

GATES PASS AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING MARCH 15, 2026

**Call to Order:** Donna Snyder, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. MST.

**Present:** Donna Snyder, President; Dori Frankel, Vice President; Barb Fleming, Treasurer  
At-large Members: Kris Dolezal, Michael Ignatowicz

**Absent:** Susan Sferra, Secretary

**Website:** [www.gpana.info](http://www.gpana.info)

**1. Old Business:**

a. The February Minutes were approved by the board via email and distributed by email to the membership on March 11, 2026.

**b. Treasurer's Report + Membership status**

Barb Fleming handed out the February treasurer's report which is attached and made a part of these minutes. She explained that we run a deficit monthly after dues come in. Expenses coming up this month are the insurance premiums for Directors and Officers Liability and Errors and Omissions policies totaling \$1,202. Also being paid this month is the website renewal premium of \$250, which covers a two-year period, and the AZ corporation filing fee.

Board members will call or email unpaid members one more time before cutting off emails to unpaid members at the end of April. This will be conveyed in an email blast as well. We currently have 150 household memberships though 20 of those are in lapsed status.

c. **Spring Membership Meeting** was held on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at the Cooper Center after the Camino de Oeste roadside pick-up. The meeting went well, but we'd love to see more members attend future meetings and pickups! **Kate Hotten**, co-executive director of the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection, spoke about the importance of wildlife crossings, the issues they are following, along with the need for public comment to legislators and supervisors. **Steve Dolan**, from Tucson Mountain Association, spoke about Danny Lopez Park: the clean-up efforts, buffelgrass pulls, and educational opportunities. **Colin Waite**, director of the Cooper Center, spoke of their progress with planned renovations and improvements. Donna will send an e-blast to our membership regarding their Blood Drive on March 21st at the Cooper Center.

d. **Speedway Cleanup:** Our Speedway Cleanup is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. We will meet at the Painted Hills Church upper parking lot on Speedway. **We must have at least 8 participants** to work in pairs along the roadside (it's a safety issue). This is why **it is important to RSVP** when the call goes out for volunteers. If we cannot get enough volunteers, the cleanup may have to be rescheduled or cancelled.

**2. New Business**

a. **International Dark Skies Week:** The International Dark Sky Association encourages people to shut off or shield all unnecessary nighttime lighting during April 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Also of note is an "Activation Alert" on their website ([darksky.org](http://darksky.org)) regarding "Reflect Orbital." Reflect Orbital is a company proposing to eventually send thousands of satellites into a low orbit with mirrors to reflect the sun and light up the night on demand. You can read more here: <https://darksky.org/news/orbital-illumination-systems/>.

**Important Upcoming Dates in 2026:**

**March 28: Speedway Pickup (8 AM)**

**April 11: Feliz Paseos Park cleanup (8 AM)**

**Oct 3: Camino de Oeste road cleanup (8 AM) and Fall Membership meeting (10:30 AM)**

**Oct 24: Speedway road cleanup (8 AM)**

**Nov 7: Feliz Paseos Park cleanup (8 AM)**

*Minutes compiled by Dori Frankel and Donna Snyder - 3/18/26*

*Any questions or comments, email us at [gpanasec@gmail.com](mailto:gpanasec@gmail.com)*

**GPANA Treasurer's Report**  
**2/28/2026**  
**Prepared by Barbara Fleming, Treasurer**

		Current Period 02/01/26-02/28/26	Year to Date 01/01/26-02/28/26
<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Balance</b>	\$5,733.61	\$5,610.55
<b>Income</b>			
	Mmbrship-Chks/cash	\$100.00	\$120.00
	Mmbrship-CCs	\$260.00	\$400.00
	Prepaid for 2026		
	Donation		
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	Total Income	\$360.00	\$520.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
	WIX/PP Fees	\$12.06	\$19.00
	Post Office Box		
	Website		
	Insurance		
	Office Expense		
	AZ StTax & Corp Comm		
	Raffle prizes		
	Gift cards		
	Election Buddy		
	Dontn Tuc Mt Assoc		\$30.00
	Dontn Sonrn Des Prtct		
	Dontn Camp Cooper		
	Dontn DarkSky Int		
	Correction-Prior year		
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	Total Expenses	\$12.06	\$49.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$6,081.55	\$6,081.55

<b>Member Totals</b>	2023	2024	2025	<b>03/16/2026</b>
Mmber housholds	146	147	147	<b>150</b>
Individual members	273	273	272	<b>278</b>
New Mmbr houshlds	16	11	7	<b>3</b>
Lapsed housholds	9	10	44	<b>18</b>