

GATES PASS AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING May 24, 2026

Call to Order: Donna Snyder, President, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. MST.

Present: Donna Snyder, President; Dori Frankel, Vice President; Barb Fleming, Treasurer; Susan Sferra, Secretary; At-large Members: Kris Dolezal and Michael Ignatowicz. Note that Dori and Mike attended via Google Meets.

1. Old Business:

- a. The April Minutes were approved by board members via email. They were distributed to our members via email on May 14, 2026. They have been posted to the website,
- b. Treasurer's Report + Membership status: The Income Statement Ending Balance as of 4/30/2026 was \$4402.76. We donated \$100 to Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection during a matching funds campaign. Our expenses are currently greater than membership fees and recruiting new members will preclude the need to raise fees. As of May 15, there were 142 paid household members, with 3 new households joining since the end of last year. Eight lapsed households from our mailing list have not responded to our reminder letters. Barb will make a final attempt to reach them and if there is no response, we will remove them from the e-mail list.
- c. Planning Fall October 3 Membership Meeting: Sam Miller from Dark Skies International will be speaking at our fall meeting. Donna is looking into COTA for availability of the auditorium for the fall meeting. We encourage homeowners to turn off their string lights as well as other lights at night, reduce the number of outdoor lights on their property if not essential for safety, switch out cool color lights with warm color lights, and ensure all lights are shielded and are not contributing to horizontal or vertical light pollution. Lighting disturbs wildlife behavior at night as well as at dawn and dusk.
- d. Evangelos property: Donna reached out to owner Peter Wilke. He has not received any input from the county on the ingress/egress traffic issue. Donna will email Peter and ask if there is anything our group could do to help. Peter did report that he has been having the property cleaned up. Dori will contact Jay Gomes, the county traffic engineer, about the status of the ingress/egress issue and what Peter Wilke is required to do.
- e. Speeding and Street Racing issues: Racing/speeding cars continue to be a problem in our area. For the Sheriff's Department, go to [Report Filing - Pima County Sheriff's Department](#) and follow the prompts. Be sure to report date(s), locations, and times. The non-emergency number for the Sheriff's Department is **520-351-4900**. For Pima County, call **520-724-7400** to speak with a Complaint Coordinator for further assistance. Because GPANA is mostly outside the city limits, we do not benefit as much from city law enforcement actions. Although we do not have traffic violation information from the Pima County Sheriff's Office, we do have an update from the Tucson Police Department and the May Tucson City Council meeting. The Police Department's Threat Mitigation Unit (TMU) issued 70+ search warrants served, seized 18 vehicles taken as evidence, developed cases toward criminal syndicate charges, encrypted radios to

prevent racing networks from monitoring police, and are monitoring social media to track planned events. Vice Mayor Santa Cruz noted that more effort should be directed at making streets physically inhospitable to racing because it has been successful in the cities with the fewest street racing problems.

Mayor Romero will be implementing four actions to reduce speeding and street racing:

1. Update the street racing ordinance — add language on mobs, drifting, and impoundment
2. Explore camera technology — hotspot intersections, possible ballot measure on red light cameras
3. Social media accountability — engage platforms on demonetization of racing content
4. Prevention and intervention — youth programs, TPD-nonprofit partnerships

The GPANA Board is aware that the City's actions may have unintended consequences for residents outside city limits. Please voice your concerns about speeding, drag racing and auto noise to our County Sheriff's office and request additional patrols in our area.

2. New Business:

a. Water Shortage: The city of Tucson projects water shortages in 2027 and 2028, and will be negotiating agreements to address the shortfall. The city and the county are likely to be affected by the recent Colorado River three-state agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58

Susan Sferra, Secretary

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, June 28, 2026 at 10:00 AM, the home of Donna Snyder

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Project Blue Water Use

On May 4, Tucson revokes the water permit. Demands 652,000 gallons back. On May 12, Pima County PDEQ issues Notice of Violation #PC2605-064 for fugitive dust. On May 22: Beale's contractor is drilling 2 wells, authorized by ADWR. Water will be used for dust control, filling the cooling system, and facility operations.

Opposition to Tucson Electric Power rate hike. In May, the Pima County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution, formally opposing Tucson Electric Power's proposed 14% rate increase before the Arizona Corporation Commission.

The Underwood Family Sonoran Landscape Laboratory: With contributions from the Underwood Family, the UA College of Architecture has designed and constructed a demonstration landscape using low-cost arid land design principles of water harvesting, water reuse, mitigation of desert microclimates and reduction and re-direction of runoff for passive and active storage. You might be interested in visiting for ideas for your own landscaping. See [Underwood Family Sonoran Landscape Laboratory | College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture](#)

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GPANA Treasurer's Report
4/30/2026
Prepared by Barbara Fleming, Treasurer

	Current Period	Year to Date
	04/01/26-04/30/26	01/01/26-04/30/26
Beginning		
Balance	\$4,619.07	\$5,610.55
Income		
Mmbrship-Chks/cash	\$0.00	\$200.00
Mmbrship-CCs	\$100.00	\$540.00
Prepaid for 2026		
Donation		
Total Income	\$100.00	\$740.00
Expenses		
WIX/PP Fees	\$4.71	\$25.47
Post Office Box-annual	\$196.00	\$196.00
Website		\$229.17
Insurance		\$1,252.00
Office Expense-stamps	\$15.60	\$46.78
AZ StTax & Corp Comm		\$68.37
Raffle prizes		
Gift cards		
Election Buddy		
Dontn Tuc Mt Assoc		\$30.00
Dontn Sonrn Des Prtct	\$100.00	\$100.00
Dontn Camp Cooper		
Dontn DarkSky Int		
Correction-Prior year		
Total Expenses	\$316.31	\$1,947.79
Ending Balance	\$4,402.76	\$4,402.76

Member Totals	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>05/15/2026</u>
Mmber housholds	146	147	147	142
Individual members	273	273	272	268
New Mmbr houshlds	16	11	7	3
Lapsed housholds	9	10	44	8