

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, Herb Denish, Susan Bennett

Location 1708 Vassar Dr., NE, ABQ, NM 87106

Board Meeting Minutes, May 10, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:12 PM
The Board met at 1708 Vassar Dr, NE.

Secretary’s Report: The minutes of the April 12, 2017 Board Meeting, sent this week by email to the Board, were approved by the Board at this meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer John Vittal presented the Financial Report for April 11, 2017 to May 10, 2017, showing a beginning balance of \$3,114.61, and an ending balance of \$3,140.51. The use of the UNM Golf Course funds from the annual golf tournament is as yet undetermined by the Golf Course administration. A shade sail has been one suggestion. John noted the \$10 payment to the NM Secretary of State for the required annual updated NPNA corporate officers report. The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and approved. The Board approved the destruction of older NPNA financial records.

Old Business

Crime Report: Tony Prosser presented the report for the past month. Four auto break-ins and one auto theft were reported. This is less than usual.

Herb Denish discussed the Saturday night activity taking place in front of his home, likely drug dealing; this was also mentioned to Susan recently by Herb’s neighbor.

Neighborhood Patrol: Susan reviewed the information from the Four Hills Homeowner’s Assn, and the Albuquerque Country Club area association, about hiring security patrol, and her and Tony’s contact with Vangie of the APD Chief’s Overtime program. Both associations reported benefiting from patrol, regarding less crime. Four Hills has individuals hiring IPS; Country Club hires APD Chief’s Overtime (CO). The Board agreed to hire APD CO for two 2 hour shifts as a trial run. Tony will also ask APD Crime Prevention Specialist Laura Kuehn about what hours she may recommend. Also, he will ask her if the neighborhood could offer to buy dinner for officers who drive through during the Dinner in the Park on Wednesdays from 5-8PM.

More discussion about hires patrol will be written in the June Newsletter, to be distributed to residents.

Park Activities:

Park Chat: Discontinued, due to lack of attendance.

Gigong: Most Monday's at 5:30 PM, near the SW corner of the park.

Dinner in the Park on Wednesdays: Attendance has been mostly very good and enough to make the food trucks return. The Zumba class was well attended and fun, and may return. Face painting has not been available recently; Susan will contact the women who does it; NPNA will offer to pay for materials.

Astronomy in the Park: Bill Gannon will check into this.

Park Activities Team: The Team will meet at Tim Butler's home from 7-8 PM, May 25.

New Trees: A new Kentucky Coffee Tree was planted and a dedication plaque placed, a bit west of Princeton near the Morrow side of the park; slightly to the north, a Redbud tree was planted.

Park Use Call: Susan got a call from someone interested in having a 90 person family reunion in the park in after July 16. Susan referred them to 311 for information on any relevant City regulations or permits.

Newsletter: The June Newsletter will be hand delivered to remind residents of the July 4th Parade and Social. John reported a slight increase in printed copy requests.

Website: Tony will explore possible use of a site view counter app and consideration of an NPNA blog.

Urban Forest: Chuck explained the history of the closing of Notre Dame access to the Urban Park. City zoning allowed residential construction immediately next to the sound wall; the owners of that property attended an NPNA Board meeting and expressed that they did not want public access right next to their house.

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. Susan spoke to the city traffic engineer, who advised this was installed by the public schools, and is pedestrian activated. Any other programming would slow traffic and may be dangerous for traffic flow. Bryn Mawr does not have enough exiting traffic to warrant a traffic light.

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 also spoke to the traffic engineer about this, and measured the distance between lights on Bryn Mawr north of Indian School. The distance is just short of 750 feet; city policies dictate 500 feet between light poles. They are installed for the purpose driver way-finding. So, this street does not qualify for another light.

Next Meeting: June 14, 7 PM at Netherwood Park, SE corner; if bad weather, at Chuck Maguire's, 1925 Apache Ct.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM