

Attendance: **MG:** Michael Geddis, President: 396-0761, Michael.G.CGNE@gmail.com
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KC: Kathy Casavant, Treasurer: msdobbi@gmail.com
47 CGNE Neighbors attending in-person, 4 attending virtually
Location - Conner Park, 2200 E Glenn St, In-person & Zoom hybrid meeting

Draft Minutes:

1. Call to Order (10 mins scheduled): MG noted a few updates that the neighborhood should be aware of. There was a notification of a recent zoning process in the area as well as the Planning Commission recommending to Mayor & Council that a code amendment be passed to [ban ornamental grass](#) given the need to conserve water. MG announced that the date has been set for an Annual Meeting on Saturday October 7th, 2023 from 10-11AM. This meeting will be properly noticed per our bylaws and the neighborhood association will send out a free mailing from the City of Tucson to provide that notice.
2. Treasurer's Report (5 mins scheduled): KC provided a quick update on financials. Kathy noted that our current bank balance is \$3,253 and that payments other than cash are preferable for paying dues.
3. Updates to Existing Bylaws (10 mins scheduled): MG noted that the direction of the officers ("Executive Committee" in the language of the bylaws) was to bring the topic of revising bylaws to the larger voting body of the neighborhood. A vote was originally planned to be called on updates/revisions of the existing Neighborhood Association bylaws last updated in 2001. Kris T. noted that any potential changes to the bylaws, meeting agendas, minutes and meeting notices should be posted on the website for all to access publicly. Andy L. voiced that there appears to be no transparent process to the drafting of the updates to the bylaws and no process in the proposed expansion of the neighborhood boundaries. There needs to be an exploration of ways to change these bylaws with more input from neighbors. MG stated there were not too many changes to the bylaws. ~~Georgia O. noted that bylaws stated that officer terms of service would only be 1 year and while Brian S. was President and Vicki Mills was Secretary they were never notified even while serving for more than 1 year.~~ Georgia O. stated that Vicki M. had provided email/listserv notice in Jan 2022 of the need to elect new officers while Brian S. was President and Vicki M. was Secretary and were still serving as officers through approximately 2 years of the COVID-19 pandemic while the neighborhood association was not holding regular meetings. *Alison B. made a motion that the Association move to announce the Annual Election, retain the officers currently serving, and hold off on making any changes to the bylaws until an election is held and a new officers can be voted in. The motion was seconded by Vicki M.* Georgia O. called for interim officers instead of retaining the current officers serving. Andrew M. agreed with the motion of retaining current officers. The idea of an Election Committee was offered up to bring names forward as potential officer candidates for the next annual meeting. Volunteers from the neighborhood could serve to collect and screen potential candidates for officer roles. Brian S. noted that he never read the current bylaws regarding term limits. Bev R. noted that the 1 year terms were meant to prevent potential "camping" of officers in a role and to make sure that neighbors can vote on these roles at every annual election. She also noted that we would stick to Robert's Rules of Order to make sure our business moves intentionally and respectfully. After discussion died down, *the Motion on the table was put to a vote. All in attendance voted aye, except for 1 nay. Motion passes.*
Elana noted that we should have temp people in the officer roles. BE offered that we could form an ad hoc committee to update the bylaws which could report back to the neighborhood as a whole. 4 neighbors volunteered for that committee including, Susan E., Valerie H, Humberto T. and Alison B. with BE to follow up with these neighbors. Sally R. clarifies the motion. Ward 3 staffer CJ Boyd notes that there may be a lack of clarity about retaining Neighborhood Association Status and that to retain NA

status with the City of Tucson then a slate of officers must remain in their positions and temporary officers cannot be brought in to fill those roles that have not been voted on at an Annual Meeting. He also noted that given that this meeting was regarding bylaws, this was the largest neighborhood meeting that he has attended amongst his Ward 3 neighborhoods. Brian S. noted that we should not be voting on any issue until new officers have been voted on at an Annual Meeting. Andrew noted that there has already been a precedent set by having officers stand for longer than 1 year in their positions. *Brian S. clarifies the motion: Annual Meeting should be held on October 7, a Bylaws Committee should be considered by a group of volunteer neighbors for future consideration, an Election Committee should be established to bring potential candidates to the annual meeting for voting consideration by the neighbors where we will select a new slate of officers and finally that no business should be put to a vote until new officers are voted in and finally the current officers shall conduct no business in the time remaining in their term, except for social activities in the neighborhood. The motion is seconded and put to a vote. All in attendance voted aye, except for 1 nay. Motion passes.*

The following topics listed below were placed on the initial meeting agenda which in the spirit of the motions passed were struck from the meeting:

4. Discussion on Expansion of Neighborhood Boundaries (30 mins): 15 mins each allocated for those who are voicing concerns FOR or AGAINST expansion of the existing neighborhood boundaries north to Fort Lowell Rd.
5. Non-binding Straw Poll on Expansion (5 mins): Informal poll to help determine if the Neighborhood Association should pursue expansion of neighborhood boundaries to the north, which would additionally call for a formal vote at a future CGNE meeting and a formal vote by existing residents in Shaheen Estates to the north prior to any incorporation.
6. Adjournment (11:15AM): MG adjourns given over scheduled time allotted