

GPANA General Membership Meeting on April 17, 2021

Zoom Meeting • The meeting started at 10:00 AM

Board members present: Denise Garland (president), Gary Kordosky (vice president), Donna Snyder (secretary), Suzanne King (treasurer), member Gary Bruins, member Dan Couch, and member Tony Knight.

Mike Cardwell (husband of Denise Baldwin) provided technical expertise

Guest Speakers: Cheryl Mollohan and Kerry Baldwin, Bobcats in Tucson Research Project

Approximately 20 GPANA members were present for the Zoom meeting

A PowerPoint Slide Program provided the structure for the meeting

1. President's Welcome and Board Member Introductions, Denise Garland

Denise opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and setting some standards for participating in the Zoom meeting. All current board members were introduced with a brief biography.

2. Guest Speakers from the Bobcats in Tucson Research Project, Kerry Baldwin (Certified Wildlife Biologist and Co-Project Coordinator) and Cheryl Mollohan (Certified Wildlife Biologist and Principal Investigator)

Cheryl gave an informative and engaging presentation about the project. This is a brief recap and more information can be found on their website: (<https://bobcatsintucson.net/>). Cheryl reported that 16 bobcats were initially captured and 9 were fitted with radio collars: 5 females and 4 males. The project is hoping to add 12 more collared bobcats this fall. Their movements are tracked multiple times daily. The purpose, according to their website, is to gather information to better understand where bobcats hunt, rest, give birth and raise kittens. The information will be used to develop strategies to reduce conflicts between humans and bobcats as well as increase scientific knowledge, appreciation, understanding and responsible actions between urban bobcats and their natural habitats. All the collared bobcats are named and "Shannon" is our local Trails End Road, female bobcat. Bobcats have a home range and the females cover theirs about every two weeks. The males' range is larger. Mid January to mid February is their breeding time. Bobcat kittens are helpless for 6 weeks. At 3-4 months they are ready to travel. Bobcats eat rabbits, rodents and birds. Some early findings are that bobcats are a point of pride for Tucsonans. It is important to protect access to washes and large tracts of land. Bobcats can coexist to a certain extent within heavily populated areas. The project received a \$35,000 Heritage Grant and is working towards making this an ongoing program. The Arizona Exotic Animal Hospital helps to ensure the most appropriate, safe and humane techniques for capturing and handling the bobcats. Donations are being accepted to raise

additional money necessary to purchase more radio collars. Of the 9 original bobcats collared there have been 3 mortalities. The radio collars from these cats were retrieved. Individual bobcats can most easily be identified by the markings on their tails as the markings are unique. You may see the project's truck, which is clearly identified, as they follow radio signals to check on collared cats. Cheryl invited folks to flag down the truck should anyone want to chat. If you see a collared bobcat, they would love to know exactly where as it helps with their data collection. This can be done by emailing them at bobcatsintucson@gmail.com. Cheryl and Kerry answered questions from those attending.

3. Why join and stay a member of GPANA?, Gary Bruins

- GPANA is not an HOA. There are no CCRs or special rules to follow.
- Increasing membership helps to influence local officials so that we can keep our area safe and beautiful.
- We keep you informed by monitoring the agendas of the Board of Supervisors, the Board of Adjustment, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Department of Transportation Advisory Board for any issues impacting our area.
- We connect with you and the area neighborhoods via our website, email, Facebook and NextDoor.
- We work collaboratively with neighborhood watch groups, Pima County Parks, Transportation and the Sheriff's Departments.
- We continue to keep our dues low at \$20/year per household.

4. Accomplishments, Denise Garland

The past year has been busy, even with Covid restrictions. Some of the highlights include:

- An agreement was established with the Sheriff's Department to pick up empty cartridges found after illegal shooting from vehicles.
- The Board met with local officials: Adelita Grijalva, Supervisor of District 5; Lt. Steven Carpenter, Pima County Sheriff's Department; Ana Olivares, Director, Pima County Department of Transportation; Commander Jason Monson, Correctional Officers Training Academy. The purpose of these meetings was to introduce our organization and to let the officials know of issues that we may have that they should be aware of and potentially help with.
- A relationship, facilitated by Denise Garland, was established with Arizona Mediation Center. This could be a way forward when neighbors have disagreements and can't seem to come to a satisfactory conclusion. Mention GPANA for a special rate. Go to: www.gpana.info/quick-links.html.
- The Feliz Paseos Park Adopt-a-Park Clean Ups were held on Saturday, February 20 and on April 17, 2021. Tony Knight facilitated. Park clean ups take place 4 times a year. The issue of adding additional trash receptacles was brought up to the powers that be for the Park. The problem is that some take advantage and dump their personal trash and household items which doesn't sit well with the park. No additional trash cans will be added to the park at this time.
- Our Adopt-a-Road program will now "officially" extend to southern end of Camino de Oeste. We are investigating and open to adding additional streets. Al Gilpatrick is our facilitator.

5. Ongoing Efforts, Denise Garland

- We continue to work with the International Dark Sky Association for monitoring proposed revisions to the city and county sign lighting ordinances.
- GPANA has requested ongoing special patrols by the Sheriff's Department to reduce speeding in our area.
- We are working on ways to increase membership and diversity. There is power in numbers when dealing with county officials.
- Members are reminded and encouraged to use SeeClickFix, an effective app that can be downloaded to a smart phone, for reporting potholes, wildcat dumping, wildlife or domestic animal casualties found near a road.
- Members are encouraged to call 911 should they hear gunfire, drag racing, or witness other illegal activities.

6. Our GPANA Website Tour and Social Media Update, Donna Snyder

Donna Snyder, secretary and webmaster, gave an overview of the website. She stressed that the site is an important resource for members and interested parties. It contains current news and issues affecting our area, the history of the organization, wildlife lists, member photos, area history, our affiliations, quick links to city, county, state and federal officials. Under the Board Matters tab, you'll find current minutes, past minutes, members of the board, and our bylaws. You can also use the Contact page to reach us. And under the Join tab, you can easily renew your membership or join GPANA for the first time. The site accepts Paypal (use your credit card) to pay dues. We strive to keep the site current. A Facebook Group has been started and we have 30 members. It's a public group and very easy to join. We are also using the Nextdoor app to advertise some of our events and efforts.

7. Treasurer's Report, Sue King

See last page.

8. Membership and Recruitment, Gary Bruins

Gary reports that we currently have 117 member households (221 individual members). The board is working on ways to increase membership. As in-person gatherings are not possible during COVID times, we are looking to expand our presence on social media by using Nextdoor and Facebook. And we are always looking to our membership to help us reach out to neighbors by spreading the good word about GPANA. A letter of invitation was sent to residents on Painted Hills Road. This has resulted in new members and we welcome them. More neighborhoods are being considered.

9. Neighborhood Issues, Gary Kordosky

Part of our mission is to keep an eye on developments that could impact our area. Gary Kordosky monitors the agendas for the Board of Supervisors, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Adjustment and the Department of Transportation Citizens Advisory Board. Through Gary, GPANA is monitoring progress concerning the Enchanted Hills Wash Development, the 127 acres on Anklam that are for sale and the 90 acres that are for sale on Speedway.

10. Free Memberships for 2021, Denise Garland

Memberships for 2021 were given to two lucky participants of today's General Membership Zoom meeting. Mike Cardwell, husband of Denise Garland and our technical Zoom master, pulled 2 attendees' names from a hat and Fran Stach and Colin Waite were the winners! Congrats to them and Denise thanked all for attending.

With no further issues or comments President Denise Garland thanked all who made the effort to attend. The meeting ended at about 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted.

Donna Snyder, Secretary, GPANA

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Treasurer's Report

April 17, 2021

Prepared by Suzanne King

Beginning Balance 1/10/2021 \$4,166.83

Income

Membership Renewal-Checks	\$340.00
Membership Renewal-PayPal	\$160.00
Donation	\$20.00
Total Income	<u>\$520.00</u>

Expenses

PayPal Fees	\$7.04
Website	\$156.40
State Tax	\$50.00
Gifts for outgoing officers	\$76.50
Total Expenses	<u>\$289.94</u>

Ending Balance 4/13/2021 \$4,396.89

Member Totals

Member households	125
Individual members	227
Email addresses	178
Phone Numbers	185

As of 4/13/2021, 9 members have not renewed their 2021 membership dues. 108 members have renewed and we have 8 new members, 76 paid through PayPal, and 40 by check