

Gates Pass Area Neighborhood Association
Fall Membership Meeting on **October 21, 2023**

Note that these abbreviated minutes were written a few months after the meeting. Approximately 25 people attended the meeting held at the Painted Hills Church Meeting Room after our Painted Hills Road/Speedway Cleanup.

1. President Denise Garland opened the meeting by giving thanks to those who came before us, by reading our mission statement and by introducing our board members who were present.

2. Treasurer's Report – Sue King

3. Website and Social Media – Donna Snyder

Our website, GPANA.info is up to date. It's a great resource for past history, minutes, bylaws, joining or paying dues, news, tips and more. We utilize email blasts to members along with posts to Facebook and Nextdoor, depending on the subject.

4. Monitoring Pima County Boards and Commissions – Tony Knight

Nothing to report at this time

5. Issues we are tracking – Denise

- We continue to track issues like speeding cars on Speedway and the rate of accidents at the intersection of Anklam and Speedway also Camino de Oeste and Speedway.
- Sheriff's Crime Stats Mapping app – we're still waiting for the Sheriff's department to let us know when the new app will be up and running.
- Illegal parking and trash dumping on Camino de Oeste – this is an ongoing problem with no easy solution.

5. Guest Speaker Kendall Kroesen, PHD, Mission Garden Outreach Coordinator

Kendall gave a very interesting talk on the history of the area on which the garden sits, at the base of Sentinel Peak, aka "A" Mountain. This area is the site of a very long history of continuous cultivation in the US. Believed to have been settled 3,500 years ago, the Tohono O'odham people irrigated the area, using canals, and cultivated the land for a variety of foods. More can be learned at their website: Missiongarden.org.

6. The meeting came to a close with a raffle prize.

After the meeting we held our first plant swap outside the meeting room. It was fun to discuss the different plants and their care. Many thanks to all who brought plants to trade.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Snyder, *Secretary*