



Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 13th, 2021 4:00 pm Location: In-person @ Tennis Club of Albuquerque

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

Member(s) absent: Ana Maria Casey, Ross Casey and Tim Butler

Guest(s): SE Area Command APD Officers, H. Goodman, Luis Barraza and Martin Pino

Call to Order: 4:05 PM

Guests: SE Area Command APD Officers

SE Area Command officers attended meeting to introduce themselves. New contracts have started which presented opportunity for the new officers to do community outreach. SE Area Commander Johnny Yarra is retiring in Nov. and will be replaced by Commander Luke Languit. Officers informed on numerous ways to report crimes (posted at bottom of Minutes and on NPNA website). Officers stated that directing reports of crimes to the appropriate resource can assist in decreased response times for officers. Using the Apps are great tools for quick action. ABQ 311 app is a great resource for reporting like homeless camps that you can upload brief description and photos. Best way to support our officers and the best resource against criminal activity is to have alert and active community engagement.

Usual Business

1. Secretary's Report: Cheryl/Spencer:

Sept 8, 2021 NPNA Board Meeting Minutes presented. All in favor voted to approve minutes as submitted.

2. Treasurer's Report/Budget Analysis: Sara /Cheryl

End Bank Balance \$2,474.90. \$160 in dues and \$91 in Balloon Blast donations collected. Cheryl presented budget analysis showing estimated outstanding expenses of \$520, NPNA is on track to end the year with estimated \$1,955 in the bank for future use. Susan motioned to approve report and Spencer seconded. Motion passed.

3. Crime Report: Tony

Activity presented for Aug 17 thru Oct 12, 2021, 56 days and 85 incidents. 27 reports of suspicious person and vehicle reports with numerous reports from Morrow RD NE. Also noted were 20 traffic stops on Indian School/Girard/Stanford due to APD Traffic Division being on motorcycle patrol on Indian School. Bill presented summary of NPNA select member coffee with a cop meeting at Whole Foods with our APD Community Officer Randall Kimminau.

4. Website: Tony

Tony will update site with links to APD crime reporting Apps (see Guests: APD Officers). Tony stated that the website can handle pages related to Urban Forest Interpretive Walks and he will assist when provided with the information. (See Old Business #10).

5. Newsletter: John/ Tony

August/September edition posted to the website. One page NPNA Informational flyer/dues form was handed out during the TreeNM events (see New Business #2). These flyers resulted in several NPNA dues being paid.

Old Business

6. NP Bites Food Truck Nites: Cheryl

Finalizing financials with Paige and Sara. Event broke even as planned. Cheryl will meet with Paige prior to November NPNA meeting to finalize event details and present findings to the board to aid in preparation for next summer's event.

7. Neighborhood Watch progress: Bill

Received new street lists for Block F from Tim Butler (Cutler) and Block P from Kammy Venner (Lafayette). The virtual Block Captain Fall Conference meeting is October 30 from 9:00 to 11:00am. Bill will send a reminder to all block captains. The City has worked to assign an APD officer as contact to each block captain. Cheryl & Spencer of Stanford Dr. have newly assigned APD officer who will attend the next block event the Gerwins hold to introduce himself and meet the Stanford neighbors.

8. Indian School Update/Girard Corridor: Bill

NCNA has been slow to respond. NPNA and SPNA prepared to move ahead. Bill will check with City Councilor Isaac Benton and the other NA representatives. SPNA Annual Meeting is Sat Oct 23rd at 11:00. Bill and Spencer will attend as both are homeowners in the neighborhood.

9. Kmart Site/Carlisle Crossing Project: Bill

Demolition has been ongoing.

10. Urban Forest Guardians: Bill

Bill had a meeting with UNM PhD student Urban Ecologist to discuss an Urban Forest interpretive trail. Bill will email his correspondence email with Dave Simon, Parks and Rec. There is a proposal to install a plaque that shows details about the UF Park via QR Codes. The Urban Forest Park itself may have the funds to install the plaques. The QR codes would link with a newly created UF Park section on the NPNA website. The board agreed this would be an asset to the neighborhood and will proceed. Ongoing.

11. Baum House: Sara

Grass drying up; looks secure; no real estate sign

New Business

1. **Memorial for Chuck Maguire:** Bill/Susan

Bill presented paperwork to move forward on tree/bench memorial. Spencer presented at Sept meeting that best option for tree was to dedicate an existing tree vs. planting a new one. After discussions, all agreed that the stand-alone tree south-side middle of park would be best. The bench could go beside this tree.

Total cost would be \$1680 (\$180 for tree dedication plaque with 100 characters and \$1500 for a bench with an included plaque). Discussion held on holding a separate fundraising to cover costs without using NPNA funds. Perhaps a GoFundMe could be setup for donations. Cheryl said she could create a brief informative flyer to post to website, NextDoor.com, etc. Susan presented sample plaque wording. She will email suggestions to board and invites additions and suggestions.

Dave Simon, Parks and Rec, would like a sign with a statement about the Park's history. Several forms this sign might take and we will approach John Vittal for input as well. A sign explaining the parks history/philosophy would have word/character limit different (more expensive) than Chuck's, but would be placed close to the bench site. Parks will (may?) help pay for this additional sign. Dave also suggested putting a QR code on the sign that links to site with history, perhaps housed on NPNA website. A solicitation was published in Joe Brook's real estate news distributed Oct 2021. Ongoing project.

2. **Tree NM program for neighborhood:** Spencer

100 trees planted by Tree NM and volunteers on Sept 18th and free tree giveaway on Sept 25th. Less turnout than expected for the free trees, but in all these were very successful events for our neighborhood. Spencer will write a letter of thanks on behalf of NP to City Councilor, Isaac Benton, for funding this project and present him with the book, "Urban Forests" by Jill Jonnes.

3. **Play Equipment Initiative:** Spencer

NP resident Galen Castillo Loughrey prepared a draft survey to question NP residents' openness to having playground Equipment installed in our park. Discussion held on effectiveness of the draft survey. It was proposed to include an overview map and what changes should be made prior to moving forward. Questionnaire will be approved by board in future meeting. Ongoing project.

4. **Quarterly trash/litter cleanups:** Bill/Sara.

City of Albuquerque Fall Company's Comin' Event was Saturday, September 25th. Cleaning done Indian School by several NPNA members and family. Several bags of trash collected. Teresa Law and UFG will hold an Urban Forest cleanup on Oct. 23rd to coincide with other City cleanup projects.

5. **Netherwood Park Golf Scramble:** Bill/ Mary Lipscomb

Successful event held Saturday October 2nd at UNM North Golf Course. It was proposed to rename the event to the "XXth Annual Chuck Maguire Neighbors Golf Scramble". All in agreement that it would be great to honor the memory of Chuck.

6. NPNA Yard Sales: Bill

Successful event held Saturday, September 25th, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm with sixteen registered households participating. Sara will research how many households paid their dues in order to participate.

7. Balloon Blast: All

Successful event held Sat, October 9th, 6:45 -10:00AM in the park. Mass ascension of Fiesta balloons cancelled due to high winds, but we had great turnout of around 75 people who enjoyed breakfast burritos, coffee, donuts and meeting lots of great neighbors, kids and dogs.

8. Discussion on Board Members 2022-2023: All

Open discussion on recruitment for board vacancies and board member duties. All in agreement to wait until March 2022 annual meeting to formally fill Chuck’s vacancy. Bill will distribute “expectations and duties of board members” as written in NPNA bylaws to all current members and solicit nominations for the Annual NPNA members meeting in March 2022.

Meeting Adjournment: 5:35 PM Sara motioned to adjourn, Susan seconded

Next meeting: November 10, 2021 4:00 pm TBD - TCA or Zoom

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, Tim Butler, Ana Maria Casey, Herb Denish, Tony Prosser

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

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

Instagram posts: <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)
