

Minutes

NPNA Board Meeting



Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting,
Wednesday, 08 May 2019, 7 PM
Location: Bill Gannon's at 1726 Notre Dame NE

Members Present: Bill Gannon, Susan Bennett, Cheryl Gerwin, Sara Mills, Peter Burton, Tony Prosser, Chuck Maguire

Members absent (excused): Tim Butler, Herb Denish, and Spencer Gerwin

Guest(s): None

Call to Order. 7:11 PM

1. **Approval of the Minutes:** Discussion included Sara was incorrectly designated in the April minutes as Secretary. Corrections are Sara is Treasurer and the Gerwins are Secretary. Sara motioned to approve as presented by secretary, Susan seconded. Motion approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Sara presented operating funds as of 5/08/19 are at \$2019.16 not including pending \$75 James Strange check for Food Truck night music. Sara motioned to accept, Chuck seconded. Motion approved
3. **Crime Report:** Tony presented crime report for 4/10 thru 5/8/19 (29 days) with 35 Incidents. Discussion of various crimes. No action.
4. **Website:** Tony has updated with April newly elected officers' names & contact info

5. **Newsletter:** John posted to website and will print the June newsletter. It will be hand delivered to promote July 4th activities, bench ribbon cutting and possibly September neighborhood garage sale.
Discussion on who delivers each areas newsletters. Stanford Dr. did not receive the March newsletter. Cheryl volunteered herself and Spencer to deliver to Stanford Dr., Peter will provide them for their delivery.
6. **Urban Forest:** Bill will put together an *Urban Forest Task Force*. He brought this up at the annual meeting and a few of the bordering neighbors including Theresa Law (Miraceros Place neighbor) were interested. Bill would like to form this group (Urban Forest Guardians) to advise on and monitor the park.
Bill walked the park earlier in the week and reported several mini-campsites of homeless to 242-COPS. He also responded to a neighbor's request to help look for stolen items. The neighbor has visitors from Germany who had items stolen from their car. Bill and his 2 boys recovered several of the items stashed at one of the camp sites. This was all reported both to 311 (for park cleanup) and to 242-COPS for increased patrols.
7. **Food Truck Nites:** Board agreed to pay \$75 (capped at \$600) to James Strange to assist with hiring bands to perform first Wed of each month. James will also organize food trucks and face painter for Altura Park on Thursdays.
Susan, in the past, has brought toys for kids each week. Bill will speak with Eugene and Julianna (on Notre Dame; they regularly attend the Park Bites) regarding managing the toys. Julianna Schultz, the face painter, makes balloon animals for a small charge.
Bill will take over duty of announcing Food Truck Nite each week on NextDoor.com which was previously completed by Susan.
8. **Neighborhood Watch:** Bill and Chuck- Discussion on current volunteer list. Bill called Theresa Law regarding co-captains of their neighborhood watch. Chuck spoke with several neighbors about the program during a power outage in his area. Cheryl and Spencer volunteered to be captains of their Stanford Dr. area.
Bill attended Block Captain Annual Spring Conference on April 20. No real meeting had started after being there for 2 hours. Appeared to be more of a get-together for current captains and nothing informative was provided.
9. **Ditch/Drainage Basin** – Maintenance update: Sara had nothing new to report but will contact Parks and Rec for continual cleanup.
10. **Indian School Narrowing Project:** No updates. Bill will contact Diane Dolan to see if there are any new developments.
11. **Kmart site:** No Update. Sara said there will be another meeting when vendors are contacted but has no further information on that. This could happen as late as fall 2019.
12. **Park Bench Ribbon Cutting:** Discussed optimum date and agreed on June 26, 6:00 pm. Bill will check Isaac Benton availability. Announcement will be in the June hand delivered newsletter to generate attendance.

New Business

Weed/Cleanup: Bill received request on cleanup of easement into Urban Forest from Sara Geiger. Park weeds are quickly growing with all the rain and invading house foundations from the park. Discussion of trash pickup around Netherwood Park. How often are the park trash cans being emptied? They appear to be filling quickly. Should be emptied Monday morning and then again Thursday morning. What can NPNA do to assist? Sara will include these items and concerns about drainage basin in an email to City and Parks and Rec on behalf of the NPNA.

1. **Great American Cleanup** April 27th. Not a great turn out, only Sara, Tony, Cheryl and Spencer. No other neighbors came to assist. City provided bags and gloves and trash pickup. Always good to do a cleanup, but also good to have commitment by neighbors
2. **Senior Olympics Clean up** - Mayor asking to help spruce up city on Sat. June 8, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm in advance of this event. We will publicize this on NextDoor.com with plea to help clean up our neighborhood. There was support to keep NPNA clean but no activities are planned around this event.
3. **Neighborhood Garage Sale** – Every two years there is an advertised neighborhood garage sale on last Saturday in Sept. This year will be Sept 28. Discussion held on hours, proposed 8:00 to 11:00 and also 8:00 to 2:00. No decision made. Bill will ask Lisa (his wife) if she or someone else is interested to organize. Chuck will create maps showing house locations. May be able to get this in the June newsletter to give advance notice to prepare. Action items include advertising event and coordinating with a charity to pick up all unsold items throughout neighborhood.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 12 June, 2019, 7 PM

Location: TBD, possibly Gannon House 1726 Notre Dame NE

Meeting Adjourned: 8:23 PM, Chuck moved to adjourn, Susan seconded.

Officers 2019-2020

President – Bill Gannon

Vice President – Tony Prosser 453-0264

Secretary – Cheryl Gerwin & Spencer Gerwin

Treasurer - Sara Mills

Newsletter– John Vittal

Web Master/Crime Mapping – Tony Prosser

At-large Board Members: Peter Burton, Tim Butler,

Herb Denish, Susan Bennett 505-350-3848 and Chuck Maguire

Urban Forest Monitor – John Vittal, Bill Gannon

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

And Facebook page:

Need to contact us: NPNAalert@gmail.com or netherwoodpark@gmail.com

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.