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*Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter April 2021*

### *Annual Membership Meeting Highlights*

The Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association held its annual membership meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.com. NPNA President Bill Gannon presented an overview of the previous year's activities that included the return of the Neighborhood Watch program with a new group of block captains, discussions with the City Parks Department about maintenance issues in both parks, Wednesday night food trucks in Netherwood Park, updated bylaws, monitored crime activity, continued work on homelessness issues, and conducted neighborhood and bike path cleanups. He provided an overview of our area and boundaries of the NPNA, discussed the two parks and prepared for a discussion of the bylaws. The year ahead will be an active one for the NPNA board as homelessness issues, the fate of the Old Alpine Kitchen location, and the possible return July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration will likely be on the agenda.

### **Guest Speakers**

- **Nathan Molina-** City Councilor Isaac Benton Policy Analyst  
[namolina@cabq.gov](mailto:namolina@cabq.gov)

City Councilor Isaac Benton was unable to attend and was represented by Nathan who introduced himself and stated he has been in this position for five months. He answered or recorded NP neighbor's questions to forward to Isaac and will contact Bill with responses.

Q: Are homeless people required to go to Gateway Center? Part of Family & Community Dept., Director Carol Pierce.

Q: Who staffs the community outreach team? A: Mariela Ruiz-Angel, the Community Safety Dept. Coordinator.

Q: Dead trees were cut down in the Urban Forest Park; will more trees be planted?

Q: Who should we contact if want more streetlights? A: there are distance requirements that have to be met but will get contact and specifics.

- **Laura Kuehn** -APD Senior Crime Prevention Specialist  
[lkuehn@cabq.gov](mailto:lkuehn@cabq.gov)
- **Jose V. Brionez** Crime Prevention Specialist from the SE Area Command [jbrionez@cabq.gov](mailto:jbrionez@cabq.gov)

Laura and Jose presented APD news. Laura reported that APD has devised several Tactical Plans for crime. Under these plans all shifts have the same major areas of focus including parks, traffic, and hotspots to provide for active monitoring of parks and traffic related incidents. Eight residential burglaries were documented in NPNA area in recent months.

APD saw an increase during the last year in the following:

- Racing and speeding throughout the city
- Increase in scams such as Romance scams, COVID scams, unemployment benefit scams, originated by both in and out of state criminals.
- Uptick in parties paying too much for personal property sold in order to conduct bank fraud.

There is some good news from APD:

- Active block watches have been successful. Many are meeting a couple times a year and have ongoing communications. These groups also try to focus on fun things for the neighborhoods. Zoom meetings are being scheduled for neighborhood block captains in the NPNA who have had to postpone organizing due to COVID restrictions.
- Crime Prevention Office is now offering **free home environmental security design surveys** to residents. Call 311 for more details.
- ADAPT (Addressing Dilapidated and Abandoned Property Team - formerly the Safe City Strike Force) is reviewing crime statistics on building locations.
- APD now has a mobile app, **ABQPoliceMobile**, to submit crime reports. Chat through the app with a live person at APD. Calls are

prioritized on what is happening “in the moment;” personal safety and crimes in progress are priority. Citizens can file crime reports over the Telephone Reporting Unit (TRU) 242-COPS) and access the NCIC database quicker than waiting for an officer to arrive on-scene. Important to report all incidents in the neighborhoods because the Command Chief Yara reviews these statistics to determine staff levels for the SE Area Command. Areas that report more get more patrols.

- Jose added that Shot Spotter Technology now maps shots fired resulting in decreased APD response time to shootings. An increase in catalytic converters being stolen from vehicles (can be removed in under five minutes!). Place cars in garage or under lights in driveways and use security cameras. Jose stated abandoned property or campsites should be reported to community outreach resources. Code enforcement will board up abandoned buildings in time.

Laura answered one question:

Q: Does APD have concerns about NEXTDOOR.COM being used to commit crimes? A: We have seen instances of a specific crime posted and then numerous additional posts on same crime which implies a rash of crime. Always verify crime information through Crimemapping.com or by phoning APD.

A reminder: NPNA Board Member Tony Prosser provides monthly crime data on NPNA Website. Crimemapping.com now shows all calls for service, not just police report as in the past.

- **Modulus Architects** – Angela Williamson was scheduled but unable to attend at last minute for personal reasons.

Meeting participants discussed transition from old Kmart building into Carlisle Crossing. This new shopping center will include a newly constructed Whole Foods Market and a number of other businesses at the corner of Carlisle and Indian School, NE. Bill outlined the details available to him and shared the site plan that was submitted to the media.

## **Association Business:**

- **Minutes-** Bill Gannon

Bill read and shared onscreen the minutes from last annual meeting on March 24, 2019. A motion to approve 2019 minutes was made by Susan Bennett and seconded by Herb Denish. Minutes were approved by acclimation.

- **Bylaws-** Susan Bennett

Susan presented revised bylaws over Zoom and on NPNA website <https://www.netherwoodpark.org/announcements1.html>. Susan detailed the Board approved updates which included, but not limited to, accommodating meetings during pandemic, clarifying membership types and complying with City rules to digitize for future use. Members present at this Annual Meeting unanimously approved the new bylaws. Susan and Sara Mills will develop a new membership application with relevant updates to be used for new membership payments.

- **Treasurer/Budget-** Sara Mills/Cheryl Gerwin

Sara explained that NPNA funds largely depend on paying annual dues in March for April 1 to March 31 fiscal year. Current bank balance is \$2066.36 with \$400 from dues and \$35 from donations. Cheryl presented a review of the revenue and expense categories compared from FY 2020 compared to the prior year. Susan added that bands, face painter, supplies, and food items are purchased for events. Future plans call for rotating between food trucks and a once-a-month music performance.

- **Board Elections-** Bill Gannon

Nominations taken for one open seat vacated by Peter Burton. The NPNA Board thanked Peter for his many contributions to NPNA. Anna Marie & Ross Casey self-nominated to share one board position. They introduced themselves and stated they are familiar with the neighborhood and would like to be more involved.

Motion to elect for another three-year term, retroactive from March 2020 and to expire March 2023: Susan Bennett, Herb Denish, Bill Gannon.

Elected to three-year term from March 2021 to March 2024: Tim Butler, Cheryl and Spencer Gerwin (shared board position); Sara Mills, Tony Prosser, and Ana Maria and Ross Casey (shared board position).

Note: New Officers will be elected at the April 14, 2021 board meeting.

## Report of the April 14, 2021 NPNA Board Meeting

This meeting was held via Zoom software.

The NPNA Board held its annual election of officers:

President - Bill Gannon  
Vice President - Ross Casey  
Secretary - Cheryl & Spencer Gerwin  
Treasurer- Sara Mills

These officers will serve a one-year term. The Board also welcomed Ana Maria and Ross Casey who will share one board position.

The bike path construction on Indian School Road is now finished. Bikes (and pedestrians & runners) can now safely travel under Indian School Road and avoid the speeding traffic.

(Thanks to Bill Gannon for photo day of opening).



Planning efforts continue for the Wednesday Night Food Bites in Netherwood Park. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

The Neighborhood Watch Program training, long delayed because of Covid-19 crisis, is likely to resume this summer.

Tony Prosser presented the crime report for the period February 10<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>. There were forty-six incidents during these sixty-three days. Euclid, NE had most with motor vehicle break-ins.

NPNA Treasurer Sara Mills reported that the current bank balance is \$2386.36. In the month, \$755 in dues and donations were collected. Thank you everyone who has paid their dues!

Cheryl Gerwin presented new budget analysis for 2021-2022. Analysis includes current year comparison to past two calendar years of expenses and revenues and also provides projected expenses for 2021 – 2022.

The NPNA Board approved the new bylaws. These will be filed with the New Mexico Office of the Secretary of State.

There were no updates on the Carlisle Crossing Shopping Center.

### **Ask the NPNA Board**

The NPNA Board has received several questions:

Q: Can playground equipment be installed in Netherwood Park?

A: This issue was last discussed in 2014. The Board will take a fresh look in the months ahead.

Q: Can new trees be planted in the Urban Forest?

A: The Urban Forest Guardians will investigate this issue this summer and report back to the NPNA Board.

Q:How about a website for events in Netherwood Park?

A: A new website is now under development to give you details about the Wednesday Night Food Bites. See next month's newsletter.

Q:It's garden season. Where can I find a list of plants and trees suitable for my yard?

A: The plant list can be found at <http://www.abcwua.org/pdfs/xeriplantlist.pdf>

The list for trees can be found at <https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/resources-rules/tree-information>

NPNA Board member Spencer Gerwin also suggests the list at **TreeNM.org**. **TreeNM.org** has 35 trees on their approved list that residents can select and have planted on their property free of charge. Must be planted within 20 feet of curb.

Submit your questions to NPNAalert@gmail.com or [netherwoodpark@gmail.com](mailto:netherwoodpark@gmail.com)

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Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association (NPNA) Membership:  
Thank you to all who have already renewed their NPNA membership for 2021. Annual dues are \$20 per household. Please include your email! Thank you.

Name:

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Address:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know who your block captain is? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.  
Contact us to find out!

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(<https://www.netherwoodpark.org>)? \_\_\_\_\_ Send to my email address  
above OR \_\_\_\_\_ Send a printed copy\* to my mailing address above

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87106 Our e-mail address is [NETHERWOODPARK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NETHERWOODPARK@GMAIL.COM)

The NPNA Board says, "We hope we are serving you well!" We are all responsible for a great neighborhood!