

GPAMA Meeting
9 September 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1825. Three people attended. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted as read with no addition, correction, or amendment. The Treasury report indicated that \$40 was spent for the P. O. box. Approximately \$30 remained in the treasury. The credit union account was not yet opened, and it was noted that \$30 was needed to open the organizational account. Green Council Representative Jaime Denison resigned the position because of time pressures. Michal Mudd expressed interest in being GC Rep; John Lockridge may be interested but was hesitant (would prefer to start next year with full term).

Old Business was discussed. With Jaime having to restrict his participation, it was agreed that the HIV resolution or memorial at the state level would take a back burner. No follow-up was available regarding the city-wide composting idea. The TKV stamp issues was deferred. John reported on the DoE regarding the mixed-waste landfill. He felt the government made light of citizen concerns and the SNL claimed the problem was not as serious as previously believed. It was noted that one could buy a transcript of the hearing. Important information is in the documents not readily available. Not much could be done with only a few hours every five years for public meetings. John will ask Citizen Action about transcript availability, noting that they had previously posted transcripts on their web site. The web site was discussed. Chad Gruber purchased the domain greenpartyabqmetro.org; however, there was no link from that site to the weebly.com site that contains our information. John checked the weebly page and reported 37 validation errors on the index page. If the proprietary template is unable to produce valid code, then we should at least try to obtain acceptable code. Michal mentioned a national-level discussion regarding a national format or template.

New Business discussed opened with communications. John emphasized the lowest-common denominator, mentioning a telephone tree. Em shared that formal announcements be posted on the web site and sent by e-mail if appropriate. There was agreement that Facebook was a good place for discussion and means to disseminate information; however, it was not the place for decision-making. The 2016 elections were briefly discussed: a funding deadline for local and state candidates is September 30th. NOTE: **This was later learned to be for 2015** candidates. Michal reported that there were five candidates for the GP nomination for POTUS.

Frequency of meetings was discussed--the shared opinion was to continue with monthly meetings. There was some discussion of changing the day of the month. Consideration was given to returning to Winning Coffee House which has resumed weekday hours to 8:00 p. m. It was noted that the kitchen is now closed at 4:30 p. m. It was decided that the two co-Chairs would decided date, time, and venue of the next meeting.

Announcements included the following: GPNM GC meeting on November 7th in Santa Fe. Regarding wildlife, bear and cougar limits are being reconsidered. Should the GP take a stand?

The meeting adjourned at 1943.