



Date & Time: Wednesday April 10, 2024; 430 - 6 PM

Location: Tennis Club of Albuquerque (TCA)

Board members present: Alon Carter, Christopher Narkun , Kylie Renner, Tony Prosser, Sara Mills, Zephyr Renner, Bill Gannon

Non-board members present: Amy Miller, Michael Long, Jason Kent, Ann Walton, Kevin Murphy, Richard Rode, Chip Wills, Stephen and Amy Taylor, Sandra Ortsman, Joe Carney, Susan Bennett

Quick Announcements: Meghan Eastep had her baby 2 days ago—congratulations to the family. Ana Maria has chosen to resign from the board

Call to order: 4:35 pm

Usual Business

1. Secretary's Report (Sara). Minutes were presented with copies available to review. Kylie moved to approve the minutes; Zephyr seconded
2. Treasurer's Report and budget analysis (Bill presented): Total operating fund at present is \$1,817.16. Estimated upcoming expenses are \$875 for the July 4 park event and \$600 for the balloon blast in October, leaving an estimated year end balance (Mar 2025) of \$342.16. Sara moved to approve the treasurer's report; Zephyr seconded.
3. Crime Report (Tony); Crime report presented and reviewed. Brief discussion about burglary of Bob Gorence's house and car theft.
4. Website (Tony): Tony is looking for a new webhost; Amy Miller's son may be able to help. An email with park history has been circulating and the history will be posted on the website
5. Newsletter – Drafting second 2024 newsletter. Cheryl to continue; Meghan will “shadow”. Board to decide to allocate funds for the redesign of the newsletter at the next meeting. Updates and information will be presented to Cheryl when available; next newsletter will be the end of May.

Old Business

6. Reusable signs – The reusable signs worked well for the annual meeting and the signs provide a flexible design. Bill expressed concern about the need for a steady hand in entering info on the signs and ease (or lack there of) in cleaning them after use. Kylie offered to provide laminated sheets with information about upcoming events to apply to the signs; Joe Carney discussed

using Velcro “stickies” to provide temporary and changeable information. Spencer and Cheryl Gerwin also may help with updating the signs.

7. Annual meeting – Bill - The general consensus is that the speakers were great, the agenda was followed, new members elected, and the meeting concluded only slightly later than scheduled. Many concerns were expressed regarding the lack of civility in the meeting and the violation of decorum which ensued. Alon and Amy suggested more rigorous following of Roberts Rules of Order. Kylie explained that the ONC site offers no guidance regarding annual meetings except that the meetings be fair, open and inclusive. Sandra suggested that it would be helpful to have a blurb presented about each person running to be on the board. Kylie indicated that the bylaws only state that people running for election present themselves at the meeting. Bill explained that most years we have had few people seeking election to the board when there are openings. The board will assign the duties of parliamentarian to a willing board member for future meetings. Sara has minutes from the annual meeting and those will be approved at next annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Ana Maria stepping off board – The general consensus of the board members is that we should allow the board to stabilize for awhile and not try to fill Ana Maria’s vacancy immediately. Kylie and Zephyr both described attending board meetings for about a year before deciding to run for board membership. Bill mentioned that most board members have worked on NPNA activities for a while before serving. According to the bylaws the board can be composed of 3-9 members. We are not in violation by keeping an 8 member board. There was discussion about whether the board should have an odd number of members; Chris pointed out that it is often better not to make a decision on a 1 vote basis.
9. Election of Officers among Board members. Bill has contacted Meghan about becoming treasurer and she is agreeable. Sara will continue as secretary with Bill as co-secretary when Sara is gone. Chris accepted the nomination of Vice President and Zephyr agreed to be president. Bill moved to accept the nominations and Sara seconded. The board members and non-members affirmed the nominations. In summary, President is Zephyr Renner, VP Chris Narkun, Secretary Sara Mills (and Bill Gannon as needed), Treasurer Meghan Eastep. Other members are at large.
10. Issues re: 2024 Calendar of events. Because of the planned irrigation upgrade in the park, some activities on the calendar may not be possible to schedule. While there is evidence that Parks and Rec is preparing to start the irrigation upgrade, the actual time period isn’t clear. Bill will contact Dave Simon re: which area of the park will be closed first. Food trucks may not be scheduled for this year because of lack of park access. There was some discussion about holding the food trucks in Urban Forest Park and discussion on this is ongoing. Bill is interested in moving the date of Yard Sale up to August and encouraging more participation. The spring clean up is scheduled for April 20. Sara had sent in registration for the neighborhood already but will update that to include the much larger number of individuals and families who are interested in helping. Ann offered to host the group at 8:00 on April 20 at hers and Alon’s house and will provide the supplies (Sara will pick these up from the city and drop them off at Ann’s house) and donuts. Sara will drop off supplies from the city for Teresa Law and the group cleaning at Urban Forest Park.

11. Indian School Safety Coalition committee – (Bill) – First meeting last Sunday with Summit Park and North Campus. Meeting hosts will alternate each meeting. Carol Tofaletti/Bill were “scribes”. Briefly talked process, stakeholders, goals, and the “low-hanging fruit”. Great meeting; very positive and should produce community-beneficial outcomes. The meeting was organized 3-4 months ago among NA presidents from Summit Park and North Campus. The NPNA will organize interested members to work on this issue as a committee in the next few months. As an aside, Amy Miller mentioned that she meets and works with Councilor Tammy Fieblekorn on a daily basis and that she is “frustrated” with our neighborhood and needs a “cooling off “period. Our relationship with our city councilor is very important to us and we may need to pursue this issue further.
12. Forming Netherwood Park Developments committee – Bill has contacted those who expressed interest in participating in this committee including Alon Carter (he will head the group), Sandra Ortsman, Jason Kent and Micheal Long. Sandra suggested Galen Loughrey and other interested neighbors are encouraged to join. Many individuals present felt the issues should be limited to issues already on the table; others felt that the committee could consider developing walking tours, historical information, etc. Once capitol outlay projects are prioritized they could be presented to the city councilors. Bill reiterated that following Alon’s suggestion of going through Dave Simon’s (Parks & Rec) list of recommendations at the end of his written comments, would be a good starting point. Kylie emphasized that the committee should be fair, open and democratic and Sandra said the object of the committee should include getting additional input from neighbors regarding but not limited to discussion of a playground in the park or perhaps in a different location.
13. Other: discussion of schedule adjustments is ongoing

Kylie moved to adjourn the meeting; Bill seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:35

Next board meeting May 8, 2024; TBD, but suggest 530 – 630 PM TCA.

2024 Calendar of Events: Verify calendar

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 –**April 20**
- Bike Path Clean-up – **TBD**
- Annual Meeting – **March 17**
- Abq Great American Clean-up (Indian School) – **April 20**
- Start NP Bites Food Trucks in the Park **May 8:** <https://daysintheparkabq.com/> (**TBD**)
- July 4th Activities and Parade – **July 4th-(to be determined based on park renovations)**
No board meeting
- Annual NP Yard Sales – **August (date TBD)**
- Food Trucks last Wednesday for the year – **August 14 (to be determined based on park renovations)**
- Annual Chuck Maguire Neighborhood Golf Scramble – **September 28**
- Balloon Blast – **October 12 (to be determined based on park renovations)**
- December – No Board meeting

Current 2023-2024 Officers, Board & Standing Committees

President – Zephyr Renner

Vice President – Chris Narkun
Secretary – Sara Mills (Bill Gannon asst)
Treasurer – Meghan Eastep
Web Master/Crime Mapping – Tony Prosser
At-large Board Members: Alon Carter, Kylie Renner
Committee to Calm Indian School Road – Carol Toffaleti, Amy Miller, Jason Kent
Netherwood Park Developments Committee: Sandra Ortsman, Jason Kent, Michael Long, Galen Loughrey
Newsletter/Historian– John Vittal
Urban Forest Guardians: David Broudy/Rifka Stern, Jim Cornfield/ Jana Bordegaray,
Bill Gannon, Sarah Geiger, Jeff/ Susan Hagemann, Teresa Law,
Tony Prosser, Eugene Sedeno, John Vittal / Debbie Ham

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*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/act on your own. Know your neighbors/NPNA, Keep in touch with block captains

*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 ww.cabq.gov/report-abandoned-vehicles/report-abandoned-vehicles

- NPNAalert@gmail.com or netherwoodpark@gmail.com
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