

## **Gates Pass Area Neighborhood Association**

Board Meeting on January 16, 2021, Zoom Meeting

The meeting started at 9:00 AM

### **Election Results:**

GPANA Board Election for 2021 results are as follows:

Denise Garland, President

Gary Kordosky, Vice President

Donna Snyder, Secretary

Sue King, Treasurer

Gary Bruins, Member

Dan Couch, Member

Tony Knight, Member

### **1. Roll Call**

Board members present: Denise Garland, Gary Kordosky, Donna Snyder, Sue King, Gary Bruins, Dan Couch, Tony Knight. No guests were present.

Members gave a bit of background to introduce themselves:

**Gary Bruins** – Gary lives on the west side of Painted Hills Road. He’s been a resident since 1979 with a career at Tucson’s VA Hospital. Retired, Gary enjoys yard work and hopes to help grow our membership by enlisting neighbors in his area.

**Sue King** – Sue moved to Tucson in 1971 from Maine. She and her husband Jerome were attracted to the west side, loved the Desert Museum and hiking Gates Pass. In 1978 they bought their house in Mountain Gardens. She retired from accounting five years ago and has done a lot of traveling, but loves coming back to their desert home.

**Dan Couch** – After an 10,000 mile motorcycle trip around the US in 2016 during which he visited Tucson for the first time, Dan felt compelled to make Tucson his home in 2019. He leads a digital marketing practice within a consulting firm which allows him to work remotely while pursuing his love for travel. His interests include preserving the Sonoran Desert, keeping our skies dark, and working to address the problem of road racing in our area.

**Donna Snyder** – Donna, a graphic designer, has lived off of Trails End Road since 2007. She is an East Coast transplant where she and her husband Bob owned an advertising/marketing firm. She enjoys the beauty, flora and fauna of the Sonoran Desert and has concerns about speeding cars/trucks on Trails End and other local roads.

**Tony Knight** – Tony was born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya. He is a former Professor, Colorado Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Colorado State University and a Pima County master gardener. Tony’s “pet” project is helping to maintain Feliz Paseos Park as part of GPANA Adopt-A-Park mission.

**Gary Kordosky** – Gary and his wife Noreen settled in the Tucson Mountains in 1974 when Gary took a job with General Mills in their Minerals Technology Development Group. Gary served on the Pima County Planning and Zoning Commission for 11 years. He has served on the board of GPANA several times and is the immediate past president of GPANA. Noreen has been a docent at the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum since 1978 and volunteered at a wildlife rehabilitation center for many years.

**Denise Garland** – Denise came to Tucson in 2017. She’s a born and bred California girl and spent 20 years living in the Sacramento area. Her professional career was with the Department of Justice in Sacramento. Her husband Mike Cardwell is a very well-known rattlesnake expert and author. They are members of the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum and Tucson Presidio Rotary Club. Denise says the Sonoran Desert is her sanctuary.

## **2. Process Issues**

- **Robert’s Rules** – Denise provided laminated copies of Robert’s Rules to our new board members. All members should familiarize themselves with the rules to expedite board meetings.
- **GPANA Bylaws** – Bylaws will be given to our new board members. Also be aware that the latest version of the bylaws can be found on the GPANA website under the

“Board Matters” tab. Bylaws were last updated in October of 2020 to allow for electronic voting and dues payments.

- **On-Boarding** – Denise distributed a guideline for new members and existing members to inform and explain ‘how things work.’ when bringing on new board members.

- **Email Protocol** – Denise reminds old and new board members to please use GPANA in the subject line of organization emails. Also be careful and considerate when you CC all board members to ensure your email is relevant to all.

*Note added by Donna: If you are ever sending a blanket email to our membership, be sure to **BCC the membership**. They don't appreciate having their email addresses exposed to one and all. Something learned the hard way.*

- **Bios of Board Members for publication** – See above.

- **Token of Appreciation** for outgoing board members – After discussion of how to thank our outgoing members (Roger Carpenter, Melisa Ambers, and Janice Crowder-Torrez), it was decided that giving a donation to a local worthy cause, in their names, would be appropriate. The Community Food Bank will be our first choice.

### **3. Website and Google Email List Update**

- **Updating the Website and Email list** is an ongoing process. Please let Donna know of any updates that need to be made.

- **“Useful Phone Numbers and Links”** Donna will update info on the website’s Quick Links page.

- **2020 Survey Results** – Board members are encouraged to view the survey results which can be accessed at the end of the NEWS page on the website.

- **Facebook GPANA Group** – was started by Donna in 2020. We now have about 30 members. As Administrator, Donna is always looking for new content. Colin Waite of the Cooper Center and Jerry Rowlette, wildlife photographer, trail cam expert and GPANA member, are our best contributors.

#### **4. Membership Renewal Update**

Denise reports (1/16/21) that we have a total of:

118 member households

90 paid households for 2021

28 unpaid member household as of 1/15/21

*Note that the 'unpays' were sent a letter with an appeal to renew on 1/15/21.*

Denise notes the following for the 2021 membership drive:

67 households paid by Paypal, 23 paid by check

Our database has 183 phone numbers and 172 email addresses

#### **5. Treasurer's Report and Annual Budget Report**

Denise provided the Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance 9/15/20 = \$2,462.75

Total Income = \$1769.28 (dues for 2021 from Paypal and checks)

Expenses = \$65.20 (TMA membership dues + GPANA business cards)

Ending balance = **\$4,166.83.**

Discussion ensued regarding the limitations of working with Wells Fargo Bank. They allow no more than 50 transactions a month (an issue during membership drive) and do not allow online money transfers. Despite these limitations, we will keep Wells Fargo as our bank for now. Sue King will be made a signatory. A motion was made (Gary Kordosky) and seconded (Tony Knight) to acquire an ATM card for the treasurer. Motion passed, no objections.

Motion: Allowing the treasurer to spend up to \$50 without prior board approval – A motion, made by Gary K, was made to allow the treasurer to have the flexibility to

spend up to \$50 for ancillary items without having to wait for board approval. Tony Knight seconds. All in favor.

Denise provided the board with the 2021 Annual Budget Projection. See attached.

Sue King will be added to the Paypal account. Donna will facilitate. Gary K will give his PO box key to Sue so she can retrieve checks during the membership drive.

## **6. Roles needed for 2021**

- Facilitator for Feliz Paseos Park Cleanups. Tony Knight will continue as facilitator.
- Facilitator for the Spring and Fall Roadside Cleanups. Al Gilpatrick has agreed to continue as facilitator. We will run suggested dates by him before committing to a specific date. It was suggested that we extend our road cleanup to the south end of the paved portion of road on Camino de Oeste. Whether we have to ask for permission from the county is a question that needs to be pursued.
- Facilitator for coordinating speakers for the Spring and Fall General Membership Meetings. Gary K will coordinate. This will most likely be a Zoom meeting.
- Keeper of GPANA History: Denise has been hosting the boxes of historical documents and photos. As a board, we need to explore the best way to handle these documents for the future. The subject of scanning/digitizing came up. This is something that needs research. For now, Denise will keep the documents in her care.
- Membership Chairman: Gary B has agreed to take on membership especially with neighbors in his area of Painted Hills.
- Facilitator to monitor county boards: Gary K volunteered to monitor the Board of Adjustment, the Board of Supervisors and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- Neighborhood Issues Tracker: we look to revive and follow up on issues that affect our area such as illegal shooting and wildcat building. Dan Couch has agreed to set up a system to track these issues.

## **7. Other Business**

Dan Couch suggested for the sake of our members to add COVID Vaccine information to the website. Donna will add a link or links to the home page.

**8. Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:37.

The next board meeting will be held using Zoom on March 13, 2021 9:00 AM.

Reminder:

- 2/20/21 Feliz Paseos Park Cleanup at 8:00 AM
- Board meeting to introduce ourselves to District 5 Supervisor Adelita Grijalva date TBA. Denise will reach out to her.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Snyder

Secretary