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## Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, 3 August 2022 4:00 pm Location: Tennis Club of Albuquerque (TCA), and Zoom**

**Members Present:** Bill Gannon, Spencer Gerwin, Cheryl Gerwin, Tony Prosser, Herb Denish, Sara Mills;  
by zoom: Ana Maria Casey, Carol Toffaleti, Susan Bennett

**Member(s) absent:** None

**Guest(s):** Chris Narkun and Zephyr Renner

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm

### Usual Business

- 1. Secretary's Report:** Minutes were reviewed. Spencer suggested removing exclamation marks and question marks in minutes and suggested indicating which NPNA members moved to approve and seconded motions where indicated. Herb moved to accept minutes; Cheryl moved to second.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:** Cheryl presented treasurer's report and budget analysis. At present after projected expenses for remainder of food trucks, yard sales, newsletters and the balloon blast the account balance should be \$1085. Sara moved to accept the treasurer's report and budget; Herb seconded.
- 3. Crime Report:** Tony – Crime report was reviewed. Numerous reports of disturbance of the peace were received for a residence at Dartmouth and Cutler; most of these events occurred around the time the current renter was evicted/vacating; the residence is now vacant.
- 4. Website:** Tony – Activities continue to be updated on the website; will add pictures of the neighborhood if they are sent to him.
- 5. Newsletter:** see copy of July newsletter that was hand delivered. Bill expanded the newsletter to make it more informative and all present agreed that that was beneficial. Special thanks in the next newsletter will go to Herb for arranging and helping to support the cost of having The Albuquerque Skeleton Crew band for July 4 and to the firemen and AFR puppet Fuego for making the occasion memorable. Bill sent a letter to thank the firemen & Fuego for their important role in the 4<sup>th</sup> activities. Susan moved to thank Herb and Diane Denish for the donation of money for the music on July 4 and the board members replied with a round of applause.

### Oldish Business

- 6. NP Bites Food Truck Nites:** Cheryl –Food trucks continue to be well attended. Netherwood Bites (NetherwoodParkBites@gmail.com) received a good write up from the City on Instagram. The most recent food truck night was accompanied by the presence of numerous APD police and the crime dog "Gruff" to interact with concerned residents regarding multiple issues. Food trucks and

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music are now scheduled until the end of the food truck season. Cheryl and Spencer continue to provide information at the food truck nights regarding upcoming NPNA events. Some local parks with food trucks have had problems with a “rogue” ice cream food truck showing up and causing difficulties at the food truck events. Police have been informed. The non-registered truck have not shown up at Netherwood park.

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7. **Chuck Maguire Memorial Fund**– update – Memorial fund now at \$1235; some donations were received at July 4 event and a poster regarding Chuck and the memorial is now at TCA. The annual golf scramble is scheduled for September with the revenue from that, after expenses, to go to the memorial. Approximately \$800 more is needed to finance the memorial.
8. **Neighborhood Watch progress:** Bill - Night Out event was held last night with a good turnout for Spencer’s and Cheryl’s block. Other areas needing neighborhood watch organization are continuing to be encouraged. Will get back to it in next few months.
9. **Indian School Update/ Girard Corridor:** (Bill) – Wrote to Councilor Benton and Assistant Nathan for update. Also other NA representatives Patrick Scott (SPNA), Tim Davis, Maia Mullen (both NCNA) have been keeping us informed (see email snips to Bill below). [Late report: The latest draft plan meant for Councilperson Benton to carry forward to the Legislature has now been received for our comment – provide comments to Bill].

From Architects:

(26 July via Patrick Scott, SPNA): “Good afternoon, Patrick: Thank you for your email. We’re putting together the costs for the ideal option now. We’re also tightening up the package so that it is more digestible for the legislators that will be looking at this to determine funding. We will be reaching out to the City this week to schedule the meeting to present the plan.”

(11 July via Patrick): “We had our meeting with Traffic last week, there were no objections to what we were proposing. We are going to render the option and put together the cost estimate this week and update the presentation. We will be reaching out to City Staff to schedule another meeting soon.

Thanks so much, Jeff Stuart, PLA, ASLA”

10. **Kmart Site/Carlisle Crossing Project:** Actual construction starting this week. EV chargers in. Burger King looks about ready for an August opening.
11. **Urban Forest Guardians:** Bill –a bit more homeless/transient activity. City has been informed. Area residents (Miracerros and Notre Dame) are instrumental in keeping the area cleared of trash and to dissuade camping/loitering.
12. **TeeShirt Sales:** 13 of 75 tee shirts have been sold. Push for sales will be continued at food trucks, yard sales map distribution site and the balloon blast.
13. **Thank you letter to the AFR:** discussed above

**New Business:**

1. **Upcoming events:** Volunteers to lead each - Annual NP Yard Sales (Bill) – **September 17**; Annual Chuck Maguire Neighborhood Golf Scramble (Mary Lipscomb, Bill) - **September 24**; Balloon Blast (Susan to be contact person; Cheryl will develop spreadsheet/google doc to allow volunteers to sign up)– **October 8**
2. **Monthly photos of the ‘hood – produce annual calendar; rotate on website** –Board members agree to encourage submission of photos from neighborhood residents to the website. All agree that producing a calendar is not necessary.
3. **Obit note for Walter Bartels:** Susan wrote a “celebration of life” note for Walt Bartels; here is a draft:

Walter Bartels, special longtime resident on Vassar Dr., died July 17, six months past his 100th birthday in January, celebrated by a parade of neighbors with balloons, party hats, and cupcakes, singing Happy Birthday in his front yard. Walt was a beloved longtime resident. Frequently seen on long walks with his dog Striker, and later, Rico; having dinner at Netherwood Park Bites; or observing the 'hood from his porch, he always had a smile and a warm greeting. Walt distributed NPNA newsletters until a few years ago; he had a master's degree in Admin from Phillips in Enid, OK and was a church organist, teacher, and HS principal, with 45 years at Immanuel Lutheran School in ABQ. Our Tree NM project was so pleased to plant a Crepe Myrtle for his backyard enjoyment over the past year, in full bloom as he passed. Walt's ever-present congeniality and strength of spirit are greatly missed. Online guestbook and full obituary at [www.FrenchFunerals.com](http://www.FrenchFunerals.com).



(The NPNA newsletter will accept memorials from anyone in the neighborhood to honor our residents. Please send drafts (and pictures) to [netherwoodpark@gmail.com](mailto:netherwoodpark@gmail.com) )

4. "Midtown Development Corridor." – Spencer explained the proposed Menaul corridor development. While the development plan is in the early stages (3 meetings having been held) the program would allow infill of areas between the diversion [channel](#) and Phoenix street to replace empty lots and closed businesses.
5. **New Appointments – To the Board and Committee** - We have one Board position open at the moment but have several interested in serving. We would have to change the bylaws to include more positions AND those appointed by the board stand until official elections are held to be confirmed by the membership. What is being proposed is that we ask Chris to join the Board on a 20-month appointment and Zephyr to chair (along with a board member) a "Indian School Wellbeing committee" (can be named whatever group sees effective). The 20-month appointment is to allow for staggering of terms. Carol (along with some others) will be up for reelection in March 2023 (election) and Chris (with others) would come up for election in 2024. The current bylaws do not address this issue however. Discussion of the proposed plan for filling the board positions included comments asking what bylaw changes would be necessary to expand the board and what would be the role of the Indian School Wellness committee. All agreed that the plan to fill vacancies and to allow Zephyr an active role on the board for now was a good plan with minimal administrative change needed. Sara moved that the board accept this plan and Herb seconded. Discussion ensued regarding the Indian School Wellness project. Spencer and Bill agreed to join Zephyr on that committee. Herb provided history into the development of the Indian School corridor and the issues that has led to the current situation. While this issue is definitely a priority for residents along Indian School, the city's top priorities are crime and homelessness so money for issues like Indian School will be harder to come by. We have had Isaac Benton as an ally for NP for years but he will not seek reelection and we will need to have a new ally for our voice in the city. Chris and Zephyr explained their personal histories in New Mexico and their goals for the neighborhood board. They both heartily agreed to accept their appointments. All approved the appointment of Zephyr [to chair the special committee](#) and Chris to the board as described.

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Tony moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:14; Sara seconded the motion.

**Next meeting is 14 September 2022, TCA 4 PM**

## 2022 Calendar of Events:

Looking ahead at the full year of NPNA neighborhood activities! "Official" calendar.

- Board meetings every second Wednesday of the month (except for July and Dec)
- Urban Forest Clean-up – **February 12th**
- Bike Path Clean-up – **February 26**
- Annual Meeting – **March 27**
- Abq Great American Clean-up (Indian School) – **April 9**
- Start NP Bites Food Trucks in the Park – **April 27 NP: <https://daysintheparkabq.com/>**
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Activities and Parade – **July 4<sup>th</sup>**–No Board meeting
- Annual NP Yard Sales – **September 17**
- Food Trucks last Wednesday for the year – **September 28**
- Annual Chuck Maguire Neighborhood Golf Scramble - **September 24**
- Balloon Blast – **October 8**
- December – No Board meeting

### Current 2022-2023 Officers, Board & Standing Committees

**President** – Bill Gannon

**Vice President** – Sara Mills

**Secretary** – Sara Mills

**Treasurer** - Cheryl Gerwin/Spencer Gerwin

**Web Master/Crime Mapping** – Tony Prosser

**At-large Board Members:** Susan Bennett, Ana Marie Casey, Herb Denish, Chris Narkun  
Tony Prosser, Carol Toffaleti

**Committee to Calm Indian School Road** - Zephyr Renner

**Newsletter**– John Vittal

**Urban Forest Guardians:** David Broudy/Rifka Stern, Jim/Jana Cornfield, Cheryl/Bill Foote,  
Bill Gannon, Sarah Geiger, Jeff/ Susan Hagemann, Teresa Law, <vacant – end of Lafayette>,  
Tony Prosser, Eugene Sedeno, John Vittal / Debbie Ham, Cindy Yenson

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### **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 <http://www.netherwoodpark.org>

\*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/> 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 act on your own. Know your neighbors. Keep in touch with block captains who work with NPNA.

\*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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