



Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 14 August 2019, 7 PM

Location: Sara Mills' residence at 2629 Cutler Ave NE

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

Member(s) absent (excused): Tim Butler

Guest(s): None

Call to Order: 7:10 PM

- 1. Approval of the Minutes:** Board approved June 10, 2019 Minutes as presented.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:** Sara presented operating funds of \$ 1,254.48 as of 8/14/19. This includes July 4th celebration expenses and \$232 in donations. Board approved as presented.
Budget discussion: Cheryl presented a Mar 2019 thru Mar 2020 estimated budget for board review. Review based on current and projected expenses and revenue showed March 2020 estimated bank balance would be at only \$300. Discussion held on how to increase revenue. Board motioned and approved to increase annual NPNA dues from \$10 to \$20 per household and to have a NPNA donations jar at every event. Discussion held on lowering expenses, which include speaking with James on decreasing our current \$600 commitment to assist in hiring bands for food truck nights in 2020. Board agreed with ongoing review of the expenses and revenue over coming months and to add to annual meeting agenda a spending report.

Old Business:

- 3. Crime Report:** Tony presented crime report for 6/11 thru 8/12/19 (63 days) with 70 Incidents. Several Shots fired incidents on Morrow are concerning with no pattern with time or date. Herb said street patrol is being increased by city but slow process with high officer turnover and low retention rates due to higher wages being paid by other cities. No action required by the board but Bill stated Officer Bjork is receptive to meeting to discuss our concerns.
- 4. Website:** Tony Nothing new to report

5. **Newsletter:** Expanding on our budget expense conversation in Item 2, Susan said it used to cost less to print out the newsletters, so we could research that as a way to decrease some expense in future. Bill will talk to John about possibilities.
6. **Food Truck Nites:** All going well with good turnouts and bands playing. Expanding on our budget expense conversation in Item 2, it was suggested that NPNA provide James with only \$75 a month for next summer's bands instead of the total \$600 we provided him for 2019. Will be ongoing discussion with board and James.
7. **Neighborhood Watch:** Bill and Chuck- NPNA set-up table at Food Bites with info about National Night Out and Neighborhood Watch sign-up sheets. Contacted those who signed up.
Aug 6th National Night Out: Bill had 80% turnout in his neighborhood, Cheryl and Spencer had less than 50% for Stanford Dr. Bill will have his official neighborhood watch meeting in Sept. Cheryl and Spencer will follow up on their current responsive neighbors to set up an official meeting.
Discussion held on how to get unresponsive neighbors to join up for the watch. Bill will ask Lara Dryson on how to improve participation. All will keep hammering away at it.
8. **Isaac Benton Indian School Traffic Calming:** All speed signs on entire length of Indian School are now at 35 MPH. Discussion held on speed still being an issue. Can we get one of the signs that shows your speed? Board had discussed in past about purchasing a permanent one. Other items such as increasing bike lane size, traffic light at Stanford are still in research phases Bill will ask Diane Dolan if there are any next steps pending. Peter said in past that neighbors do not want a light at Stanford. People do not want the associated noises of starting and stopping of cars at a light. Herb stated that Benton is up for re-election in Nov and needs to get 50 % of vote but with so many opponents this election it will probably be a run off.
9. **K-Mart Site Project architect meeting August 21st (see email at end of these notes)**
Elisha Allen said the architects didn't take in a lot of the neighborhood areas' concerns. NPNA has not yet expressed our concerns. Sara said at meeting she went to the architects said they would not take any input and that they would tell us what is going in. Bill will discuss with Elisha Allen to hear if anything new.
10. **Weed/Park Cleanup:** Thanks to Herb, we were able to get response by City. Tony and Bill toured Urban Forest Park with Dave Simon and Shay Armijo. Plan of action developed. Appreciatively, Sarah Geiger's neighbor (Sue Young) removed the weeds and saplings from alley access to UFP (not Park property, but Roads Dept responsibility). Neighbors are still trimming. Question asked if those neighbors are being supported by others or just on their own and consensus is they are doing it on their own.
11. **Urban Forest Meeting:** Guardians meeting Thursday 25 July at 6 PM – Bill, Teresa Law, Sherri Burr, John Vittal, Debbie Ham, and Winnie Fernandez met at Sarah Geiger's house. Bill emailed Shay from the meeting and scheduled cleaning to be done within 2 weeks. Lots of overgrown trees and shrubs removed. Waiting on mowing and more refined cleanup.
The city/police are hesitant to dispose of any belongings found in the nests/camp sites, but some neighbors are doing it on their own.
Bill distributed urban forest neighborhood and city contact list to the board.

New Business

- 1. New NPNA Logo:** Cheryl Gerwin re-designed the NPNA logo based on the NP Bites logo created last year. Design was presented, discussed and approved to be used as NPNA logo on website and communications.
- 2. NPNA email distribution list:** Tony/Bill/Sara working on updated listing of NPNA dues payers and Neighborhood Watch/block captain lists which includes names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers. Consider using NextDoor directory. Discussion on how several neighbors may not want their data publicly distributed. Continue updating of the list with discussion with neighbors on how this data is used and whether they wish to be included in the NPNA listing or just receive communications.
- 3. Spearmint Rhino Bldg. on University Blvd. up for sale:** Peter said the sale sign on the property states pending, but who is the buyer? Discussion on whether we should be worried about what tenant might be coming in. Any way to find out? Know any realtors that might be able to look for us? Chuck stated he will see if he can get info from a realtor he knows and report back.
- 4. NPNA Garage Sale:** Bill asking his wife to coordinate. Discussion held on what is needed to complete, advertising, list of participants, map printing, signs? Susan has sign that has been used in past to direct people to the maps. Chuck will do map printing.
- 5. Running Medicine:** Bill presented email and flyer from group that regular meets at park during our food truck nights. "Running Medicine would welcome all of your neighborhood to join us this fall, and we will spend about 5 Thursdays at Netherwood Park. Full schedule to be released soon. I have the flyer below and attached...please share with your neighbors!"
- 6. Keep Albuquerque Beautiful 2019:** Bill presented initiative from city. Company's Comin' Clean Up is our Fall neighborhood cleanup. Join neighborhoods all over the City and help Keep Albuquerque Beautiful. Solid Waste Management Department will provide free trash bags and gloves and will collect waste at 12 p.m. on Saturday, September 28th. Bill has registration form that is due by Friday, September 13, 2019 at 5:00 pm
Board discussed maybe pick a specific area to get people engaged involved and have higher participation than in prior events. Bill will do urban forest and others will discuss and sign up as needed.
- 7. Officer Appreciation:** Tony and Bill suggested participation.
The Southeast Area Command Officer Appreciation will be held on Friday, September 6 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Phil Chacon Memorial Substation, 800 Louisiana SE. Representatives are invited to attend. The menu will feature offerings from our picnic favorites grill - burgers, dogs and fried chicken. Laura Kuehn is contact.

Next Meeting: Wed. Sept 25, 2019 7:00 pm

Location: Bill Gannon's house, 1726 Notre Dame NE

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47 PM Susan moved to adjourn, Peter 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 and Chuck Maguire

Urban Forest Monitor – John Vittal, Bill Gannon

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

and Facebook page

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.