GATES PASS AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING September 27, 2026

Call to Order: Dori Frankel made a motion to open the meeting at 10:30 a.m., seconded by Kris Dolezal; all approved.

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

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1. Old Business:

a. August Minutes were approved by board members via email. They were e-mailed to our members and have been posted to the website (click here to view).

b. Treasurer's Report for August; approved by the board. See last page.

c. Eblast to members. Donna has sent e-blasts to members in the past month regarding the Roadside Pickup, the Membership Meeting, Dark Skies and the gate at Feliz Paseos Park. An e-blast was also sent to members regarding a survey by Pima County looking for input on proposed data centers in the county.

d. Fall Cleanup along Camino de Oeste and Fall Membership Meeting/Pot Luck: Saturday, October 3: we meet for the cleanup at 8:00 AM at the corner of Camino de Oeste and Trails End Road. Following the cleanup we will hold our Fall Membership Meeting at the home of Donna Snyder at 10:30 AM. Andrés Cano, our district 5 supervisor will speak at the start of the meeting. Our second speaker will be Sam Miller from Dark Skies International. A reminder will be sent to members before the events.

e. Meeting with Lauren Ortega, the new Pima County Development Services Director. We will be setting up a meeting with her once Dori Frankel is back in town. Potential topics include the need for traffic control at Camino de Oeste and W Speedway, an update on the Evangelo's property, an update on the former International Wildlife Museum, and Dark Sky lighting enforcement.

2. New Business:

a. County and City Boards and Commissions. As Susan could not attend the meeting, she supplied us with the following information…

Tucson City Council and the Pima County Board of Supervisors meetings. Over the past month, the city and county meetings focused on how to manage large-scale development projects, including data centers, while protecting water resources and increasing public transparency:

1) September 22, 2026. Tucson City Council Public Hearing on revisions to the large water user ordinance enacted last year. The Tucson City Council voted to lower the threshold at which the city's large quantity water users ordinance applies: 10,000 to 8,500 hundred cubic feet (CCF) of water per month. Revisions also closed a loophole that let users split service across multiple meters to stay under the threshold. The three council members in the minority argued the changes did not go far enough. The council will return in 120 days with a plan to require water conservation plans from users of 5,000 CCF or more per month. Tucson's Watershed Management group, Coalition for

Sonoran Desert Protection, and several other speakers argued for stricter requirements that include a 2-to-1 offset for consumptive water use, a 2,500 CCF monthly threshold, using reclaimed water, pausing new large users during drought, restoring water tables to support Tucson's lost urban forest, developing environmentally friendly ways to retain flash flooding water, independent monitoring and financial penalties for violations, and net zero energy use. https://azluminaria.org/2026/09/17/tucson-is-set-to-approve-changes-for-large-water-users-advocates-say-they-arent-strict-enough, Tucson council lowers water-use trigger for big users in 4-3 vote, orders tougher rules in 120 days — Tucson Daily Brief

2) September 22, 2026 Tucson City Council Prop. 421 Call to Audience. Voters will decide whether to ratify a 25-year franchise agreement with Tucson Electric Power (TEP) and extend the current 2.25% franchise fee. TEP will also allocate some funding back to the city to support local sustainability efforts. Tucson voters rejected a franchise renewal agreement in 2023. During the call to the audience, several speakers in opposition urged the city council to instead pursue development of a public power utility, explaining why the TEP franchise cost to the city and rate payers does not provide a net benefit. Tucson council lowers water-use trigger for big users in 4- 3 vote, orders tougher rules in 120 days — Tucson Daily Brief

3) September 22, 2026. Pima County Board of Supervisors meeting. The board approved a120-day moratorium on new data centers in unincorporated Pima County and is using this time to draft a full data center policy for approval by December 10. The board will be developing policy on economic-development oversight, transparency, and environmental review requirements. Pima County supervisors impose 120-day moratorium on data center projects https://azluminaria.org/2026/09/09/board-of-supervisors-votes-to-expand-transparency-policies

No Statewide Moratorium on new data centers. Attorney General Kris Mayes called for a statewide moratorium on new data centers, amid increasing water and electricity demand and a 30% cut in our Colorado River supply. Many other states have already enacted moratoriums, but Governor Hobbs rejected an outright statewide pause.

Feliz Paseos Park pick up will be held on Nov. 14. Reminders will be e-blasted.

The Plastic Diversion Program as new rules! Check our website(https://www.gpana.info/) for the latest.

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. We are not an HOA! Board member Michael Ignatowicz has moved away from our area and today's board meeting was his last. Mike has been a great asset for the board and will be sorely missed. Email us at gpanasec.info for more information.

The meeting adjourned at about 11:30 AM

Minutes prepared by Donna Snyder

October 24: Clean up along Speedway at 8:00 AM
Next Board Meeting Date: Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM (*subject to change)*
Also coming up: November is Membership month!
9/27/26: v2

GPANA Treasurer's Report
8/31/2026
Prepared by Barbara Fleming, Treasurer

		Current Period 08/01/26-08/31/26	Year to Date 01/01/26-08/31/26
Beginning	**Balance**	$4,313.22	$5,610.55
Income			
	Mmbrship-Chks/cash	$0.00	$260.00
	Mmbrship-CCs		$580.00
	Prepaid for 2026		
	Donation		
	Total Income	$0.00	$840.00
Expenses			
	WIX/PP Fees	$0.00	$28.42
	Post Office Box-annual		$196.00
	Website	$0.00	$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 Sonrn Des Prtct		$100.00
	Dontn Camp Cooper		
	Dontn DarkSky Int		
	Correction-Prior year		
	Total Expenses	$0.00	$2,137.33
Ending Balance		$4,313.22	$4,313.22

Membership Report To Date **as of 9/22/2026**

Member Totals	2023	2024	2025	**09/22/2026**
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**