

GPANA Board Meeting on August 29, 2020 — Final
Zoom Meeting • The meeting started at 9:00 AM

1. Roll Call

Board members: Gary Kordosky (president), Melisa Ambers (vice president), Donna Snyder (secretary), Denise Garland (treasurer), Roger Carpenter, Janice Crowder-Torrez, Tony Knight. No guests were present.

2. Treasurer's Report

Denise Garland provided a detailed accounting of income and expenses for the time period 7/25/20 – 8/24/20.

Beginning balance (7/25/20) = **\$3,072.05**

Income = **\$0.70** [*bank interest*]

Expenses = **\$130.00**

(Includes Membership dues to Tucson Mountains Association (\$30) and donation to Coalition for the Sonoran Desert Protection (\$100).

Ending balance = **\$2942.75** (8/24/20)

Membership Totals:

Member households = 121

Individual Members = 201

Email addresses = 178

Phone numbers = 177

3. Old Business

a. Shots fired in neighborhood area of Gates Pass Road and southern end of Camino de Oeste

It has been suggested that the association ask for surveillance cameras from the Sheriff's Department to try and catch people responsible for illegal shooting. Denise Garland reported that surveillance cameras are going to be used at the 36th Street Trailhead due to issues there. She also reported that surveillance cameras are going to be put at the overlook pull-out area at the summit of Gates Pass due to increased

illegal activity. GPANA would like to see surveillance cameras used at Feliz Paseos due to incidents of graffiti; the Yetman trailhead area for illegal shooting; the area of Gates Pass Road by Mountain Gardens that has had multiple incidents of illegal shooting.

Update on Signage for Gates Pass Road and Tucson Mountain Park:

Denise Garland reports that Karen Simms of Pima County Parks and Recreation, has advised that the new signs warning against illegal shooting should be installed the first week of September. Large signs are to be placed at the entrances with smaller signs at the turn outs.

b. Speedway roadwork update

Work is scheduled to be completed by Spring, 2021. Preliminary grading and earth work are now taking place.

c. Survey

Denise Garland has put together a Google Form survey to email our membership. The purpose of the survey is to gauge member interests and concerns so that the board can set goals. After discussion, additional questions will be added regarding online elections, dues collection, and participation in a general membership Zoom meeting. Melisa Ambers makes the motion to send the survey to membership. Tony Knight seconds. Discussion: the survey will be sent on Sept. 1 with a request that the survey be completed and returned by Sept. 15. Motion passes. No objections.

d. Encourage members to renew membership and pay dues online due to Covid concerns.

The expense for GPANA to print membership materials plus postage is about \$465. If a large percentage of the membership would renew and pay dues online, it would streamline the process with the benefit of saving the organization money.

e. Tracking agendas for the Pima County Board of Supervisors, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Board of Adjustment.

Denise Garland volunteered to read the agenda for the Board of Supervisors. But all board members are asked to take a look at the Board of Supervisors and Board of Adjustment agendas. The Board of Supervisors meets weekly. The purpose is to keep tabs on any issues that may affect our area. We need someone from the GPANA board to volunteer to take this on as a responsibility. Board member Roger Carpenter has been monitoring the Planning and Zoning Commission.

f. Regular, consistent communication with our partners: TMA, CSDP, IDSA, Cooper Center

After some discussion it was determined that these organizations know to come to GPANA with any issues that they may feel they need help with.

g. Fall Road/Park Cleanup and General Membership Meeting, 10/17/20

Road Cleanup and Feliz Paseos Park Cleanup are scheduled for 10/17/20 at 8:00 AM. Member Al Gilpatrick will coordinate the cleanup along Camino de Oeste. Tony Knight will organize the Park cleanup. Gary Kordosky will ask Al to contact the county for current guidelines on group size due to Covid regulations. An email will be sent to membership prior asking volunteers to RSVP so we have an idea of group size. Our general membership meeting will be held at 10:00 the same day. It will be a virtual Zoom meeting that Denise Garland is coordinating. Our guest speaker is Joe Frannea from International Dark Sky Association.

4. New Business

a. Increasing membership in Covid times -- postcards

Denise Garland has researched a way to reach the 1400 residents within our membership area. Postcards can be printed with our message and delivered using the postal service. The cost would be about \$800. The size of the card would be 8 x 6.5 inches. It was thought best to do this after the national election, in January or February. The board decided to hold off and think about the project further. Donna Snyder will research the rate of return on a mailing of this size.

b. Meeting with the Board of Supervisors Representatives Sharon Bronson and Betty Villegas to introduce and explain GPANA's mission and concerns.

We will wait until after the November election to pursue this meeting.

c. Pima County Sign Code

Pima County is looking for comments on changes to the sign code, due 9/8/20. After discussion, it was decided as a board, not to comment at this point but to follow the lead and support any suggestions by International Dark Sky Association.

d. Consistent communication with membership

Our area has had 2 heavy police action events recently which led to confusion as to exactly what was happening (in real time) and the status of safety in our area. After discussion it was decided that GPANA will only comment and inform after we have all the facts. GPANA has no way to alert membership the instant something critical happens. This is to curb GPANA from distributing misinformation to membership. GPANA will strive to send out prompt informative emails to membership when we know the facts. Members should rely on Neighborhood Watch groups, Neighborhood Phone Trees, Alerts from the Sheriff's Department and/or Tucson Police Department (their apps can be downloaded to your smart phone). Melisa Ambers and Donna Snyder will coordinate in explaining this approach to membership.

Meeting adjourned at about 11:00 AM. Next Zoom Board Meeting to be held on September 19, 2020, 9 AM. Denise will facilitate.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Snyder, Secretary