Speedway Cleanup** (Barb) and **Fall Membership Meeting**

November 1, 2024 – Election and Membership Month.

November 2, 2024 – **Roadside cleanup on Camino de Oeste/Speedway** (Barb)

November 9, 2024 – *Board Meeting* at 10 AM

Treasurer's Report
06/08/2024
Prepared by Suzanne King

	Current Period 04/07/2024-06/08/24	Year to Date 01/01/2024-06/08/2024
Beginning Balance	\$6,168.36	\$6,071.96
Income		
Membership-Checks		\$420.00
Membership-Credit card-Website		\$160.00
Donation		\$20.00
Total Income	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>
Expenses		
WIX/PP Fees		\$7.04
Post Office Box	\$182.00	\$182.00
Website		229.17
Insurance		
State Tax	\$1,744.10	\$1,744.10
Office Expense		\$57.39
Meeting Supplies		
Election Buddy		
Tucson Mountains Association		\$60.00
Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection		\$100.00
Donation to Camp Cooper		
Donation to Darksky International		\$50.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,926.10</u>	<u>\$2,429.70</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$4,242.26</u>	<u>\$4,242.26</u>

Member Totals	2022	2023	2024
Member households	141	146	144
Individual members	261	273	269
New Members	18	16	9
Members not renewed	6	9	10