

GATES PASS AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING August 23, 2026

Call to Order: Dori Frankel made a motion to open the meeting at 10:04 a.m., seconded by Donna Snyder; all approved.

Present: Donna Snyder, President; Dori Frankel, Vice President (online); Susan Sferra, Secretary; Michael Ignatowicz (online), At-Large Member; **Absent:** Barb Fleming, Treasurer; Kris Dolezal, At-Large Member

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1. Old Business:

a. July Minutes were approved by board members via email. They were e-mailed to our members on August 4, 2026. They have been posted to the website,

b. Treasurer's Report for July. See last page.

c. Eblast to members. An e-blast to members regarding the speeding/racing situation in our area was sent on August 9.

d. Opportunity to meet with Lauren Ortega, the new Pima County Development Services Director. Donna contacted her through the PC website (on Aug 20) and asked for a meeting. Potential topics include the need for traffic control at Camino de Oeste and W Speedway Boulevard, an update on the Evangelo's property, an update on the former International Wildlife Museum, and Dark Sky lighting enforcement. The gate at Feliz Paseo Park has been disabled and vehicles can enter after hours. Donna will ask Lauren if the employee who closes the Gates Pass gate can also close the Feliz Paseo Park gate.

2. New Business:

a. County and City Boards and Commissions.

Susan presented the following information:

June 26, July 1, and Aug 5 meetings. The Pima County-Tucson Outdoor Lighting Code Committee has been working on changes to the county's Outdoor Lighting Codes. A public comment period will be provided once the draft is completed. Members of the public provided comments regarding outdoor lighting education, code compliance, enforcement, and understandable guidance for homeowners' associations (HOAs). These included increasing public education about responsible outdoor lighting, noting that consumers lack information about compliant lighting and commercially available lighting products; addressing residential lighting violations and enforcement challenges; incorporating existing lighting educational materials developed by others; and reviewing/incorporating some of Flagstaff's lighting code. Staff will explore whether an educational initiative can be considered by the City or County, including educational notices or outreach to retailers regarding local outdoor lighting requirements.

August 5. The Tucson City Council voted to adopt new regulations governing large-scale data centers within city limits, following nearly a year of study and feedback from more than a thousand community members. Tucson City Council adopts data center regulations in 6-1 vote.

The City Council has also been busy with Climate action and resilience planning, water resource and drought planning, and the Traffic safety and the Safe City Initiative.

August 11. The Pima County Board of Supervisors directed its staff to draft policies to provide more transparency and accountability over large development projects in the county, like data centers. The existing due diligence policy requires the county to analyze proposed economic development projects regarding environmental and climate impacts. The county will likely expand this policy to include all large water and energy users. Staff will also draft a resolution that, if approved, would put a 120-day moratorium on data centers to give the county time to finalize data center-specific zoning laws. Both the moratorium resolution and the proposed policy changes are expected to go back to the board for approval on or before September 8. [Pima County moves toward data center moratorium, tighter transparency - AZ Luminaria](#),

Aug 13. Pima County Board of Adjustments, District 5 meeting. Three residential property owners requested variances to allow cargo containers as a main dwelling on a residential lot without a development plan. Section 18.07.030.N of the Pima County Zoning Code allows a cargo container in any zone only in conjunction with an approved permitted commercial development plan. One of the properties is on N. Enclave Place. The committee voted to address the variance requests at future meetings.

b. Fall October 3 Membership Meeting. Sam Miller from Dark Skies International will be speaking at our fall meeting. Donna will contact Painted Hills Church as a potential venue.

c. Our next e-blast. Members will be receiving an e-blast on Dark Skies guidance in conjunction with our October membership meeting.

d. The FCC approved a Californian start-up's plan to launch a low-Earth orbit satellite, Reflect Orbital, with movable mirrors to reflect sunlight back to Earth for various uses, including growing food. Prior to approval, international scientific societies representing thousands of researchers from more than 30 countries raised concerns. This project is expected to impact wildlife, astronomy, public safety and the night-time environment. [Reflect Orbital wants to turn night into day with mirrors in space - ABC News](#)

e. Aug18. Pima County Department of Transportation installed rumble strips at two locations near the parking lot at the top of Gates Pass Road to slow down traffic.

Please help GPANA recruit new members! You may have new or long-time neighbors who are not aware of our organization. If you send us their contact information, we will follow up with them.

Consider becoming a board member. Valued board member Michael Ignatowicz has moved away from the GPANA area and next month will be his last meeting. We hope one of you will volunteer to take his place. Attend a meeting to try it out. Board Members attend a brief meeting once a month and help with tasks. Email us at gpanasec.info for more information.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Susan Sferra, Secretary

Next Meeting Date (subject to change)

September 20, 2026, Board Meeting at 10:00 AM

GPANA Treasurer's Report
7/31/2026
Prepared by Barbara Fleming, Treasurer

		Current Period 07/01/26-07/31/26	Year to Date 01/01/26-07/31/26
Beginning	Balance	\$4,480.69	\$5,610.55
Income			
	Mmbrship-Chks/cash	\$20.00	\$260.00
	Mmbrship-CCs		\$580.00
	Prepaid for 2026		
	Donation		
	Total Income	\$20.00	\$840.00
Expenses			
	WIX/PP Fees	\$0.88	\$28.42
	Post Office Box-annual		\$196.00
	Website	\$186.59	\$415.76
	Insurance		\$1,252.00
	Office Expense-stamps		\$46.78
	AZ StTax & Corp Comm		\$68.37
	Raffle prizes		
	Gift cards		
	Election Buddy		
	Dontn Tuc Mt Assoc		\$30.00
	Dontn Sonm Des Prtct		\$100.00
	Dontn Camp Cooper		
	Dontn DarkSky Int		
	Correction-Prior year		
	Total Expenses	\$187.47	\$2,137.33
Ending Balance		\$4,313.22	\$4,313.22

Membership Report To Date as of 7/12/2026

Member Totals	2023	2024	2025	07/12/2026
Mmber housholds	146	147	147	144
Individual members	273	273	272	271
New Mmbr houshlds	16	11	7	4
Lapsed housholds	9	10	44	7