



Gates Pass Area
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Minutes

GPANA - Spring Pot Luck and Member Meeting, April 7, 2018

1. Call to order at 11:00 am; MST by Board President Gary Kordosky
Present: Gary Kordosky, Hector Campoy, John Zadrozny, Carolyn Leigh, Donna Snyder.

Absent: Mike Addis, Tony Knight, Janice Crowder-Torrez, Jim Wilson
Donna Snyder had to leave the meeting as it was starting so with less than 5 board members present no board business could be done.

2. Treasurers Report - current balance \$4637.11 with a few checks outstanding.

3. Members Report - current membership is 121 households. Jim Wilson will be following up on members who did not renew.

4. The GPANA board voted at the March meeting to continue a US\$ 500 matching support for The Cooper Center for Environmental Learning crowd funding campaign to raise US\$ 30,000 running per the email of April 3 to our membership. Access to online crowd funding site is found at coopercenter.arizona.edu.

Questions: 520.626.1825

Donations to schools to assist their participation at the Cooper Center: Still possible to claim gifts on 2017 taxes if gift is made prior to April 15, 2018

“The Arizona State Tax Credit program allows you to make a donation to an eligible organization and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit against Arizona state taxes owed. These donations count as charitable contributions and may be deducted on your federal return if you itemize your deductions. Contribution amounts eligible for credit: \$200 for single filers/ \$400 for joint.”

5. Carolyn Leigh is putting together a history of the GPANA. (Rationale: Through the years, many events have taken place, and many people have been passionate and dedicated to preserving and maintaining the integrity of the Tucson Mountains and these should not be forgotten). Any relevant/specific information for documenting the history of this area should be relayed to Carolyn (email: banis32@gmail.com) or to Gpana.sec@gmail.com.

6. Retired board members Nancy Zeller, Al Weigel and Bill Bracker will be receiving a US\$ 50.00 gift certificate at The Mosaic Café as a parting gift for their service as voted by the board at our March meeting.

Gary Kordosky mentioned positions on the Board are available to interested people, also how rewarding it is to participate as a Board member and after several years you have this small gift to look forward to.

7. **Redo of West Speedway Road from Painted Hills to Camino De Oeste.** The work, which is being done with federal funding should commence and hopefully finish in 2019. It will be similar to the Anklam improvement...slightly wider for safety reasons, but not an official bike lane. Very small portions will be cut back/straightened. The work is expected to take about 6 months.

8. New Business

County mandated notice for hearings. GPANA board is considering asking the county to increase the distance from a property that is subject to a hearing of some sort from the current 300 feet to a much greater distance when current zoning is CR-1 or lower density. In addition, GPANA board is also considering asking for mandated notification to homeowner associations and neighborhood associations in the immediate area.

One of our GPANA members requested that emails to GPANA members are sent "BCC". GPANA Board members have refined the process and this issue is being resolved.

10. Colin Waite, director of The Cooper Center, made a short presentation on Camp Cooper programs. The programs focus on helping students become aware of the overall environmental connections here in the Sonoran Desert and how that relates to their lives.

11. The Cooper Center Venue is pretty nice because of the many well shaded, picnic tables at the Cooper Center. Handicap parking is available next to the shaded area. The turnout was not as high as it could and indeed should have been, you missed nice weather, good food, great company and Colin's presentation.

12. The event came to a close at about noon.