

# Minutes

## Board of Directors Meeting



Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association

**Tuesday 13 November 2018, 7:00 PM**

**Location: 1726 Notre Dame NE (Gannon's)**

Members Present: Susan Bennett, Peter Burton, Spencer Gerwin, Chuck Maguire, Bill Gannon (Minutes)

Members absent: Herb Denish, Cheryl Gerwin, Sara Mills, Tony Prosser

Guest(s): none

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**Call to Order. 7:10 PM**

**Secretary's Report (Bill):** Minutes from 9/12/18 meeting were distributed by email prior to meeting; motion to approve- Spencer, seconded Chuck; approved. October 10 meeting was held at the park during balloon event. No business to report.

**Treasurer's Report (Sara emailed; Susan presented):** See report submitted by Sara on email 13 November. Board advises that Sara should seek advice from John Vittal on a technical accounting question (see email). Motion to approve Chuck, Peter seconded; approved.

**Old Business**

- **Crime Report (Tony): No report**
- **Neighborhood security patrol, update on outreach: Note from Sara.** "I'm hoping you can discuss the private security patrol idea and any other security ideas at the meeting. I became immobilized after a while as I wasn't sure what approach to take. While I agree that the city should cover this via APD the reality is that there is not enough personnel to deal with each neighborhood. Kevin Murphy has been wonderful in this regard. He has taken the crime statistics and figured out that the major crime in the neighborhood is Monday and Tuesday of

each week and I believe he even determined the hours that the crime takes place. He, Peter and I emailed about contacting the manager and owner of one of the apartment complexes on Girard where we think the repeated domestic violence calls occurred, but then I became immobilized again because all the apartment complexes are in the 1800 block of Girard and I wasn't sure that the complex we were planning to contact was the correct one. The general consensus in the neighborhood seems to be that most neighbors would like to have something done and are willing to pay a little something although probably not more than \$10-\$20 a month. With Kevin's research in mind, maybe that would be enough money to make the patrol doable. I will be interested in all your thoughts; I haven't approached the private security company my son is familiar with again, but I know the owner of that company would try to make his cost something we could do."

✓ **Board Discussion on Issues of Security, Patrols, and Reporting:**

Susan read through responses that she has received (Neighborhood, Sara survey). Peter offered more pragmatic approach. The number of people who have responded and offered to pay (monthly or annual donations were not always indicated) falls very short of a sustainable monitoring effort – even just two days a week. Money spent so far barely allowed patrol of NPNA once sweep. Even though someone suspicious is spotted, cannot detain unless they are committing a crime. Bill proposed we already had many tools available and that neighbors need to be reminded that they can do something to reduce crime now through neighborhood watch, knowing neighbors, and having the equivalent of a block captain.

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.

Chuck and Bill will go to office of neighborhood coordination and get packets for block captains and follow recruitment guidelines. Bill will cruise all streets and document "neighborhood watch" signs (don't report him as a creep!).

- **Website (Tony):** no report. Tony urged to post crime reduction recommendations and access points to report crime prominently on home web page.
- **Newsletter:** No action.
- **Urban Forest:** John Vittal's survey recommendations. The Urban Forest is full of unresolved issues. The Board discussion and responses follow each concern in **BOLD**. Consider the following:
  1. A neighbor sees a crime in progress in the Urban Forest. How does she precisely report the location of the offender? It makes no sense to tell the police to

“go to the third tree on the left?” The Urban Forest needs to be mapped and divided into zones: For example: Zone A would indicate that the police should enter by the gate on Indian School Road. **We should not tell APD how to respond; APD should tell us how best to report crime. Please ask APD how is the best way to report crime in urban forest.**

2. The alley between 1813 And 1817 Miracerros is always filled with weeds. Who is responsible for cleanup? The city? The neighbors? I’ve lived in the neighborhood for eighteen years and no one has ever had a clue about this matter. **We do not know where this is and who is presenting this issue. Could this person who raised this issue give more details please?**

3. Residents should be allowed and encouraged to maintain gardens in the Urban Forest adjacent to their fences. **No, we can’t plant trees in park – so why would we encourage a garden in urban forest? No action.**

4. Any upgrades to existing walking paths should be planned with care. Sometimes cable and PNM trucks need to use those paths to get access to above ground wires. Neighbors sometimes tell repair people to use these paths so that they can do various home repair projects and fix fences. Buried below ground are cable and internet cables. **OK – what’s the issue? Is someone planning upgrades?**

5. Which city departments are responsible for which sections of the Urban Forest? While the entire area is owned by the City not all of it is the responsibility of the Parks Department. **Issue? There are several entities responsible for care. How/why to provide this information?**

- **Update: Netherwood Park second bench (Chuck):** Being constructed now. Better design. Go take a look!
- **2504 Harold Pl, NE: (Susan)** Safe City Strike Force; call with Gerald Wisdom 924-3459; Susan: no action can be taken by city; property owner in not violating compliance regs. Peter notes that they are making good progress.
- **Netherwood Park Bites, Food Truck Nites: report on this year (Susan, Chuck):** Went well. KIMO food truck is returning next year! Good number, good number of trucks, lots of kids. Face painting, nerf guns, and lots of fun. Neighbors of park enjoy the music and break from less desirable crowd. Bill raised idea of collecting statistics next year to be able to actually report the level of activity and participation. General feeling was it is a great thing and successful.
- **Balloon Blast: (Spencer) – 7:30 – 10 AM:** distributed all donuts and burritos; estimate 50+ folks. Ran out of coffee. No balloons that day (bad weather). Peter got the white plastic X but not set it up so will be ready for next year!

## New Business

**5K Wellness Run/Walk, Nov 17, 7:30-8:45 AM sign up. First Nations Community Healthsource:** OK for fun run. Cheryl and Spencer offered to help.

**Fence, 1904 Apache Court, NE (Susan):** Pictures and drawings show a very nice project. The Board voiced no objection to the project.

**Princeton Drainage Basin (email - Sara): See Sara's email.** "Regarding the ponding area issue, Karl Schwerin and I met with 3 city employees who surveyed the dead vegetation around the ponding area on Cutler and looked at the ponding area itself. I suspected we were not going to get a lot of action with their initial comments about the ponding area were "this doesn't look that bad compared to other similar areas" and "We could plant some seeded mulch on the sloped areas but it would likely not take". Darn. At any rate, they did agree that the Cutler area needed trimming and while that hasn't yet happened, I think they will do that. I'll follow up via email about that issue. Regarding the ponding area itself, I've forwarded Christopher Rustay's emails to the city at his suggestion as he has done so much leg work. I haven't heard any more from them but again will follow up via email." The Board thanked Sara for keeping on this.

**Golf Tournament: report (Susan):** Mary Lipscomb provided summary to Susan.

**Nikle (Alpine Sausage bldg.)** A hearing Thursday 15 Nov 9 AM craft distiller's liquor license hearing (first one cancelled; check on line). Summit Park Assn supports this project as do we.

**UNM Open House:** 27 Nov. 2018, 430 – 6 PM at University House. All Board members invited and encouraged to attend. See Susan about how to RSVP.

**Book Club** (Reported by Susan from Mary Lipscomb):

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7 PM**

**Location: 1711 Stanford NE, (Spencer and Cheryl Gerwins)**

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