

GPAMA
Minutes
8 July 2015

The meeting was called to order by co-Chair Rich at 6:28 p. m. Introductions were made—seven people attended all or part of the meeting. The minutes from the June meeting were read and accepted without amendment, correction, or addition.

The treasurer's report was deferred while noting we had ~\$45. Chad, Em (when reimbursed by GPNM), and Rich each pledged \$25 toward the \$105 required to open a checking account.

Old business included receiving clarification of the legal options regarding trail development in the *bosque*. Ian clarified legal options regarding the bosque trail and reported that penalties would have been fines only, not stopping or moving the trail. The current plan of the Bosque Action Team is to work with the city to formalize a protocol for any future construction in the *bosque*. Ian reminded us that access unexpectedly became the focal point. Some events have been planned, e. g., a roll-through, for those requiring accommodations..

The jet fuel plume and mixed-waste landfill threats to the aquifer were briefly updated with Em reporting her attendance at the community meeting in April and that the extraction process had begun but then stopped for most of June because of a malfunction. In the monitoring wells, seven of 11 showed none of the contaminants of concern for which there is testing. The mixed-waste landfill public hearings are from July 8th through July 10th at the Balloon Fiesta Building. John is attending those hearings. Kat attended a recent ABCWUA water monitoring meeting and relayed that the plan to maintain flow levels included consideration of using waste water from uranium mines and continued or augmented use of treated effluent.

Ian reviewed web content management systems for consideration--squarespace \$10/mo or \$96/yr but easy to use; wordpress.org less expensive but more complicated; wordpress.com and weebly.com will be checked for features and prices. Chad and Ian will meet within the next couple of weeks for this and produce a basic web site. They will send their meeting time and venue and findings to the GPAMA e-mail account. The domain name agreed upon was greenpartyabqmetro.____ (com, org, or net).

The HIV resolution update was deferred.

Brian reported the use of our new telephone number (505.750.2708), a free Google number tied to our gmail account. Chad and Brian will meet to work out how to remove Brian's number from the caller ID that appears when calling from the number on a computer. No new information was available regarding the P. O. Box.

New Business discussed included a city-wide composting campaign with the possibility of pushing it as a food access issue as well as an environmental issue. Kat and Chad will gather more information about the municipal composting facility near the winter shelter (Compost del Rio Grande--ABCWUA). The discussion evolved and included rainwater catchment and urban farming. There was discussion of urban farming tied to rehabilitation and sovereignty, acknowledging various local farms with these aims. There seemed to be general agreement that ostensibly environmental issues need to be tied to social issues, e. g., composting and water catchment campaigns to support urban farming by at-risk groups to address hunger.

Fundraising was discussed. One approach is to use issue-driven fundraising, for example, water, high rates of incarceration, post-release green job program, homelessness. The Climate Action Plan for the CoA from 2009 was thought to be a good framework from which to work. Brian sent the link to the GPAMA e-mail account. Ian will try to get a couple of hard copies of the 64-page document printed. We determined that we would, as individuals, approach other individuals known to be previously active Greens or Green supporters, for contributions to get ourselves established. A goal of \$500 was seen as achievable.

The media campaign was briefly discussed. The GPNM Steering Committee approved the purchase of a 10 Key Values stamp with contact information, but no purchase has been made. We determined to get one for GPAMA; previous price-checking revealed ~\$48 for a business card stamp. Em will e-mail the one proposed for GPNM to Kat who will work on a design incorporating the state logo or the 'G' we have informally adopted for GPAMA. When funds are available, we will be able to mail post cards to all registered Greens in our four-county area. When we have adequate information to propose a specific campaign, we can use press releases and social media to spread the word and raise the profile of GPAMA.

Announcements of national news included Jill Stein's declaration of her candidacy for POTUS; her web page is www.jill2016.com. A reminder was given about the national meeting in St. Louis from July 23rd through July 26th. One planned event is a rally in Ferguson in front of the police department.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 12, 2015, from 6:00 p. m. to 8:00 p. m. upstairs at the Flying Star at 8th & Silver in downtown ABQ. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p. m..