

Gates Pass Area Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting on **March 9, 2024**, at the home of Barb Fleming

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

1. Call to order — roll call

Donna Snyder *President*, Gary Bruins *Vice President*, Sue King *Treasurer*, Barb Fleming *Member*, Tony Knight *Member*, Karen Sweeney *Member*, Dori Frankel, *New Member*

2. Old Business

A. Website and social media — Donna Snyder

Don Lively continues to help with our website. We post our cleanups and meeting announcements on the Website, Nextdoor and Facebook. We have 85 members in our FB group. Not all are members. Barb suggested we pitch membership more often on these social platforms.

B. Park and Roadside Cleanups for 2024— Tony Knight and Barb Fleming

Feliz Paseos Park: many of the flora and fauna plaques need to be replaced as they've 'gone missing.' Tony will check with his contact at Parks to see when that will happen. We'd also like to see the Adopt-A-Park sign updated with our Web address. Tony will also check on that. Our first pick up at Feliz Paseos Park will be June 1.

Road Side Pickups – Our first roadside pickup along Painted Hills Road and a section of Speedway is on March 16th at 8:00 AM. We meet at Painted Hills Church parking lot. We could use some additional help. Donna will send out another email to membership.

C. Monitoring Boards and Commissions — Tony Knight

While there has been no official news from Boards and Commissions that affects our area, blading and grading, without permits, has been noticed by concerned neighbors. Conversation ensued. See "New Business paragraph D."

D. Treasurer's Report — Sue King

See last page.

E. Membership renewals and new members — Sue King

In January, reminder letters with self-addressed stamped envelopes were sent to about 34 households who had not yet renewed membership for 2024. The letter included a note, a membership form and a stamped return envelope. Barb Fleming personally contacted 9 lapsed members and signed up 3 new members. The issue of removing lapsed members was discussed. It was decided that rather than totally remove lapsed members from our email blasts, we will create a curated list of former members to receive occasional informative emails. This could be a way to inform non-members that GPANA is a worthy organization that works to benefit our area and needs to be supported.

F. County Sheriff's Crime Stats – Donna

The Sheriff's Department reports that they don't expect a 'real-time' crime app to be available until perhaps the end of this year. The PCSD does offer crime stats on their website:

<https://pimasheriff.org/crime-map-stats/statistics>.

G. No Parking signage – Donna

In an effort to cut down on trash at the crest of Camino de Oeste, GPANA advocated for the No Parking signs to be moved to the crest of Camino de Oeste. The result is we now have 3 additional “NO PARKING” signs at the crest of Camino de Oeste, just south of Ironwood Hill Road. Thank you Pima County Department of Transportation!

H. International Wildlife Museum: still no details on the fate of the building. New board member Dori Frankel offered to keep an eye on activity there as she lives close by.

I. Yellow Page of ‘Who to Contact’

Some members have voiced an interest in having an updated version of the handy “Yellow Page,” a single sheet of important phone numbers. Barb volunteered to verify and update the list which we will post to the website when finalized, along with having printed copies at our membership meetings.

J. Other Issues – Donna

Ed Hendel is the new president of Tucson Mountains Association. The board has agreed that it’s good for both organizations to share TMA’s Newsletters with our members.

3. New Business

A. The addition of a new board member: We welcomed Dori Frankel to the board as an ‘at-large’ member. The board held the vote before the meeting on March 9 via email with a unanimous YES vote.

B. Spring Membership Meeting on April 13. Barb Fleming and Donna Snyder met with Adelita Grijalva, Supervisor District 5, and Keith Bagwell, Senior Policy Advisor on Feb. 7. It was a ‘get to know you’ session. Adelita graciously agreed to speak at our Spring Membership Meeting on Saturday, April 13. The board is working on subjects for discussion. Subjects that popped up at the meeting included: traffic on Grant, especially with the future casino off of I-10; changes to Christopher Columbus Park; Conservation Lands and concerns for future development and density for our area. The meeting and potluck brunch will be held at the home of Barb Fleming, after the roadside pickup along Camino de Oeste/Speedway.

C. Monitoring Accidents: In an effort to collect stats regarding accidents in the vicinity of Anklam/Speedway/Gates Pass Road/Camino de Oeste, we’ve started a data base. It’s important for members to report any incidents in that area so that we can have a record to present to the county. Please email us at gpanasec@gmail.com with the date, time, location and type of incident.

D. Monitor new construction/building permits/wildcat bulldozing

Barb Fleming reported that a property at the south end of Camino de Oeste was ordered to cease and desist activity for blading a road without a permit. Important: as neighbors, we can file a complaint online (<https://www.pima.gov/970/Development-Services>) or physically go to the Pima County Development Services (201 N Stone Ave, Tucson) and ask questions regarding permits and/or report questionable activity. Don’t let a questionable situation go unreported.

Another area of concern is the acreage in the Twin Hills area (the old Dos Picos Development) on the south side of Anklam. A large area of land is being subdivided. It's unfortunate that the County did not purchase this property when it was available years ago. Featuring steep slopes, the property is rife with saguaros and wildlife. It's a migration corridor along with a waterway during our rainy seasons. The Mountain Side HOA along with some assistance from GPANA is monitoring the situation. Overdevelopment via the division of properties into smaller and more dense lots is a concern for our area. The county did issue a stop work order on a road that the owner of the property, Amir Vazirinezhad, had started to bulldoze.

Some Upcoming Dates (subject to change)

April 6, 2024 – Board Meeting at 10 AM at the home of Gary Bruins

April 13, 2024 – Roadside cleanup on Camino de Oeste, 8 AM + Spring Membership Meeting 10 AM

May 11, 2024 – Board Meeting at 10 AM

May 18, 2024 – Painted Hills/Speedway Cleanup

June 1, 2024 – Feliz Paseos Park cleanup

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sweeney and Donna Snyder sitting in for a yet to be named Secretary

We need a Secretary! Please consider volunteering. Email us if you can help us out or are curious as to what the role of Secretary would entail — gpanasec@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report
03/08/2024
Prepared by Suzanne King

Current Period
01/01/2024-03/08/2024

Beginning Balance \$6,071.96

Income

Membership-Checks	\$420.00
Membership-Credit card-Website	\$140.00
Donation	\$20.00
Total Income	\$580.00

Expenses

WIX/PP Fees	\$7.04
Post Office Box	
Website	229.17
Insurance	
State Tax	
Office Expense	
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	\$446.21

Ending Balance **\$6,205.75**

Member Totals	2022	2023	2024
Member households	141	146	143
Individual members	261	273	267
New Members	18	16	9
Members not renewed	6	9	10