

Gates Pass Area Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes for **Sunday, January 12, 2025**, at the home of Donna Snyder

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Snyder at 10:00 AM.

1. Call to order — roll call

Donna Snyder *President*, Dori Frankel, *Vice President*, Barb Fleming, *Treasurer*, and *At-Large Members*: Mike Ignatowicz, Susan Sferra, and Karen Sweeney

2. Old Business:

a. Election Results: Our Board of Directors Election was held using the online tool, Election Buddy. The election ran for a month: Nov. 14, 2024 to Dec. 13, 2024. As none of the seats were contested, your board of directors for the year 2025 is as follows: Donna Snyder, President; Dori Frankel, Vice President; Barb Fleming, Treasurer; At-Large Members: Michael Ignatowicz, Susan Sferra, and Karen Sweeney. About 24% of the membership participated and we appreciate those of you who took the time to vote and show support for the board. As you can see, we are still in need of a Secretary. If you'd like to learn more, please contact us at: gpanasec@gmail.com.

b. Treasurer's Report (Barb): See last page. As of 12/31/2024, we have 109 households that have renewed their membership for 2025 and to date, 37 households that have not yet renewed. We have one new household membership in the past month. While The budget for 2025 was also discussed at this time it will be reported below under New Business. The board intends to follow up by telephone with our members who have not yet renewed.

c. By-laws Update (Dori, Barb and Donna) – Dori, Barb and Donna will meet on January 15, to finalize the revisions to the bylaws. The full board will need to review and approve the revisions before submitting the approved version to all members for final approval. This will be done via e-mail. The most important change/update will include indemnifying the officers and directors from personal liability.

d. Updates on continuing issues...

- **International Wildlife Museum:** Mike reported that the property was auctioned to Castle Hill Properties, LLC as of October 1, 2025. Mike offered to contact the listed officer, introduce our organization, and inform her of our existence and our mission. He will inquire as to the LLC's potential uses for the property and report any findings to the board.

- **Anklam and Twin Hills Properties:** Barb has been monitoring activity through the compliance officer at the county development office. There is a 2/5/25 deadline for lighting compliance on the Anklam property. Barb will continue to monitor.

3. New Business:

a. 2025 Budget: The projected budget for 2025 is included at the end of the minutes. Discussion ensued regarding running a deficit. In 2024 GPANA was hit with a very large increase for Liability and D&O insurance. We have 37 members that have not renewed for 2025 and if we can get these members to renew, it will ease the deficit and prevent us from making cuts. We will continue to explore how to reduce this expense.

b. Las Lomas: As a neighbor of Las Lomas, Susan Sferra contacted the new owners of Las Lomas to inform them of the Dark Sky Initiative in this area. Glaring exterior lights were installed at the stone houses. Owners had no idea about this being a dark sky area or what it means. This led to a discussion on how to inform new residents and real estate brokers with listings in our area about county and city restrictions for lighting. The board will collectively

look into preparing a handout with links to pertinent regulations which can then be used in addition to our GPANA brochure.

c. Feliz Paseos Park: With Tony Knight's retirement from the Board, we need an individual to act as our 'clean up' coordinator. This person would be responsible for overseeing the cleanups at the park which are held twice a year, overseeing the sign-in sheets, and coordination, as necessary, with the parks department.

d. Boards and Commissions: As our monitor for B&C, Susan Sferra asked for clarification from the Board as to what exactly is our interest. After discussion the consensus came down to: 1) any item that affects our geographical area 2) an item that could be of concern to our members, i.e. Columbus Park, The Loop path west of river, or items related to regulations encompassing our area.

The meeting was adjourned at about 12:00 PM.

Reminder Dates (subject to change):

January – If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2025, please do!

February 9, 2025 – *Board Meeting* at 10 AM (email us for details if you would like to attend, gpanasec@gmail.com)

2025 CLEANUPS

Saturday, March 29: Camino de Oeste/Speedway Roadside cleanup at 8:00 AM to be followed by our Spring Membership Meeting and Potluck at 10:30 AM

Saturday, April 5: Painted Hills Road/Speedway Roadside Cleanup at 8:00 AM

Saturday, October 18: Painted Hills/Speedway Roadside cleanup at 8:00 AM. We meet at the Painted Hills Church Parking Lot

Saturday November 8: Camino de Oeste/Speedway Cleanup at 8:00 AM with General Membership Meeting and Potluck to follow at 10:30 AM

Cleanups at Feliz Paseos Park to be announced...

Treasurer's Report
12/31/2024
Prepared by Suzanne King

	Current Period 12/16/24-12/31/24	Year to Date 01/01/24-12/31/24
Beginning Balance	\$5,266.46	6,071.96
Income		
Membership-Checks	\$60.00	760.00
Membership-Credit card-Website	\$520.00	2,080.00
Prepaid for 2026	\$20.00	60.00
Donation		20.00
Total Income	\$600.00	2,920.00
Expenses		
WIX/PP Fees	\$25.52	104.12
Post Office Box		182.00
Website		229.17
Insurance		1,744.10
Office Expense		99.73
State Taxes	\$100.00	100.00
Raffle prizes		100.00
Gift cards	\$55.00	166.90
Election Buddy	\$29.00	29.00
Tucson Mountains Association		60.00
Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection		100.00
Donation to Camp Cooper		500.00
Donation to Darksy International		50.00
Correction-Prior year		-130.00
Total Expenses	\$209.52	3,335.02
Ending Balance	\$5,656.94	5,656.94

Member Totals	2022	2023	2024	2025
Member households	141	146	147	109
Individual members	261	273	273	194
New Members	18	16	11	1
Members not renewed	6	9	10	37

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2025 Annual Budget Projections

ITEM	2024 Budget	2024	CHANGE	2025 Budget	
INCOME					
Dues	\$3,400.00	\$2,880.00	(\$520.00)	\$3,000.00	
Beginning Bank Balance	\$6,205.75	\$6,071.96	(\$133.79)	\$5,617.82	
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,605.75	\$8,951.96	(\$653.79)	\$8,617.82	
EXPENSES – ADMINISTRATIVE					
*AZ State Taxes	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	April
Post Office Box Rental	\$190.00	\$182.00	(\$8.00)	\$190.00	April
Membership Renewal & Elections	\$40.00	\$29.00	(\$11.00)	\$29.00	Nov
Paypal/WIX fees	\$125.00	\$103.24	(\$21.76)	\$120.00	WIX .88, Paypal 1.19
Supplies	\$250.00	\$69.73	(\$180.27)	\$100.00	
Website Domain Name	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$458.35	3 yr to 2/28
Wix	\$229.17	\$229.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	to 2/26
Gift card for past officers	\$0.00	\$166.90	\$166.90	\$0.00	
Liability and D & O Insurance	\$780.00	\$1,744.10	\$964.10	\$1,750.00	June
SUBTOTAL	\$1,664.17	\$2,624.14	\$959.97	\$2,697.35	
EXPENSES – MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS					
Camp Cooper	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Tucson Mountains Association	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	
International Dark Skies Association	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
SUBTOTAL	\$710.00	\$710.00	\$0.00	\$710.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,374.17	\$3,334.14	\$959.97	\$3,407.35	
INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	\$7,231.58	\$5,617.82	(\$1,613.76)	\$5,210.47	