

Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Meeting



Minutes 10 January 2024

Date & Time: Wednesday 10 January 2024, 4 PM

Location: Tennis Club of Albuquerque (TCA). Call to Order, 4:05

Members present: William Gannon, Zephyr Renner, Chris Narkun, Tony Prosser, Susan Bennett, and Cheryl Gerwin

Members absent: Sara Mills, Spencer Gerwin, Ana Maria Casey, and Meghan Eastep

Guests present: none

Quick Announcements: Taylor Kirk confirmed recycle plant tour 8 Feb 24 9 AM. Bill will check again and confirm meeting place.

Agenda, November minutes, budget/analysis, crime report were distributed prior to meeting for review.

Usual Business

1. Secretary's Report (Sara absent, Bill recorded). Minutes from 8 and 29 November (combined) were reviewed and discussed. No changes were suggested. Chris moved to accept minutes; Cheryl seconded motion.
2. Treasurer's Report and budget analysis (Cheryl): January principle balance \$1924.35 less planned expenses, leaves \$1020 as real balance. Had \$1628 in donations last year. Given surplus from 2022, we had less by about \$250 in 2023 but, overall the budget is strong and will carry us into this years' activities. Susan moved to approve the budget as presented, Chris seconded.
3. Crime Report (Tony); Presented 90+ days crime summary (since October). Overall not bad (see report) with many (maybe ~110) minor instances (such as 88 under "disturbing the peace") but few serious crimes. Cheryl related an "interesting" story where men would approach their porch as if looking for someone/ something. About three occurrences in as many days. Cheryl, as Stanford Avenue Neighborhood Watch Captain, has been in communication with their APD Officer Hjorth and has asked neighbors to be on alert. Could be a possible scam on unsuspecting males being sent to this false address. She will keep us updated on developments. This also shows the great utility of having strong neighborhood watch participation.
4. Website (Tony): Website was updated with new newsletter (Fall 23) and 20 January meeting announcement. We will be moving to habituate our membership to going to website for information like newsletters. We will email current newsletter to email list. Tony will provide email list to Bill so he can update and validate email addresses with block captains and try to build a clean list. Bill will send newsletter to John Vittal for feedback and suggest that he might be interested in writing an NPNA history column occasionally.

## Old Business

5. Newsletter (Cheryl, Bill) – Fall 23 newsletter distributed. Regular quarterly newsletters will continue Mar 10 (announce annual meeting), June 10 (advertise July 4th in the park), Sept 10 (to advertise the Balloon Blast), and Dec 10 for year-end wrap up and next year calendar.
6. Netherwood Park NA Sign: (Bill, Zephyr); Bill needs to get price for 20 “distributive” re-usable signs to advertise usual, annual events (similar to Summit Park NA signs)
7. Bylaws committee Update (Sara): Approved, revised Bylaws sent to City ONC as requested. Sara reported they were received and will be reviewed. Susan reminds that we need to file with State once approved and pay our annual fee to keep registered as a tax-exempt organization.

## New Business

1. Presentation by ABQ Parks and Rec – Christian Mathias/Laurie Firor will present NP proposals for irrigation renovation and play area on 20 Jan 2-4 at TCA. Seems all set. Just need to confirm with City Parks and get fliers out. Worthwhile to have discussion with locally sensitive neighbors (perhaps Sara can make contact?). Bill will contact Gail Chasey, Gerry Ortiz y Pino, and Bill O’Neill about supporting funding for park improvements in the new session beginning Tuesday.
2. Annual meeting prep (Bill). We had some discussion about invitees to the annual meeting such as Bill O’Neill, Gerry Ortiz y Pino, Tammy Fiebelkorn, Gail Chasey, ABQ Parks folks, and APD (Laura Kuehn, neighborhood officers). There is a desire for motivating topics to increase attendance, but not so much as to make the meeting cramped for time. Tony suggested focus on park upgrades, Zephyr suggested highlighting larger issues such as work being done with other two neighborhoods as a coalition to form some focus on Indian School traffic safety or UNM plans on developing north golf course. Bill has the TCA reserved for 17 March, 2-6 PM – hopefully they won’t have a competing St. Patrick’s Day gathering – will check again as the date gets closer. Discussion then turned to to Board composition next term.
3. Board Members: Susan provided early notice that its time for her to step off and focus on her future and happiness. Absolutely! Susan really has been the backbone for the Board and NPNA for many years and we owe her much for steering us through many a fog bank! Thank you, Susan! This was her last official meeting.

A surprise was the announcement by Cheryl that both Cheryl and Spencer are stepping off the board at the March annual meeting. Cheryl gave a strong rationale for it- thought long and hard - and wants to commit to other things. She is “available” for some things like helping with newsletter (now that it has a zippy new format and delivery emphasis). Like Susan, we owe the both of them much for keeping us professional, involved, and staffed (at many events!). This would leave us with 7 board members.

Zephyr then asked, “So, how many board members do we need?”, and Tony confirmed that we need “no less than 3 but no more than 9” members on the board according to the bylaws. Events such as food trucks, balloon blast, golf scramble, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and many other activities that we do can use involved folks on the board. We will encourage and see interest at the annual meeting and will work with the number of board members elected to get the job done.

Next board meeting to be held 14 February 2024 (!) at 4:00 at TCA. Meeting adjourned at 5:12.

## 2024 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 10th**
- Bike Path Clean-up – **TBD**
- Annual Meeting – **March 17th Sunday, St. Patrick’s Day, 3 PM – 5 PM**
- ABQ Great American Clean-up (Indian School) – **April 20**
- Start NP Bites Food Trucks in the Park **8 May** : <https://daysintheparkabq.com/>
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Activities and Parade – **July 4<sup>th</sup>**--No Board meeting
- Annual NP Yard Sales – **September 14**
- Food Trucks last Wednesday for the year – **14 August ???**
- Annual Chuck Maguire Neighborhood Golf Scramble – **September 28**
- Balloon Blast – **October 12**
- December – No Board meeting

### Current 2023-2024 Officers, Board & Standing Committees

**President** – Bill Gannon

**Vice President** – Zephyr Renner

**Secretary** – Sara Mills

**Treasurer** - Cheryl Gerwin/Spencer Gerwin

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

**At-large Board Members:** Susan Bennett, Ana Marie Casey, Meghan Eastep, Chris Narkun

**Committee to Calm Indian School Road** – Carol Toffaleti

**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](http://ww.cabq.gov/report-abandoned-vehicles/report-abandoned-vehicles)

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