

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 – Bill Gannon & John Vittal

Attendees Tony Prosser, Peter Burton, Chuck Maguire, Tim Butler, Bill Gannon, Spencer and Cheryl Gerwin, Susan Bennett, John Vittal

Absent Herb Denish, Sara Mills

Location Tennis Club of Albuquerque, 2901 Indian School Rd. NE, ABQ, NM 87106

Annual Meeting Minutes, March 18, 2018

Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM

Introduction of Board Members

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

Treasurer’s Report: Susan Bennett presented the Treasurer’s Report for March 22, 2017 to March 15, 2018 submitted by John Vittal. Beginning balance was \$2,975.93; ending balance \$2,775.66: General Operating Fund, \$2,855.14 from NPNA dues; Golf Event Fund \$672.52, likely to be used toward a second bench at the top of Netherwood Park since the UNM North Golf Course has not been willing to accept the funds for uses proposed by NPNA over the past three years. The APD Patrol Fund is now \$213; \$614 was paid out for patrol shifts in 2017. Thanks to all for their donations to this fund, separate from member dues.

Expenses for the past year also included: NM Secretary of State annual corporate filing fee, newsletter printing, website hosting, expenses for the July Fourth Bike Parade and Social, Wednesday night food truck advertising materials and face painting; September yard sale advertising, October Balloon Blast and Golf Event expenses.

President’s Past Year NPNA Activities Report: attached as separate document. This was handed out to attendees at the meeting.

Website and Newsletter: no new issues.

Albuquerque Police Department (APD) Attendees and Discussion

Laura Kuehn, NCPS, ICPS
Crime Prevention/Crime Free Programs
SE Area Command, 800 Louisiana Blvd, SE

Sergeant Roger Legendre
Police and Communities Together-PACT
256-2050, rlegendre@cabq.gov

Denice R. Lucero
Field Services Bureau
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Officer M E Rodriquez and Officer M A Gonzalez

These representatives were from the APD SE Area Command, which covers the Netherwood Park area. Sgt. Legendre discussed that the PACT program intent is to allocate resources effectively within APD and work with the Field Services Bureau, with current emphasis on the vehicle recovery program due to high auto theft rates in the city. Auto-theft prevention pointers included:

- don't turn on your car to warm it up if you are not in it; tell your neighbors not to, if you see this.
- a club on the steering wheel can be used as a deterrent;
- do not leave the garage door opener in the car; in event of theft of the car, your home can be accessed.
- do not leave items in plain sight in the car.
- do not leave car titles in the car.

It's OK to put pictures of proof of insurance and registration on your phone, rather than keep them in the glove box. Be sure to photograph the front and back of the documents.

There was discussion of the speeding problem on Indian School Rd. The light at Girard is very short. APD will review this. APD has recently put speed trailers on Indian School Rd. The battery died in the one at Stanford and it will be replaced. There are grants available to do speed studies over time. Undercover officers are often used for speeding surveillance to discourage car chases. Illegible license plates can be problematic, especially if covered with dark plastic. There are no officers currently in permanent positions of using bicycles. APD does not monitor NextDoor.com, as there is too much to keep up with. If there is an increase in crime activity, Sgt. Legendre advised contacting him. Our neighborhood's crime has gone down 8% in the past year, while others have increased 30%.

Crime Prevention Specialist Laura Kuehn gave pointers about burglary prevention.

- good visibility of the home from the street is important.
- good quality door locks are important (you can stabilize them by using 3 inch striker plate screws).
- camera systems at entrances and exits.
- alarm systems with a loud audio component.
- lighting: dusk to dawn; motion detectors.
- call APD if there are door-to-door solicitors that seem out-of-place.

Most burglaries are from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Good street lighting is important. If there are problems getting PNM to replace lights, contact NPNA president and we can contact City Councilor Benton for help.

Bill and Chuck will look into how the association in the past facilitated lists of block by block contact information for neighbors.

Golf Event: Mary Lipscomb reported that the Golf Event has 16-22 people each time. It will likely be in October again this year.

Book Club: Mary explained that the club meets monthly at Yanni's. Contact her at 255-4031 for info.

APD Patrol Pilot Program: Peter Burton talked about last year's pilot program. There were 4 two hour shifts paid for by residents' contributions. One was 10 to 12 at night; the others 10 to 12 during the day. The officers sign up to do these shifts in the Chief's Overtime Program. They are in police cars and in uniform and can intervene as they usually do to crime incidents. Unless they see an incident, they continue drive around the neighborhood through their shift. A police car driving through the area can serve as a deterrent to crime. Our area peak crime mornings are Tuesdays. At the April meeting, the board will discuss patrol plans going forward.

Urban Park Report: Peter and Susan reported on meeting with an engineer from the Department of Transportation about the sound barrier walkway access to the park near I-40 and Carlisle. Additional barrier fencing has been installed at the site to discourage foot traffic and camping at the east side of the park. Peter had also seen the city picking up trash in that area, as requested. The area under the 1-40 bridge along the flood control ditch has been enhanced to prevent homeless camping.

Elections to the Board: Tony Prosser and Tim Butler were re-elected; Spencer and Cheryl Gerwin were elected to their shared seat, having been appointed on an interim basis since November. Sara Mills was elected as a new board member, and will fill John Vittal's vacating position. Many many thanks to all board members and special thanks to John for his many years as treasurer and doing the newsletter. Happily, he will continue as our historian and newsletter person.

Nikle: Allen Miner, one of four new owners of the Alpine Sausage Kitchen property, talked about the plans for a farm-to-table restaurant and small crafts distillery to open in a few months. The plan is for a family-friendly atmosphere, with a small dog-friendly patio, and bike parking on-site, some car parking on-site, some at the Tennis Club lot, and additional parking available on the street on Girard north of Indian School. Hours will be 11:30 AM to 10 PM weekdays and 11:30 AM to 11 PM on weekends. City zoning approved the proposal.

Miscellaneous: Bill noted that the APS walk out regarding gun violence was orderly and within the time allotted. The board will invite the owner of the very slow renovation of 2504 Harold Pl. NE to attend a board meeting. Activities again this year will include the July 4th Kids Bike Parade and Social; the Balloon Blast on October 13th; the Golf Tournament/Scramble later that month; and the weekly food trucks on Wednesdays, 5PM to dusk, from late April into October - ideas and help are welcome to develop more advertising of the food trucks nights to ensure ongoing success.

Meeting attendance totaled about 30 residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10PM