

GPANA Board Meeting on March 7, 2020 — Minutes final 3/13/20
Tony Knight Residence
The meeting officially started at 9:35 AM

1. Roll Call

Board members: Gary Kordosky (president), Melissa Ambers (vice president), Donna Snyder (secretary), Denise Garland (treasurer), Roger Carpenter, Janice Crowder-Torrez, Tony Knight.

2. Membership Report – Denise Garland reports that current membership stands at 118 households (212 individuals).

3. Treasurer's Report –

a. Denise Garland provided a detailed accounting of income and expenses for the time period 1/3/20 to 3/7/20.

Beginning balance (1/3/20) = **\$3,732.12**

Income = **\$139.12** [\$19.12 (PayPal deposits) + \$120.00 (bank deposits)]

Expenses = **\$0**

Ending balance = **\$3,871.24**

b. Annual Budget – Denise presents the 2020 Annual Budget.

Denise made a motion that GPANA become a member of the International Dark Sky Association for \$35. Donna seconds. Motion passes. Denise moves for the board to accept the 2020 GPANA Budget. Roger seconds. Passes.

4. Old Business

a. Road/Park Cleanup and Pot Luck: April 11, 2020

Members meet at 7:50 AM at the corner of Trails End Road and Camino de Oeste to sign in, receive instructions, neon vests and large garbage bags. They disperse to pick up trash at Feliz Paseos Park and along Camino de Oeste. The Pot Luck will begin about 10AM. It will be held in the Cafeteria at the Correctional Officers Training Academy on Trails End

Road. Our speaker at the event will be Joe Frannea from International Dark Sky Association. Communication to the membership through the website and email (Donna) will follow with instructions on which entrance to use (the 2nd) along with a diagram of the facility.

b. Tracking Area Issues. Not much to report. For the record, these are the issues being followed:

- The Y at the intersection of Camino de Oeste and Speedway to be made one way going west. This has been approved by Pima County Board of Supervisors. Work should take place in the next 2 months.
- Sale of Rancho de las Lomas (90 acres with stone buildings) on Speedway. Nothing new to report.
- Dos Picos Parcels on Anklam Road, a total of 127 acres for sale. Concern for high density housing or commercial ventures that could increase traffic, trash and crime. Nothing new to report.
- Rosemont Mine. GPANA's concern is the impact the mine will have on the water table and pollution in the Tucson area.
- North Camino De Oeste Trailhead. Improvements have been made but traffic, gridlock, car break-ins, and grading issues continue to be burdensome for residents in the area. GPANA advocates for the Parks department to make improvements.
- Grading near Monte Carlo in Mountain Gardens. GPANA supports residents concerned about the indiscriminate damage done by poor grading.
- Evangelos Restaurant Property. Nothing new to report.
- I-11 Interstate through Avra Valley. This is a very large issue that GPANA is following due to the impact it will have on the Sonoran Desert west of the Tucson and more.

c. Updating the contact list for members and non-members (Excel files). Denise reports the Current Members list has

been updated and reflects our current membership. Non-renewal households have been moved the 'Unpaid in 2020' list. We also have about 5 households that have been moved to the 'Dropped or No Contact' list. Note that contact info is not discarded and can easily be added back to the membership list after they pay dues.

Donna Snyder has been working on GPANA's Google Contacts list to reconcile duplicates, combine couples, and move non-paying members out of the current Members email group.

d. Report from Pima County Department of Transportation on their activities regarding Gates Pass Road and West Speedway. GPANA sent a letter to Ana Olivares, Pima County Director of Transportation, asking what Pima County has been doing to follow up on the issues presented by GPANA and discussed with Ms. Olivares at the August 2019 board meeting. Corrine Garey from Pima County Dept. of Transportation contacted Gary Kordosky on this matter. She told him that, in addition to the speed study previously done and reported, Pima County has done the following:

1. Acknowledging that cars traveling on Gates Pass Road are on average traveling well over posted speeds, Pima County Transportation is asking for greater enforcement activity by the Pima County Sheriff.
2. Banking studies on the curves along Gates Pass Road from the sharp curve just east of the Via Roma entrance into Mountain Gardens down to the sharp curve on West Speedway just east of the entrance into Enclaves show that the recommended speed posted for the curves is correct for the banking of the road.
3. New, more easily readable, 35 mph speed signs have been installed at 2 locations along Gates Pass Road for cars traveling east, one just before the Via Roma entrance into Mountain Gardens and another just west of the intersection of Gates Pass Road with Camino de Oeste.

4. A large “Stop Ahead” has been painted on Camino De Oeste in bright white paint north the intersection of Camino De Oeste with Gates Pass Road and a new huge stop sign has been installed on Camino De Oeste for cars traveling south on Camino De Oeste where it intersects with Gates Pass Road.

5. The county is planning to convert the short section of West Speedway just after the start of Gates Pass Road to one-way west. Work to take place in the next 2 months.

6. The project to widen and repave West Speedway from Painted Hills Drive to Gates Pass Road is scheduled to start construction in July or August 2020 and it is expected to be a 9-month project.

e. Directors and Officers Liability/General Liability insurance for the GPANA Board. Directors and Officers Insurance was \$990 for 2019. Denise was able to find the same coverage for the lower amount of ~ \$500. Our D&O insurance renews in June and the final cost will be determined about 2 months prior.

f. Bright lights at COTA. Denise reports that COTA will be working on shielding the parking area lights to comply with Dark Sky ordinances. She was also told by the commander that they rarely use these lights at night unless there is a special event.

g. Website. Donna reports that our ‘website builder’ is up for renewal with Godaddy on 4/12/20. Cost is ~\$12/mo. A 12 month extension is suggested. Our SSL certificate needs to be renewed by 5/21/20. This is also with Godaddy. The cost is ~ \$80 per year. These costs will be reflected in the budget. Statistics on Godaddy show an average of 510 visitors per month for the past year. 6% are from Tucson averaging about 30 Tucson visits per month.

7. New Business

a. Road grading from Camino de Oeste end of pavement to the Yetman Trail parking lot. GPANA member John Z will be asked to reach out to Richard Anderson of Pima County Parks to request that the County to follow up on its promise of grading this portion of road at least once a year.

b. Wildcat grading. A member has brought an issue to the board of what appears to be unpermitted work in our area. After much discussion it was determined for all concerned that the best course of action be to ask the County to handle the complaint. Melissa made the motion that GPANA not get involved with unpermitted grading. Tony Knight seconds. Passes with no one opposed. The Board urges members to not hesitate to complain to Pima County Chief Zoning Inspector Thomas Drzazgowski, (520) 724-6675, email Thomas.Drzazgowski@pima.gov if they witness suspicious development activity.

c. Possible Town Hall with Richard Elías. Gary Kordosky spoke with Supervisor Richard Elías at the dedication of Painted Hills Park regarding the possibility of holding a Community Information Night modeled on an event held by Supervisor Sharon Bronson (Dist. 3) at Tucson Estates on February 26, 2020. Elias stated he did not typically hold such meetings but was somewhat open to the suggestion and asked Gary to send him a reminder of the conversation.

d. Increasing Membership and expanding our area of clean up. Denise provided the board members with individual Google maps showing GPANA membership in relation to the board member's home. This information can help board members reach out to neighbors to encourage them to become members. One of our members, Gary Bruins has expressed an interest in encouraging more residents in his area, Painted Hills Road, to become involved in GPANA. Also if he were able to organize an effort to Adopt-A-Road for Painted Hills Road, it could

coordinate with our date of clean up on Camino de Oeste and Feliz Paseos Park and Pot Luck. Donna will reach out to Mr. Bruins to see if he is still interested. Denise offered to create a map for him showing where GPANA members live in relation to his home. Donna will include it in the email to him.

9. Help.org. Donna brings up an item that was tabled at the last meeting. This was a request by Julie Constance at Help.org, an agency that supplies resource information to individuals and families dealing with addictions. She asked if we could put a link on our Quick Links page connecting to their website. After a short discussion the board agreed. Donna will follow up on this.

8. Adjourn – 12:05 PM. Denise makes the motion for adjournment, Tony seconds. No objections, passes.

The next board meeting will be held on **May 16, 2020** at the home of Roger Carpenter, [1124 N Camino De Oeste](#) at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Snyder
Secretary