

Gates Pass Area Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting on **May 28, 2022**, Zoom Meeting

The meeting started at 9 am

1. Roll Call

Board members present:

Denise Garland, *President*, Gary Bruins, *Vice President*, Sue King, *Treasurer*,
Tony Knight, *Member*, Karen Sweeney, *Member*.

Donna Snyder, *Secretary*, and Ethan Henderson, *member*, were absent.

2. Old Business

A. Website and social media—Reported by Denise Garland

Donna has made beautiful updates to our website, including photos, upcoming events, articles, membership info, geographic info, news, meeting minutes, and helpful links. We await her return, for further social media information.

B. Treasurer's report—Sue King

See page 4.

C. Membership renewals and members not renewed—Sue King

See Treasurer's Report on page 4 for figures.

Emphasis on easy sign-up will be made at our Fall general membership meeting.

D. City of Tucson non-enforcement of desert plant preservation for 20 years—Denise

Staffing shortages and COVID-19 have resulted in a lack of enforcement of regulations regarding desert plant protection. Perhaps, with more people aware of the issue, this issue will improve.

E. Tucson Mountains Association Event—Denise Garland

After attending this event, Denise shared ideas we might use for our general meetings, such as having a potluck and providing shade.

F. Thank you notes—Denise Garland

GPANA received thank you notes from both the Cooper Center and Tara Bedford. Tara was appreciative of the kind thoughts and actions in her mother's memory.

G. Milagro Co-housing community and Agua Dulce update—Denise Garland

Agua Dulce is a gated community, so Denise didn't visit.

The Milagro Co-housing is as it says, having all ages living together, with shared activities and focus on sustainability. A future tour may be planned.

H. Monitoring boards and commissions—Denise Garland

After filling in during Tony's absence, Denise thanked him for his monitoring work. Other than the TEP utility line issue, there is little currently affecting us, other than the need to remain diligent regarding planning and zoning issues in the area.

I. Membership recruitment—Denise Garland

Board Neighborhood Maps—Due to the probability of shared interests, we look to forward to reaching out to nearby neighborhoods, perhaps as the weather cools and people are more comfortable with face-to-face meetings. Local realtors will be contacted, to inform them our organization is not an HOA and that it could be a good resource for them.

Sue will follow-up with determining how we might connect with local realtors to ask them to share GPANA information. Outreach to nearby gated community—No response to attempted contact.

J. Updates on outstanding issues—Denise Garland

1. **County lighting ordinance:** Despite its being a complicated matter, it seems to be moving forward, with many people working to limit the kinds of lighting allowed.
2. **Recent graffiti in Gates Pass area:** The See-Click-Fix app is an effective way to get quick action on graffiti, potholes, streetlight outages, etc. Denise used it to report local graffiti, and quick action was taken on it. Folks are encouraged to use it.
3. **Underground utilities language change by the City of Tucson:** There are still some protests and plans for one neighborhood to hire a lawyer, but no plan for underground utilities along scenic routes. We hope the county will not change its language, making it easier to continue with above-ground utilities. One neighborhood has already hired a lawyer.
4. **Inconsistent internet service:** Denise and husband, Mike, have succeeded in getting faster and consistent internet. They intend to put together their 'Tips and Tricks,' to be shared upon completion.
5. **House Bill 2674:** House Committee is looking into the need for affordable high-density housing, causing some fears about possible subdivision of nearby neighborhood open areas. No such action is currently planned for the property at Ironwood and Painted Hills. Denise will be notified if this changes.
6. **I-11 Freeway through Avra valley:** One of the Tucson Mountains Association members, Frank Staub, has created a book (& on his website <https://www.frankstaub.com/>) of photos about the people, plants and animals that will be "gone tomorrow" if they build the I-11 Freeway through Avra Valley.
7. **Bright lights on Sky Canyon Rd:** Denise communicated with their HOA. That light should now come on only if there is an intruder.
8. **Cell tower/water tower on Camino de Oeste:** The County has little to say about placement or design of cell towers since they are regulated by the state and the FCC.
9. **TEP generating station on Irvington emitting nitrogen oxide:** An EPA report is to come out soon. The plan is to start decommissioning the station.

3. New Business

A. Future GPANA business cards

Should these cards be made, it is suggested a link to SeeClickFix be added.

B. GPANA to join the Save the Scenic Santa Ritas (SSSR)

Praise was given to the organization's newsletter and their efforts to protect the area from destruction by Hudson Bay Mining. Some of our board members are also members of the SSSR and, although we will not be joining now, we will share SSSR information with GPANA members.

C. GPANA strategic goals for 2022

Discussed potential for a 24-hour call line for reporting illegal activity. We will be sending out goals and asking for volunteers.

- D. **Research possible impact of Pima County allowing marijuana growing in rural areas.**
Currently for personal use, not for large marijuana growing organizations.
- E. **Contact John Harper (American Historic Railroad) via Zoom Board Meeting, re: Possible impact of Old Tucson on our area**
Concern is that October activities at Old Tucson may create problems of graffiti, trash, and traffic along Gates Pass Road.

4. Upcoming Dates

- A. **6/11/22**
Feliz Paseos clean-up 7:30 am—Donna to email info
- B. **7/9/22**
Board Meeting via Zoom 9 am
- C. **8/1/22**
Deadline for any Board member to notify Board if not continuing to serve next year
- D. **9/10/22**
Date to renew County permit for clean-up days and
Board Meeting via Zoom at **9 am** (Slate of 2023 officers)
- F. **10/15/22**
Painted Hills roadside Clean-up **8 am**, and General Member Meeting **10 am**, at COTA
- G. **10/22/22**
Camino de Oeste roadside Clean-up **8 am**

5. The meeting adjourned approximately 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted, *as substitute Secretary,*
Karen Sweeney, *Member*

Treasurer's Report
 May 15, 2022
 Prepared by Suzanne King

	Current Period 3/16/22 – 5/15/22	Current Period 10/22 – 5/15/22
Beginning Balance	\$4,832.35	\$4,882.94
Income		
Membership Renewal-Checks	\$100.00	\$480.00
Membership Renewal-PayPal		\$200.00
WIX	\$40.00	\$60.00
Total Income	\$140.00	\$740.00
Expenses		
WIX Fees	\$1.76	\$14.54
Post Office Box	\$166.00	\$166.00
Website		\$611.13
Insurance		
State Tax	\$50.00	\$50.00
Office Expense		\$26.68
Donation to Camp Cooper	\$500.00	\$500.00
Donation to Tucson Mtn. Assn	\$30.00	\$30.00
Donation to IDA		
Total Expenses	\$747.76	\$1,398.35
Ending Balance 05/15/2022	\$4,224.59	\$4,224.59

Members	Totals
Households	135
Individual	251
Email Addresses	199

For 2022, we have 135 member households and 251 individual members. At the end of 2021 we had 129 members. 124 members renewed, 3 moved, 1 is deceased, and 2 did not renew. We have 12 new members. 75 paid through PayPal or WIX.