

GPANA General Membership Meeting on October 16, 2021

COTA Auditorium • The meeting started at approximately 10:00 AM

Board members present: Denise Garland (president), Gary Kordosky (vice president), Donna Snyder (secretary), Suzanne King (treasurer), member Gary Bruins and member Tony Knight.

Guest Speaker: Jerry Rowlette, trail cam expert

Approximately 35 people were present for the meeting

1. President's Welcome and Board Member Introductions, Denise Garland

The meeting was opened by Denise Garland, president. Current board members were introduced.

2. 2021 Accomplishments were reviewed...

- **Membership recruitment efforts**, thanks to hard work by Denise Garland and Gary Bruins, new members have joined from the Painted Hills Road area and Mountain Gardens. Others have also joined from the surrounding area.
- **Meetings held with community leaders.** To date in 2021 the board has met with our District 5 Supervisor Adelita Grijalva and some of her staff, Lt. Steven Carpenter of the Pima County Sheriff's Department, Ana Olivares, Director Pima County Department of Transportation, Jason Monson, former COTA commander and Kevin Curran, the current commander of COTA. The purpose of the meetings is to introduce GPANA and its mission and to make them aware of some of the issues that we hope these individuals and organizations can influence.
- **Facebook and Nextdoor.** GPANA has a group Facebook page with about 40 members. Donna Snyder updates and broadcasts when appropriate. Nextdoor is used for broadcasting our events to the surrounding area, people who may not be members.
- **Increased our Adopt-A-Road presence.** We have now adopted the area around Painted Hills Road and had a successful pick up the morning of the general meeting.
- **Closer collaboration with Tucson Mountains Association.**
- **New Roadside Clean Up Coordinator.** Member Barb Fleming has graciously agreed to become the coordinator for our roadside pickups.
- **Reduced cost mediation services for GPANA members.** President Denise Garland facilitated a relationship with Arizona Mediation Center as a way for members to handle disagreements

with neighbors. GPANA members can receive a special rate. Go to our website, gpana.info/quick-links.html for more information.

- **New 35 MPH signs on Trails End Road.** GPANA advocated for and received two additional 35 MPH signs for Trails End Road, thanks to an appeal to Ana Olivares, Director of the Pima County Department of Transportation.
- **Continued security contract to lock Gates Pass overlook and trailhead gates.** It has been found that locking the gates at the overlook and trailhead have cut down on rowdy partying, reckless driving and gunshots from cars. The Pima County Parks Department has agreed to continue the practice.
- **Success in supporting partner areas that are in line with our mission.** An example was the proposed RV park in Picture Rocks. President Denise Garland represented GPANA at a community meeting to speak against the proposal, citing increased traffic and congestion, litter, speeding, along with infringement on Saguaro National Park West and other issues. The plan for the RV park has since been withdrawn.

3. Treasurer’s Report -- Sue King

Treasurer's Report	
October 12, 2021	
Prepared by Suzanne King	
Beginning Balance 4/13/2021	\$4,396.89
Income	
Membership Renewal-Checks	\$40.00
Membership Renewal-PayPal	\$180.00
Donation	
Total Income	\$220.00
Expenses	
PayPal Fees	\$8.85
Post Office Box	\$134.00
Insurance	\$538.86
Signs for cleanup	\$216.62
Camp Cooper Donation	\$500.00
Donation to IDA	\$35.00
Total Expenses	\$1,433.33
Ending Balance 10/12/2021	\$3,183.56
Member Totals	
Member households	124
Individual members	227
Email addresses	181
Phone Numbers	184

For 2021 we have 124 members. 108 members renewed and we have 16 new members, 82 paid through PayPal, and 42 by check

4. Upcoming Events

- Camino de Oeste Roadside Cleanup 10/23/21 at 8:00 AM
- Next GPANA Board Meeting 11/6/21, 9:00 AM via ZOOM

- GPANA member dues collection and elections for board officers begins 11/8/21 (process same as last year).
- Election ballots counted and results provided around 12/6/21
- Feliz Paseos Park Clean Up on 12/11/21 at 8:00 AM

5. Issues We are Tracking

- TEP damage to native plants along Speedway.
- Pima County Lighting Ordinance.
- Illegal shooting in the Gates Pass Area.
- I-11 Freeway proposed route through Avra Valley

6. Future Efforts

- Recruiting new GPANA Board Members for 2022 to fill two vacant positions by 11/8/21.
- 24/7 phone line to call when illegal grading or building is taking place.
- Reestablishing the County Magistrate to hear Department of Environmental Quality cases.

7. Update from Colin Waite, Director of the Cooper Center for Environmental Learning

Colin gave a brief report on the center's successful crowdfunding effort in September and thanked GPANA and members who contributed. Unfortunately, facility upgrades have increased dramatically in cost. But he is very excited to have the camp open again for students on day trips and overnights.

8. Guest Speaker – Jerry Rowlett on using trail cams to observe and photograph wildlife.

Jerry gave an informative presentation on the different types of trail cams, tips on where to set them up, the types of wildlife you can expect to capture with the bottom line being that there is way more wildlife out there than you think, especially at night. Jerry shared videos and stills of the wildlife adventures (oh those mountain lions) around his home in Trails End Estates. And as an added bonus, Jerry generously donated a large framed print as a door prize. The lucky winner was outgoing board member Gary Kordosky. And speaking of Gary, he was thanked profusely for his time and dedication to the board. A donation to the Community Food Bank was made in his name. He will be sorely missed by his fellow board members.

With no further issues or comments President Denise Garland thanked everyone. The meeting ended at about 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Snyder, Secretary

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