



## **Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Sunday, March 27, 2022 3:00-5:00 PM**

**Location: via ZOOM On-Line Meeting and In-person at Tennis Club of Albuquerque**

**Board members present:** Bill Gannon, Pres., Ross Casey, V.P.; Sara Mills, Treasurer, Cheryl & Spencer Gerwin Secretary and At-Large Members- Susan Bennett; Tony Prosser, Herb Denish, Ana Maria Casey

**Guests:** Isaac Benton, Laura Kuehn, Jose Brionez, Luke Languit, Rebecca Bolen, Seth Tinkle, and Galen Loughrey

**Call to order 3:00 PM (see meeting agenda for order of presentations)**

### **Guest Speakers**

- **Isaac Benton** – Albuquerque City Councilor

Presentation of his top priorities including capital constructions, working on noise restrictions, housing crisis, housing vouchers and respite housing. Tree NM project in NP was a success and will be coming to Summit Park. Vision for mini-main street project at Indian School/Girard. He hopes to slow traffic down by doing a complete streetscape re-design of that area. Work funds have been approved with engineering work/design next followed by presentation of design plans to get buy-in for the project. Indian School will have a “shy” stripe added to make lanes look smaller to hopefully slow traffic as lane removal had been turned down by neighbors in past. May address IS “diet” this again in future.

- **Luke Languit** – APD SE Area Commander [llanguit@cabq.gov](mailto:llanguit@cabq.gov) 505-256-2050

Introduction and detailed his experience within the APD. He discussed his agenda for the year. Being proactive towards crime is better use of limited resources. He reviews trending crime categories in order to push resources in those directions. Research the underlying causes/trends of crimes, such as what businesses are in an area that may have increased foot traffic, thefts and assaults. On weekly basis, inform his officers where crimes are occurring. Send them into those areas for community projects and enable them to use down time to work those areas of concern. Off-duty officers have been approved to patrol area parks to crack down on illegal activities. Increase the traffic enforcement on streets in and out of crime area neighborhoods to help reduce crime by more visual presence. Increase in traffic enforcement in hot spots for racing and speeding.

Question asked if there are plans in place for cannabis sales that start 4/1/2022. He said that officer training is ongoing and that they will be watching the new retailers for enforcement of rules. Training ongoing for officers to recognize and test for impaired driving.

- **Jose V. Brionez** Crime Prevention Specialist SE Area Command  
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Commended NP for doing all the right things on keeping crime low. Catalytic thefts still occurring all over town. Bluetooth Scanners are being utilized by criminals to locate electronics left in cars and can be stolen. Turn off your electronics that are left in your car or keep them with you. There is an initiative of creating a coalition of businesses like a neighborhood watch. These business can communicate incidents and trends and assist in lowering crimes in their areas.

Link to the newsletter Officer Brionez passed out:

<https://www.cabq.gov/police/documents/southeast-newsletter-january-2022.pdf>

- **Laura Kuehn** -APD Senior Crime Prevention Specialist [lkuehn@cabq.gov](mailto:lkuehn@cabq.gov) 505-256-2050

All departments are trying to get back out into the community after COVID. There are programs such as Coffee with a Cop and Lemonade in the Park that are starting to get back to more in-person meetings. She said to let her or Jose know if interested. Suggested that they could attend one or more of our NP Bites events over the summer and they agreed that would be great idea. Cheryl will contact Laura and Jose to coordinate dates and times.

- **Rebecca Bolen/Seth Tinkle**- ABQ Planning [rbolen@cabq.gov](mailto:rbolen@cabq.gov) [sethtinkle@cabq.gov](mailto:sethtinkle@cabq.gov)

Albuquerque has 12 Community Planning Areas (CPAs). Over the next 4 years, City staff and local communities will work together to gather data, inventory assets, and create an action plan for each CPA. The assessment process will help preserve and enhance all neighborhoods. Assess disparities, public investment, housing conditions, new development, health outcomes, active transportation, open space, and other measurements so that land use and property growth are done in a positive way. Team has been working in area for over a year now.

Near Heights assessment which includes NP divided into elements and receives Community input. Any information they receive on park goes directly to Parks & Rec. By end of April hope to have first draft and open for comments. May-July housing and pedestrian studies. Open for suggestions for studies. By Sept hope to have complete report for review before submitting to council for approval. Can have Plan Van come for evening meeting to discuss. Cheryl will coordinate for appearances as NP Bites events. Links provided to their sites and slide presentation.

Near Heights Miro board: <https://tinyurl.com/NearHeights-Miro>

CPA Instagram: <https://cpa.abc-zone.com/cabqcpa-instagram>

Online zoning map: <https://tinyurl.com/idozoningmap>

CPA webpage: <https://cabq.gov/cpa>

Comp plan: <https://compplan.abc-zone.com>

IDO: <https://ido.abc-zone.com>

Example assessment report: <https://cpa.abc-zone.com/example-assessment>

## Association Business:

- **Minutes-** Cheryl Gerwin

Minutes from last Annual Meeting on 3/28/2020 were read. Minutes were approved by acclamation.

- **Treasurer/Budget-** Sara Mills/Cheryl Gerwin

Sara explained that NPNA funds largely depend on paying annual dues in March for April 1 to March 31 fiscal year. Current bank balance is \$2530 with \$1501 of dues and \$177 in donations collected.

- **Netherwood Park neighbor proposal to add playground equipment** - Galen Loughrey

PowerPoint presentation of online survey results to gauge interest in adding equipment to the park.

The results showed that the majority of the 135 participants, 49% (66 people) voted No,

31% (27 people) voted Maybe, and final 20% (42 people) voted Yes. 61% (82 people) of the participants

identified as not being a parent/grandparent of a child under 10 years and 55% (45 people) of those

voted No. Of the 39% (53 people) that identified as being parent/guardian of a child under 10 years,

43% (23 people) voted Yes and 40% (21 people) voted No.

Additional feedback from attendees that the park hill needs to be protected and not detracted from.

Ross Casey stated that as no data were provided to move forward on this project. The NPNA will take

these survey results and comments under advisement and address in future with Galen.

## Board Elections- Bill Gannon

Nominations opened for two open At-Large seats vacated by Tim Butler and Chuck Maguire. No nominations were provided. Positions remain open for recruitment by board and neighbors.

Current terms March 2020 to March 2023: Susan Bennett, Herb Denish, Bill Gannon.

March 2021 to March 2024: Cheryl and Spencer Gerwin, - shared board position; Sara Mills, Tony Prosser, and Ana Maria and Ross Casey – shared board position.

## Highlights/Comments/Questions - All

**NM Tree project** – Spencer said to keep watering those trees. Arborist will be around to check the health of the trees and make recommendations to owners if needed. Question from attendee: Does anyone know where the random small pine tree planted in NP came from and is it appropriate type of tree to be planted in the park? We will check with Parks & Rec, perhaps it is a memorial tree, which can be any kind of tree that people request.

**NP Bites** – Cheryl- Food trucks in park starts April 27 and runs through Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. Bands twice a month.

**Carlisle Crossing-** Bill reported that Modulus projected to finish by May. Site will then be turned over to Whole Foods and other tenants to complete their stores. Modulus will let NPNA know details of use of old Whole Foods site when they are available and to watch for signs.

**Neighborhood Watch-** Talk with Bill if interested in starting up a watch and/or becoming a block captain.

**Urban Forest Park** – Bill this is a beautiful little walking park in our neighborhood. He has been working with Parks & Rec and UNM to create a first in the city interpretive walk with QR codes. Keep watching.

**Renner house, 1702 Morrow** - conditional usage permit is up for appeal 3/31/22

**No other business was raised for discussion.**

**Adjournment:** 5:23 PM: Diane Denish motioned to adjourn and Susan Bennett seconded

**Next Annual Meeting: Sun Mar 26, 2023 3:00 pm TCA**

**Officers 2021-2022**

President – Bill Gannon

Vice President – Ross Casey

Secretary – Cheryl Gerwin & Spencer Gerwin

Treasurer - Sara Mills (Budget – Cheryl Gerwin)

Newsletter– John Vittal

Web Master/Crime Mapping – Tony Prosser

At-large Board Members: Susan Bennett, Ana Maria Casey, Herb Denish, Tony Prosser, 2 Open positions

Urban Forest Guardians: David Broudy/Rifka Stern, Sherri Burr, Jim/Jana Cornfield, Cheryl/Bill Foote,

Bill Gannon, Sarah Geiger, Jeff/ Susan Hagemann, Teresa Law, Sandra/ Tom McCollum,

Tony Prosser, Eugene Sedeno, John Vittal / Debbie Ham, Cindy Yenson

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

Contact us: NPNAalert@gmail.com or [netherwoodpark@gmail.com](mailto:netherwoodpark@gmail.com)

NP Bites Nite Website (info, calendar, vendor/music applications): <https://daysintheparkabq.com/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/daysintheparkabq/>

**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 <https://www.cabq.gov/police/> to file a crime report

\*Go to APD APP (search ABQ Police in App store) to file crime report, crime mapping and more

\*CALL 242-COPS (2677) or 911(if crime in action) and report your crime.

\*Go to NM DOT website <https://dot.state.nm.us/> to download traffic accident report. Take completed report to APD substation to file.

\*Go to ABQ311 web App <https://www.cabq.gov/311/abq311/311-web-app> Report and upload photos

\***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.

\*Homeless Assistance Hotline 505-768-HELP (4357)

\*Report abandoned cars on neighborhood streets and request they be towed away. Call 311 to make a report, download the ABQ311 App on your smartphone, or online at [www.cabq.gov/report-abandoned-vehicles/report-abandoned-vehicles](http://www.cabq.gov/report-abandoned-vehicles/report-abandoned-vehicles)

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