

**Gates Pass Area Neighborhood Association**  
Board Meeting on **March 11, 2023**, Zoom Meeting

The meeting started at 1:00 PM via Zoom

**1. Roll Call Board**

Denise Garland *President*, Gary Bruins *Vice President*, Donna Snyder *Secretary*, Tony Knight *Member*, Karen Sweeney, *Member* Ethan Henderson, *Member*. Absent: Sue King *Treasurer*

**2. Old Business**

**A. Website and social media** — Donna Snyder

Our website, GPANA.info, is not quite current. Information about important dates for clean-ups and the general membership meetings will soon be added. We have been forwarding email blasts from Tucson Mountain Association on their Buffelgrass projects to our membership.

**B. Treasurer's Report**—Sue King

Sue has been abroad but will be sending the treasurer's report along with membership numbers once she returns.

**C. Membership Renewals and new members**—Sue King

Sue will update us once she returns from her trip.

**D. Accidents in the Anklam, Speedway and Gates Pass Road area.** Due to the number of recent accidents plaguing this short section of roadway, GPANA urged members to write to our supervisors to find a solution, be it a traffic circle or a 4-way stop at the Camino de Oeste/Speedway intersection. For months there has been a smashed guard rail across from the Anklam Road intersection. Our president, Denise Garland, wrote a letter along with quite a few members (a big thank you to our letter-writing members!). We did receive a reply from Samantha Neville, of Supervisor Adelita Grijalva's office. She states that the transportation department is completing a study of the location which could take 4-6 weeks. The tracking numbers assigned to it are SCF #14151240 and Maximo SR #23014253.

**E. Monitoring Boards and Commissions** —Tony Knight

There has been little action on Boards and Commissions and to date, there is nothing to report.

**F. Review of GPANA Strategic Goals for 2023**—Denise Garland

- Work with Pima County to develop strategies for safer/cleaner roads. We've started this process with our letter-writing campaign to the supervisors. We encourage folks who walk our area roads to safely pick up trash along the way.
- Continue to work to retain and increase our membership
- Work to increase park and public land. Ask members to alert us if they are aware of properties in the area that may be appropriate for folding into adjacent parks. Pima County keeps a list of potential properties to acquire.
- Increase member awareness and participation by encouraging members to participate in roadside cleanups and buffelgrass pulls. Work with Tucson Mountains Association on enhancing scenic routes.

- Participate in conversations with Pima County Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment and the County Board of Supervisors about cell tower construction, zoning changes and other issues that could impact our area.

- Encourage residents to get to know their neighbors, exchange contact information and be aware of resources for emergency situations such as power outages, excessive heat, fire, flooding, etc.

#### **G. Updates on outstanding Issues—Denise**

- Pima County Sheriff's website crime stats: At present, there are no current stats on the PC Sheriff's Department website due to the fact that they are switching over to a new data collection system. When this will be up and running has not been announced.

- Kinney Wildcat Trail – A cultural survey and environmental study were done 'after the fact.' Some cultural artifacts were found. Eventually, after some compliance adjustments are made, the trail will be adopted into the park system.

- Bluespan internet service for the Mountain Gardens area – Resident and member Joe Rottman continues his efforts towards getting the 20 households needed for Bluespan to provide service to this neighborhood.

- Undergrounding Utilities – GPANA continues to support Tucson Mountains Association in its efforts to push for 'scenic route preservation.'

- I-11 Freeway through Avra Valley – There will be information at our next General Membership Meeting.

- "No Parking" signs are planned for the overlook on Camino de Oeste, just south of Ironwood Hill on the east side of the road. This has been a problem area with partying and extensive littering. That side of the road has been blue-staked and the signs should appear there soon.

### **3. New Business**

- Board Members for 2024. Denise Garland announced her retirement from the board at the end of 2023. After a 5 year stint on the board, she is looking forward to other adventures. She will be sorely missed for her energy, willingness, and expertise in representing GPANA and the west side. Needless to say, the board will be looking to recruit new members to the board.

### **4. Upcoming Dates**

- 4/01/23 File income tax forms and renew our post office box
- 4/22/23 Earth Day! Camino de Oeste Roadside Clean up at 8:00 AM
- 4/22/23 Spring Membership Meeting and Pot Luck at 10:00 AM at the home of Donna and Bob Snyder, 1661 N Placita Tuberia off of Trails End Road
- 5/01/23 File Annual Report with AZ Corporations Commission
- 5/13/23 Board mtg at 1:00 PM via Zoom
- 6/03/23 Feliz Paseos Park Cleanup at 8:00 AM

### **5. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Snyder, *Secretary*