

## **Gates Pass Area Neighborhood Association**

Board Meeting on **March 19, 2022**, Zoom Meeting

The meeting started at 9:00 AM

### **1. Roll Call**

Board members present: Denise Garland, President; Gary Bruins, Vice President; Donna Snyder, Secretary; Sue King, Treasurer; Ethan Henderson, Member; Karen Sweeney, Member

Absent: Member Tony Knight

### **2. Old Business**

#### **A. Website and Social Media – Donna Snyder**

Website: The new website has launched. We are using the WIX platform. The Membership process has been improved so that members can now fill out a membership form, pay with a credit card and submit with one step. The site contains the history of the organization, along with news, interesting articles, our organization's minutes and board member information. Comments are welcome. We will be updating the site to include more "historic" photos from the early days.

Nextdoor: We use this app to broadcast news about our upcoming events and to publicize GPANA.

Facebook: We now have 49 members. We also use this platform to publicize events, share local information. Members can share photos of our local flora and fauna. Consider joining our group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/644292502928355>

#### **B. Treasurer's Report –Sue King**

**Treasurer's Report**  
**March 15, 2022**  
**Prepared by Suzanne King**

01/01/22-03/15/22

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$4,882.94
<b>Income</b>	
Membership Renewal-Checks	\$380.00
Membership Renewal-PayPal	\$200.00
WIX	\$20.00
Total Income	<u>\$600.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>	
PayPal Fees	\$12.78
Post Office Box	
Website	611.13
Insurance	
State Tax	
Office Expense	26.68
Donation to Camp Cooper	
Donation to IDA	
Total Expenses	<u>\$650.59</u>
<b>Ending Balance 03/15/2022</b>	<u>\$4,832.35</u>

**Member Totals**

Member households	130
Individual members	240
Email addresses	191

For 2022 we have 130 member households and 240 individual members. At the end of 2021 we had 129 members. 121 member renewed, 3 moved, 5 did not renew. We have 9 new members. 73 paid through PayPal.

### **C. Membership Renewals – Sue King**

Sue reports that we have 130 member households, 240 individual members. We've had some members move from the area, some have opted not to renew, and we have 9 new household memberships. We encourage members to spread the good word about GPANA to local friends and neighbors. There's strength in numbers when dealing with the county.

### **D. Membership Recruitment - Gary Bruins and Denise Garland**

Denise provided board members with maps of their neighborhoods. Current members are highlighted, so the board can pitch GPANA to non-members.

### **E. Updates on Outstanding Issues**

- County Lighting Ordinance – Denise reports the new lighting ordinance has been delayed so there is nothing new to report at this time.

- Las Lomas Property on Speedway – Denise reports that this property has been taken off the market. Folding the property into Tucson Mountain Park is still a goal for the county, but at this point there is no progress towards that end.
- Illegal Shooting in Gate Pass – Denise reports all had been calm in the Gates Pass area until quite recently, breaking a 3 or 4 month stretch of quiet.
- I-11 through Avra Valley – ADOT contracted for an Environmental Impact Study which came out against running I-11 through Avra Valley. Alternatives were mentioned including using existing highways.
- TEP undergrounding utilities – GPANA will continue to support Tucson Mountain Association in their efforts to push Tucson Electric and Power to underground utilities along scenic routes.

### **3. New Business**

- Graffiti has appeared on a cliff at the top on the Gates Pass overlook. Denise contacted the Parks Department and we will push to have it removed.
- Monitoring County Board and Commission Agendas. Denise needs someone on the board to take this on. All agendas are in one spot on the Pima County Website and should be reviewed a couple times a month. Any issues that affect our area should be brought to the board's attention.
- Spring Membership Meeting – March 26, 2022, 10 AM, COTA Auditorium
  - Agenda has been prepared
  - Sign-in sheets
  - Portrait and Bio to honor Olivia Cajero Bedford
  - Oversized check to present to the Cooper Center in Olivia's honor (Donna)
  - Raffle tickets and gift certificate for local nursery Desert Survivors
  - Bottled water will be provided
  - Flyers to promote upcoming cleanups
  - GPANA business cards to promote traffic to the website and for distribution
  - Acknowledgement of our indigenous peoples' land and territory
  - Encourage folks to wear purple in honor of Olivia
- GPANA Goals for 2022: things to work towards

- Create the new Website: this goal is completed, though additional photos and content will be added
- Utilize Emails, Facebook and Nextdoor for publicity and outreach: Step up postings and email blasts for reaching out to members and community. Keep subject matter short and informative.
- Encourage board members to bring in new members from their immediate area, utilize the neighborhood maps that Denise has provided.
- Explore how board members can attend HOA meetings to promote GPANA.
- Follow up with members who have not renewed and check in with them.
- Reach out to Realtors who are prominent in our immediate area to see if they can share GPANA info with new home buyers.
- Consider direct mail through the post office to residents in our immediate area.
- Reach out to Pima County to investigate exactly how much money is available for purchasing land
- Connect with the new Director of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation re suggestions on creating more parks and public lands in our area.
- Meet with Supervisor Grijalva on how to take a more active role in identifying properties to incorporate into public lands and parks.
- Work with buffelgrass removal folks to determine properties that are major violators and if that property is for sale, could the property be purchased by the county.

#### **4. Upcoming Dates**

- 3/26/22 Painted Hills Roadside Cleanup at 8:00 AM, meet at the Church of the Painted
- General Membership Meeting at 10:00 AM, COTA Auditorium, Trails End Road
- 4/1/22 Pay Corporation Commission Fee
- 4/2/22 Camino de Oeste Roadside Cleanup at 8:00, meet at the corner of Camino de Oeste and Trails End Road.
- 5/21/22 GPANA Board Meeting at 9:00 AM via Zoom. If you would like to attend as a guest, please email us at [gpanasec@gmail.com](mailto:gpanasec@gmail.com). If you have any issues you would like to present to the board, please email us.

**5. Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Snyder

Secretary

