

Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association(NPNA)

Officers
President – Susan Bennett
Vice President – Tony Prosser
Secretary – Peter Burton
Treasurer, Newsletter– John Vittal
Web Master/Crime Mapping – Tony Prosser
Urban Forest Monitor – John Vittal

Attendees Tony Prosser, John Vittal, Chuck Maguire, Bill Gannon, Susan Bennett
Location 1708 Vassar Dr., NE, ABQ, NM 87106

Board Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM

The Board met at Netherwood Park at 7 PM but, due to bad weather, reconvened at 1708 Vassar Dr, NE.

Secretary’s Report: The minutes of the February 8, 2017 Board Meeting and the minutes of the March 26, 2017 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board at this meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer John Vittal presented the Financial Report for March 26, 2017 to April 11, 2017 showing a beginning balance of \$\$2,975.93, and an ending balance of \$3,114.61. It was reviewed and approved.

Trees in the Park: The city parks department contacted NPNA about placement of a tribute tree in the park. After board members reviewed the placement with the city and talked to neighbors, it was agreed to OK the placement location and contact the city. Susan will call the tree donor.

Chuck will contact the city parks department about maintenance/replacement of two tree plaques in the park.

Board Elections: The board elected officers for the year: Susan Bennett, President; Tony Prosser, Vice-President; Peter Burton, Secretary; John Vittal, Treasurer.

Old Business

Crime Report: Tony Prosser presented the report for 2/8/17 – 4/11/17. Incidents in the NPNA area included: 5 auto thefts, 16 vehicle break-ins/thefts from vehicle, 2 vandalism, 2 burglaries, 4 theft/larceny. These incidents are part of the CrimeMapping.com monthly mile-radius report, from which the data is derived. Tony will contact Laura Kuehn, APD SE Area Command Crime Prevention Specialist to see if they provide a monthly mapping for NPNA area. Tony noted that the crime report is on the NPNA website.

Neighborhood Patrol: The board followed up on neighborhood patrol research as discussed at the annual meeting. Other neighborhood associations will be contacted for their experience of hiring patrols: Susan, Four Hills; Chuck, Country Club area; and Bill, Summit Park. Tony will follow relevant crime map reports. John discussed a

possible pilot project using association funds for 5 hours of patrol from APD to see how it works for the NPNA area. A varied patrol schedule would likely have the most visible impact. Susan and Tony will meet with APD about their Chief's Overtime patrol fees and logistics. The board discussed that since the police department is short handed, an unfortunate consequence is having to consider hiring patrols to help make things safer in our area.

The site for APD on crime prevention, <https://www.cabq.gov/police/crime-prevention-safety>, will be posted on the website in the April newsletter, and on the NPNA website.

Park Activities:

Park Chat: The next Park Chat will be Sunday, April 30, 2 PM, near Morrow and Princeton. Residents are asked to bring frisbees, play catch, chess, checkers, dominoes, etc. Residents are asked to bring a small table and chairs to if they want to play board games.

Gigong: Susan reported that this Chinese medicine exercise class had 3 participants on April third at 5:30. A new date and time is being discussed.

Dinner in the Park on Wednesdays: The attendance of the first three events has made it worthwhile for the food trucks to keep coming. The plan is to continue this activity through the good weather months. Families with children and other residents have been coming with blankets, chairs, and games to eat and enjoy the park. Face painting is available for children. Zumba classes are planned starting May 3. As the event grows, we hope to have music. Residents are encouraged to invite neighbors and citywide friends to join us. Chuck has some pictures from the event to put in announcements or on the website. Tony and Susan will develop posters for the park, and to hand out. Bill said he could distribute in UNM area. The Supper truck owner said he will put flyers at Montezuma Elementary and Jefferson Middle schools.

Astronomy in the Park: Bill Gannon will check with the local astronomy association about have viewing sessions in the park.

Park Activities Team: Susan will call a meeting soon of those who signed up at the annual meeting. Board ideas discussed included astronomy night; Bill will find out about the astronomy club coming to the park.

Newsletter: John Vittal will include the website for the APD Crime Prevention information in the next newsletter.

Website: Tony will provide the Crimestoppers links on the site. They presented at the March annual meeting.

Urban Forest: John advised the man that used to "live" in the park periodically has not been seen there lately.

A resident at the annual meeting asked about accessing the Urban Forest next to a private home on Bryn Mawr next to the sound wall. It was reported that the owners of this home had come to a NPNA meeting and explained that the city had approved the area for a home and they are not comfortable with allowing access on their property.

New Business:

Stop light: A resident at the annual meeting asked if there was anything that the city could do about the timing of the stop light across from Montezuma Elementary School to make it easier and safer when turning onto Indian School from Bryn Mawr. Discussion took place about asking the city about getting a traffic study related to this. Also, the resident might be able to re-route through the neighborhood to enter Indian School at the Girard stop light. Susan will talk to him about this.

Street Light: A resident on Bryn Mawr also asked about getting a street light in their area since it is fairly dark at night. Susan will contact 311 to ask about this.

Next Meeting: May 10, 7 PM at Park, SE corner; if rain, at Chuck Maguire's 1925 Apache Ct.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM