

# Minutes

## Board of Directors Meeting



Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association

Wednesday 9 January 2019, 7:00 PM

Location: 1711 Stanford NE (Spencer's)

Members Present: Susan Bennett, Peter Burton, Spencer Gerwin, Chuck Maguire, Herb Denish, Cheryl Gerwin, Sara Mills, Tony Prosser, Tim Butler, and Bill Gannon (Minutes)

Members absent: none

Guest(s): none

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### Call to Order. 7:00 PM

**Bench Installed:** We are very excited that our new park bench was installed today in Netherwood Park, thanks to generosity of Councilor Benton covering a major portion of the cost and installation. It was noted that if someone wants to say “thanks” to the Councilman regarding the bench that residents can send a thank you to Councilor Benton and his assistant Diane Dolan at: [ibenton@cabq.gov](mailto:ibenton@cabq.gov) and [ddolan@cabq.gov](mailto:ddolan@cabq.gov).

The NPNA Board wants to put a thank you in the newsletter to all those involved for the past 4-5 years in the Golf Scramble organizing and participation. Those events led to raising funds that went toward payment for the bench. Thanks you especially to Mary Lipscomb, John Vittal, Tony Prosser, Chuck Maguire, Toby Perea, Tom and Carol Feldman, Walter Barlow, Nathan Nieman, and any others we may have missed.

We will have a “ribbon cutting” for the bench when the weather is better, probably with the first Netherwood Park Bites Food Truck Nite in the Spring.



(left) Alon Carter, Labradoodle, and Chuck Maguire with the new bench (right one) on corner of Morrow Rd, NE at Schell Ct. (right) View of Netherwood Park from the bench

**Secretary's Report (Bill):** Minutes from November 2018 meeting were distributed by email prior to meeting. Spencer noted: fifth line NPNA “one sweep” instead of “once sweep”; names under treasurer should be moved to “members at large”, Sara is treasurer. Changes made. Motion to approve- Chuck, seconded Sara; approved.

**Treasurer's Report (deferred until next month)**

**New Business: How should a Board meeting be conducted?** President Bennett presented this topic as an agenda item as she had not recalled discussing with the Board their opinions and feelings on how a Board meetings ought to be conducted. Since we are all volunteering our time, what, as a consensus, is the best use of our time for these meetings? We went around the room.

Chuck: NPNA incorporated in 1995. Those in attendance elected members to run and serve at their wishes. Meetings part serious and part social.

Herb: Associates NPNA as a form of government representing the community. Netherwood was considered “pill hill” in the past because historically many medical professionals lived here; this is a neat area. Inclusive, friendly. Meetings should and do reflect this.

Bill: likes structure of 7– 8:30 PM, but need to be flexible for new ideas, tangents, discussion, and social interactions

Tony: Likes the 7-9 structure and the flow is good. The neighborhood has changed a bit; more inclusive now (he experienced a less tolerant neighborhood); likes it a lot. Need to keep track of minutes, styles, formats, etc. Tony will organize all the minutes, newsletters, and other documents for a web archive.

Sara: No pre-conceived ideas. Likes comradery and how meetings are run. Likes to have agenda; not digress too much; is interested in history of organization and having old minutes archived.

Peter: Third shift on Board. Likes handing out newsletters and getting to know folks. Like the 8:30 goal; watching time as that approaches.

Tim: never been on a board before, likes it. Appreciates every one being involved. Sledding was amazing. Fortunate the hill was installed in the park as now City planners want parks flat and easily manageable.

Spencer: "We joined the Board to know the neighborhood as quick as possible". Better being involved, rather than passive.

Cheryl: To get out and meet neighbors. Talk to the neighborhood. Appreciate an agenda and all of us ready to go. A lose 90-minute format is good to keep eye on the ball. Stick to the time and get it done.

Susan: Sixth year on board. Enjoyable people and have gotten to know the neighborhood. Volunteer organization able to get some amazing projects done. Volunteer means something to them. Sense of humor good to make hard things doable. Each president has own style while follow same format.

### **Old Business**

- **Crime Report (Tony):** Nothing much changed since last time. 1700 Indian Plaza gets a lot of activity. Many "disturbing the peace" events. **See crime reports attached PDFs.**
- **Website (Tony):** no report.
- **Newsletter:** No action.
- **Urban Forest:** John Vittal's survey recommendations. Spencer reported his discussion with John on our Board discussion from the November meeting. John related that the Urban Forest is full of unresolved issues that are ongoing. Issues to be reviewed as they come up. The Park is a composite of different parcels managed by various governmental entities. If possible it would be good to hear directly from John or as specific issues come to the Board for resolution.
- **Neighborhood Watch Revitalization.** Chuck and Bill compiled past lists that were available historically. Chuck had a lot of street's neighbor lists as well as Mary Rozzell who sent hers to Bill. Bill did a drive-around survey of Neighborhood Watch signs that are already installed. Bill contacted the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (Dalaina Carmona and Vanessa Baca) who sent brochures and other information. Chuck and Bill had several meetings about this. They suggest a presentation at the annual meeting and will provide a large (24 x 36 or 36 x 48) poster board depicting the NPNA and the designated blocks/zones. People at the meeting can volunteer or suggest block captains. Chuck and Bill will act to remind those blocks to follow through. A block can't just call someone a Block Captain. There has to be a gathering of the block at someone's house, an APD officer attends and gives a talk, then a person's name is put forward and made block captain. If there is not one already, a Neighborhood Watch sign should be purchased and installed on that block. There are only two named block captains in our neighborhood. The power of this is the many eyes are watching and someone coordinates who is trained. It also offers frequent reporting, and a communication mechanism for the NPNA to get

the word out to neighbors more easily. This will be much more efficient than hiring security personnel to patrol the NPNA. We anticipate this will take a year to complete.

- **2504 Harold Pl, NE: (Susan)** Progressing; now has garage doors and some old wood removed from walkway around upper floor.
- **Princeton Drainage Basin (email - Sara):** Nothing new to review.
- **Netherwood Park speeding: (Susan)** Rocky Road wants speed bumps around park as people are racing in middle of night. On agenda for next meeting.
- **Indian School and Carlisle:** Homelessness an issue (Peter). Businesses are being impacted. Bill will contact Summit Park officers and partner on development of Kmart land development and the drug/homeless issue in Alley behind Circle K. Peter noted that folks are engaging in drug trafficking from the Circle K alley and then move to Econolodge for additional activities.
- **Annual Meeting:** The meeting will be Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 5:30, Tennis Club of Albuquerque. City Councilor Ike Benton has been invited (President Bennett sent email request 10 Jan) and he has accepted! (as of 11 Jan 19). Laura Kuehn APD command person will also present.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 13 February 2019 at 7 PM

**Location:** Susan Bennett's House, 1708 Vassar Dr. NE

**Adjourn:** 8:36 PM, Tony move to adjourn, Chuck seconded.

#### **Officers 2018-2019**

President – Susan Bennett

Vice President – Tony Prosser

Secretary – Bill Gannon

Treasurer – Sara Mills

Newsletter– John Vittal

Web Master/Crime Mapping – Tony Prosser

At-large Board Members: Peter Burton, Tim Butler,  
Herb Denish, Cheryl Gerwin, Spencer Gerwin, Chuck Maquire

Urban Forest Monitor – John Vittal, Bill Gannon

Be sure to check out our website: <http://www.netherwoodpark.org/>

And Facebook page:

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#### **Guidelines if You See Crime – Report It**

The Board requests that neighbors respond and report what they see. Pathways to report include: \*Go to NPNA website and follow CRIME tab

\*Go to APD website directly and file a crime report

\*Go to APD APP to file crime report and other options such as crime mapping

\*CALL 242-COPS or 911 and report your crime.

\*Do not confront criminals or take action into your own hands. Know your neighbors and keep in touch with your block captains. Block captains can provide summaries to the Board.