



NPNA Meeting Minutes

Approved by the Board 9 October 2024

Prepared by: **Bill Gannon, Secretary**

Date and Time:

- 11 September 2024, 4:10 PM - 6:20 PM

Location:

- Meeting Room – Tennis Club of Albuquerque (TCA)

Board Member Attendees

- David Broudy, At-Large
- Alon Carter, At-Large
- Meghan Eastep, Treasurer
- Bill Gannon, Secretary
- Partha Louise, At-Large
- Tony Prosser, At-Large
- Kylie Renner, At-Large
- Zephyr Renner, President

Board Member Absent:

- Sara Mills, Vice President

Invited Guests in Attendance

- Marianna Anaya, State Representative-elect

Interested Community Members Attending

- Joanna Creist
- Fred Creist
- Diane Denish
- Jason Kent
- Amy Miller
- Anne Carter
- Kevin Murphy

Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda (Zephyr)
2. Presentation of Minutes (Bill)
3. Treasurer's Report and budget analysis (Meghan)
4. Golf Scramble (Sept 28). Planning discussion (Bill)
5. Balloon Blast (Oct 12). All. Planning discussion.
6. **State Representative-elect Marianna Anaya - presentation**
7. Indian School Committee update (Bill)
8. Urban Forest Park updates (Bill)
9. Mutt Mitts update (Zephyr)
10. Reusable signs update (Kylie)
11. Next Newsletter Planning (Meghan and Bill)
12. Online Donations and PayPal account (Kylie)

NEW BUSINESS

13. Netherwood Park irrigation project (Meghan and Bill)
14. Some quick positive community updates (Partha)
15. Executive ethics (Alon)

PUBLIC COMMENT

16. Please sign up for public comment prior to this point of the meeting.

Meeting Notes:

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action Items
1. Approval of Agenda	none	Approved unanimously
2. Presentation of Minutes (Bill)	Drafts sent to board for comments. No comments	Approved unanimously
3. Treasurer's Report and budget analysis (Meghan)	In Meghan's absence, Bill read report. Possible upcoming expense for web posting has been paid. No projected expenses	Approved unanimously
4. Golf Scramble (Sept 28). Planning discussion (Bill)	Fees are \$55 for cart and lunch, \$30 to play and lunch, \$15 for lunch only. Proposed buying real trophy Proceeds benefit the Chuck Maguire activity fund to sponsor kids who	Bill provided approval to purchase (his own \$) a \$40 GOAT trophy

	<p>might not otherwise enroll in sports</p> <p>Right now, we can sponsor tennis lessons (\$18 / class), swim lessons (\$60 for 2 weeks; \$220 Jimmy's swim team season through TCA. Can add other programs</p>	
5. Balloon Blast (Oct 12). Planning discussion.	Planning discussion	David will organize, Kylie, Cheryl, Bill to help with food, setup, burritos, Tony will place sign week prior.
6. State Representative-elect Marianna Anaya. Presentation	<p>MA is replacing Gail Chase and provided introduction and update. Keeping in touch with UNM and Golf course. UNM doing a geothermal development. Priorities are housing, healthcare facility groundbreaking, repeal state limitations on sex assault, clarity on Children's code, crime, safety, homelessness, and mental health all top priority.</p> <p>Thanked the NPNA for conducting playground survey. She will provide allocation towards park playground. Other NAs have big issues like need of grocery store.</p>	Representative-elect Anaya responded to public questions on capital outlay, unspent state funds, status of Girard streetscape project
7. Indian School Committee update. (Bill)	Discussion of formed coalition with SPNA and NCNA. Working with Councilor Fiebelkorn and the Girard Improvements project. Now determining status of 'Road Diet project' that Councilor Ike Benton started.	Continue to report progress next month
8. Urban Forest Park (UFP) updates (Bill)	Bill has been communicating with the UFP neighbors and coordinating cleanup and addressing issues of crime, homelessness.	Bill read from email to UFP neighbors

9. Mutt Mitts update. (Zephyr)	No report	
10. Reusable signs update. (Kylie)	We use 20+ signs ahead of NPNA events that are extremely effective. Need to replace stolen signs, new materials were purchased (much less \$ than custom signs) and used to replace missing ones.	Kylie will put up signs for upcoming golf scramble
11. Next Newsletter Planning. (Meghan)	With increased email list, newsletters more effective. Discussion about need to have a board member coordinate newsletters.	Meghan will talk to Cheryl about next newsletter production Newsletter content will be written by many of the board members Add pictures
12. Online Donations and PayPal account. (Kylie)	PayPal operational but need to link to NPNA bank account. Distribute PayPal option to members	Kylie will work with Meghan and Cheryl to link accounts Provide PayPal link to Tony to add to web pages.
13. Netherwood Park irrigation project. (Meghan and Bill)	Item passed to conserve time for other issues	Zephyr will email Dave Simon to say how appreciative we are for the new irrigation project; it went smoothly and quick!
14. Some quick positive community updates (Partha)	Item passed to conserve time for other issues	
15. Executive ethics (Alon)	One member discussed problem with interpersonal communications within the board Another member questioned relevance to a board meeting. Motion: "All correspondence between board members regarding NPNA business should include copying the entire board" Meghan offered to provide guidelines and methods	Motion approved , 6 in favor, 2 opposed. Meghan's suggestion was unanimously supported (no motion/vote)

	for improving interpersonal communication to start the next board meeting.	
ADDED to item 16. June minutes issues (Alon)	<p>A number of occurrences relevant to the remainder of the meeting.</p> <p>A letter dated 11 September 2024 handed out at the meeting to board members from Samantha Adams (Adams-Crow Law Firm) titled "Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association CEASE AND DESIST". This letter is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Because of the short lead time to consider this letter, a motion was made.</p> <p>Motion: Move discussion of Adams letter and issues that it raises to the October monthly meeting</p>	<p>Motion approved, 6 in favor, 1 opposed</p> <p>NOTE: Tally of vote is 7 not 8 as one board member had to leave meeting early. President does not vote.</p> <p>Attachment</p>
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>A number of comments from those present were made regarding interpretations of some of the reporting in the 12 June 2024 NPNA board minutes. Those minutes were approved by the Board on 14 August 2024 and posted to the NPNA website at that time.</p> <p>One attendee provided a written comment from which he read. These comments are attached to these minutes as presented. One item raised was vacancy and a yellow variance sign on Schell Place NE was troublesome. Zephyr responded that he had explored that a bit already but would follow up to get more of the story.</p>	<p>Attachment</p> <p>Zephyr will research vacancy issues on Schell Place NE and report any information at the next monthly meeting.</p>

Next Meeting

Next board meeting 9 October 2024; 4 – 6 at TCA. Conference room

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 6:20 PM

ATTACHEMENT: Public member comment

Prepared Public Comments by Kevin Murphy

NPNA Board of Directors Meeting, September 11, 2024

1. At the beginning of the August 14th Board of Directors Meeting Director Kylie Renner stated, “There’s an extensive agenda and there might not be time for public comment because of past bad behavior.”
 - It’s time to move on from the continuing claims of “bad and disruptive behavior”. These meetings are public meetings, and the Board should understand the public has a right to speak. There undoubtedly will be differing opinions, opinions Board Members don’t agree with, and possibly comments from the public that may be uncomfortable to hear. That’s how democracy works.
 - The August 14th Board Meeting lasted 2 hours and 15 minutes. The public comments by 3 individuals lasted less than 8 minutes. Public Comment does not appear to be a burden on the conduct of Board business.
2. Item #8 of the June 12th Meeting Minutes as posted on the NPNA website misrepresents what actually happened, in my opinion. If any Board Member wishes to discuss this, I’m available.
3. Lastly, I request that President Renner ask for a Board Member volunteer to investigate the situation at 2614 Schell Place and report back to the Board. The home is boarded up and yellow signs posted.

Thank you for your time.

ATTACHMENT: Letter dated 11 September 2024 handed out at the meeting to board members from Samantha Adams (Adams-Crow Law Firm) titled "Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association CEASE AND DESIST".



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11 September 2024

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Re: Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association
CEASE AND DESIST

Dear Members of the Board of Directors:

I write on behalf of Ms. Diane Denish regarding illegal events enacted by Board members of the Netherwood Park Neighborhood Association ("NPNA") over the past several months. On behalf of Ms. Denish, I demand that such Board members, whether acting individually or on behalf of the Board, cease and desist from disparaging and defaming Ms. Denish.

It is my understanding that there have been numerous actions taken by one or more Board members and/or their partners to denigrate Ms. Denish, and this unethical and illegal conduct must stop. For example, the minutes of the June 12, 2024, NPNA Board meeting include derogatory editorial comments along with inaccurate reporting - and mischaracterization - of the remarks made by Ms. Denish at that meeting. To my knowledge, those disparaging minutes have been published not only to the NPNA members but are currently published to anyone who accesses the NPNA website. In addition, apparently one or more Board members and/or their partners have also been circulating unsubstantiated and derogatory comments, electronically or verbally, to malign Ms. Denish with the obvious aim of undermining her prolific credibility.

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Publishing untruthful comments about Ms. Denish to third parties, whether in writing or verbally, triggers potential liability for disparagement and other torts. Based on the actions and comments of one or more Board members, it is clear the NPNA is actively working to chill the voices of non-board members who wish to exercise their rights. These non-members must be permitted to advance their concerns not only as long-time members of NPNA but also as members of the public who are concerned about the irresponsible behavior of people purporting to work on behalf of the local community.

While Ms. Denish has also observed that the NPNA Board is out of compliance with the City of Albuquerque's Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance, her cease and desist demand presently focuses only on matters directly involving her name. To that end, Ms. Denish demands the Board undertake the following.

1. Remove the June 12, 2024, minutes from the NPNA website immediately.
2. Cease and desist from including Ms. Denish's name in any NPNA publications or correspondence where she is being described in any derogatory manner.
3. Direct Board members to exclude their own editorializing about Ms. Denish in any future publications or correspondence on behalf of the Board.

While this letter does not constitute a full recitation of Ms. Denish's rights, it is her hope that all inappropriate and illegal conduct will stop so the NPNA may re-engage in a neighborly and productive way. If it does not, Ms. Denish will consider her legal rights and next steps.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the scope of the demand herein, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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