

Minutes: Gates Pass Area Neighborhood Association (GPANA) Board Meeting

November 11, 2017, Residence of Jim Wilson

Jim Wilson, acting board president, called the meeting to order at 9:43 am. Board members present were Jim Wilson, Nancy Zeller, John Zadrozny, Hector Campoy, Al Weigel, and Gary Kordosky. Also present were GPANA members Carolyn Leigh, Tony Knight and Jannice Crowder-Torrez.

The board unanimously approved the minutes for the September board meeting.

Treasures Report

Al Weigel, GPANA treasurer reported the GPANA account balance is US \$ 3,520.90.

Board President

H. Campoy moved Jim Wilson be appointed president of the board to fill the remainder of Barb Fleming's term, seconded by G. Kordosky. The board approved the motion unanimously.

Membership Report

Nancy Zeller GPANA membership guru reported one member had renewed bringing membership up to 140 households. There was a discussion about being able to pay dues on line at the time of renewal, either by using pay pal or by use of a credit card, to make renewing a tiny bit easier than the current method of putting a US\$10.00 check in the prepaid envelope each member receives when we vote for board members and board officers at the beginning of the year. The board left this discussion open for the new board to consider in 2018.

Clean-ups and Potluck Report

Hector Campoy reported a successful park and road cleanup. Gary Kordosky report about 35 people attended the Potluck. The food at the Potluck got great reviews. There was discussion about holding only one Potluck annually, but that discussion died quickly. There was also discussion about having one Potluck annually where there is Handicap access. No formal action was taken on this matter, but the general feeling of the board seemed to favor doing this. A letter will be sent to Supervisor Elias thanking him for attending the Potluck and saying a few words about past president Barb Fleming.

Old Business

Yetman Trailhead

Thanks to the effort of John Zadrozny Pima County has said they will grade the extension of Camino de Oeste from the end of the paved portion South to the parking lot for the Yetman Trailhead once annually. After some discussion on the number of people who used the trailhead parking lot Hector Campoy said he would draft a letter to Pima County asking for a count of this activity. The idea is to use such a count as a way to show Pima County they should take full responsibility for maintaining the section of road from the end of the pavement to the Trailhead parking lot.

Website

The new GPANA web site manager Donna Snyder was not present at the meeting so there was

no report on, or discussion of, this topic.

Feliz Paseos Park

The gate for Feliz Paseos Park is open 24 hours every day of the week instead of the gate being open from 6 or 7 am to dusk. The board will address this problem by:

- a. Sending a letter to the new Pima County Parks director welcoming her to this position, and
- b. Sending an email to the gentleman from the Pima County Parks department that takes care of the Feliz Paseos Park and asking why Feliz Paseos Park is open 24 hours seven days a week instead of from 6 or 7 am to dusk. The board thinks the park should be patrolled on a regular basis if it is open 24 hours 7 days a week to help prevent vandalism, drinking and other behavior that is harmful for the park.

New Business

Gates Pass Road Safety Improvements

Pima County Department of Transportation held an open house October 18 to discuss a safety study done on about a 1.5-mile section of Gates Pass Road that takes in about an equal section of the road below the summit on both the East and West sides of the pass. This 1.5-mile section of road has a good bit higher accident rate than is expected. Interestingly, the number of accidents in this section of road correlates well with the sharpness of the curves and the time of day (late night and very early morning). The county mentioned 3 levels of options for this section of Gates Pass Road. The board after discussing the 3 levels of options presented at the open house agreed that the options presented in the first level: added curve signs, an 8 inch wide edge stripe, speed reduction markings on the road and vertical delineators were good things to do. These improvements can be made quickly as they are part of maintenance and money is available. The board had reservations about the second level, which included adding lights, and the third level, which included widening and realignment of the road. The last time the road was widened lanes were increased from 9 feet to 11 feet and it appears accidents increased.

The board voted to send a letter to Supervisor Elias telling him our thanking on the options for improving the safety of Gates Pass Road.

Elections for the Board

In addition to Barb Fleming three other board will leave the board at the end of 2017, Nancy Zeller, Al Weigel and Bill Bracker. We thank all members leaving the board for their hard work and contributions to the GPANA.

In late December ballots for the board and for board officers will be mailed to the membership along with membership renewal forms. Board endorsed candidates for officers are Gary Kordosky (president), Hector Campoy (vp), John Zadrozny (secretary) and Jannice Crowder-Torrez (treasurer).

Mission Statement

The new board will deal with a new mission statement for the GPANA early in 2018.

Las Lomas

The roughly 90-acre parcel on the North side of Speedway East of the wash and across the street from intersection of Anklam Road and Speedway has been for sale for quite some time. There are many issues to be addressed before this property can be sold so while GPANA members are seeing for sale signs a quick sale is not expected.

Other Matters - Burglaries in the Area

There were 5 burglaries reported in the area from October 11 to November 10

2300 block North Calle del Suerto, 10/21, 3 pm

4200 block West Ironwood Drive, 10/21, 12 am

4500 block West Speedway, 10/23, 9 am

4100 block West Ironwood Drive, 10/28, 12 pm

3600 block West Speedway 11/3, 11 pm.

The time given is when the burglaries were reported.

Please be aware of stranger cars and people on your street and in your neighborhood. Please report such things to the sheriff's office.

December board meeting – December 16 at Nancy Zeller's home

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Kordosky
Board Secretary