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Please review and send me any comments or changes.

Thanks.

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**Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association(NPNA)**

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

**Attendees** Tony Prosser, David Broudy, John Vittal, Chuck Maguire, Herb Denish, Tim Butler,

Susan Bennett

Location 1708 Vassar Drive, NE, ABQ, NM 87106

**Board Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2017**

**Meeting called to order** at 7:10 PM

**North Campus Neighborhood Association (NCNA)** attendees: Julianna Koob, Taylor Bui, Diane Scena

NCNA board members met with the NPNA. Discussion included crime in both neighborhoods, NPNA meetings and ongoing email contact with APD SE Area Command and Councilor Isaac Benton and his assistant Diane Dolan about alleged drug activity at Netherwood Park. We discussed using [NextDoor.com](http://NextDoor.com) to alert neighbors about current or ongoing auto thefts, break-ins, burglaries, and suspicious activities. We talked about APD encouraging us to always call 242-cops about suspected criminal activity and to call 911 if persons or property are in current danger. Tony Prosser shared information on crimes reported within a mile radius of our neighborhood on [CrimeMapping.com](http://CrimeMapping.com) since the last NPNA meeting, and shared the website address with NCNA. The report listed 25 NPNA area incidents including 12 auto burglaries, 3 auto thefts, 5 break-ins, one fraud and one disturbance.

Taylor mentioned that some areas have Community Police Councils attended by residents. We will see if there is one for our area.

NCNA invited us to attend their annual meeting on the evening of Monday, May 22, likely 5-8PM, at the UNM Law School. We invited NCNA to attend the NPNA annual meeting on Sunday, March 26, 3-5:30 PM at the Tennis Club of Albuquerque.

Julianna talked of the UNM North Golf Course Urban Open Space proposed improvement plans publicly presented December 7, 2016. They include irrigation upgrading, water use conservation, native re-vegetation and trail enhancements, preservation of the original character of the space and study of historic features, community garden capability, and much more. Another public meeting is expected early in 2017.

Diane talked of the Vista Large subdivision historic preservation study and April 2016 designation. We shared NPNA information about the UNM Architecture Historic Preservation Certificate Class involvement with NPNA area, and that we will invite them to our annual meeting to provide a status report on their chosen study area.

Chuck Maguire talked of the funds raised by the golf events of NPNA the past few years and their possible donation and use at the UNM Golf Course. This is still an open question. The NCNA board members left after this.

We thank the NCNA board members for coming to meeting with us. This was Julianna's suggestion and we appreciate the discussions, and look forward to further contacts.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the November 9, 2016 board meeting, sent out by email before the meeting, were reviewed and approved by the NPNA board at this meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer John Vittal presented the current Financial Report showing balance of \$2725.93, which he had previously emailed to board members. This was approved by the board.

## **Old Business**

**Crime Report:** In addition to the above discussion, we talked about today's email from APD Laura Kuehn Crime Prevention Specialist of the SE Area Command that she had just met with Albuquerque High School

oversight administration, sharing information NPNA information about the ongoing alleged drug activities at the park. Susan will follow up with Laura on this.

We discussed the meeting with Councilor Benton, Laura Kuehn, A/Commander Duran and NPNA board members on 12/14/16. Ms. Kuehn sent internet addresses for articles about what cities across the country do in the face of drug activity in their neighborhood and parks. They included much discussion about encouraging regular use and increased programmed activities in those areas, which can discourage public drug activities.

NPNA will start a Park Activities Team to look into how to encourage more park use and perhaps program more activities. Tim Butler talked of food trucks parked in another nearby park in warmer weather that draw people to have picnics and listen to music one evening a week. Tim will gather more info on this. Herb talked of local ambulances having no specific places to park and using Starbucks. He will make contact to see if they might park at Netherwood; perhaps we could get a coffee truck to be there. Also discussed was trying to encourage more filming use of the area, which John reminded us had provided funds to the association. Susan will contact Alon Carter to see if he has an interest in this new Team. Chuck will call James who owns a Hawaiian food truck.

Other ideas can be discussed and perhaps implemented by the new Team, to keep the park more active.

Susan will find out if park drug activities have been less over the past month since more APD surveillance.

There has been more activity reported at the NW corner of the park, as well. Susan will contact Laura about that

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**Newsletter:** John Vittal will send regular newsletters in January and February, asking to save the date of the March 26 annual meeting, with early March version to be hand-delivered to all residents.

**Website:** Tony Prosser will post the annual meeting date on the website.

**Urban Forest:** David Broudy and John Vital discussed several tents over the past two months being set up in the urban park, and dismantled after calls to 311 or APD. Other neighbors have reported on these incidents, and reported them as well.

### **New Business**

**Annual Meeting:** The Tennis Club of Albuquerque has us scheduled for the NPNA Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 26. The meeting will be from 3-6pm. wth set-up at 2 PM. The Board asks that APD be invited Susan will contact Laura. Chuck will contact Maggie Hart Stebbins to attend. Susan will follow up with State Auditor Tim Keller's office about his attendance to discuss, not his mayoral candidacy, but state issues of capital outlay issues, post legislative session issues, and state agencies with large fund balances.

**Vacant home update:** 2504 Harold Place, NE: the property was bought by Bank of America in the foreclosure sale on district court steps on November 17, 2016. The documents for this were filed in court on December 30. Neighbor MA Rozzell says there have been photos of the property taken and other cars at the property recently. Susan spoke to realtor who handles some foreclosure properties for Bank of America who advised the photo taking probably means a realtor is involved; it may take a month or longer to put the property on the market; typically BofA lists the house and reduces the price until it sells, or puts it up at auction.

**Next Meeting:** February 8, 2017, 7 PM, David Broudy's house.

**The meeting was adjourned** at 8:40 PM