



Draft Minutes
Regular Meeting, 10 July 2017
Frontier Restaurant, Albuquerque

The meeting was called to order at 1811. Quorum present. Agenda distribution and accepted without addition. Revised minutes for the June meeting were distributed and accepted by consensus after a motion and a second. Treasurer's report indicated \$175.70 in checking and \$5.00 in savings. P. O. Box rent is due at the end of August; it was \$84 last year. Contributions were made toward this expense. No GC Rep report.

Old Business

Francine and Sarah reported from Red & Green VegFest at the ABQ Convention Ctr. They and Stephen participated on behalf of GPAMA and reported varying degrees of interest from attendees. The shared opinion was that it was worth trying but not worth the investment--not recommended for next year.

Regarding a petitions (glyphosate and Styrofoam™) update, Stephen was not present to give updated signature tallies. It was recommended to keep a running tally, updated after each event. Steve (Smith) suggested the well-received idea of offering an on-line format so others could download the petition and get signatures. Em offered to follow up with him after getting electronic copies of the correct sheets from Stephen. Sarah will ask Stephen for petitions to use at farmers' markets.

The discussion of attending the Sandoval County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p. m. at the County offices in Bernalillo resulted in no definite car-pool arrangement because of other conflicts. There was difficulty finding an agenda on line. Sarah pointed out the importance of being present as citizen statements were not recorded by the county for a previous meeting. Individuals may try to arrange transportation on their own to express concerns with regard to a zoning amendment that could allow fracking in the Rio Rancho area.

There was no River Access update.

New Business

Meeting venue was raised again because of unavailability of The Source on Mondays. It was found that The Source also appeared to be unavailable on Wednesday evenings. Brief discussion revealed the it seemed more people who have attended would be available on Wednesdays. Next meeting was set for August 9, 2017 at 6:00 p. m. Discussion of venue resulted in the Erna Fergusson Library as a choice, availability TBD.

Muhajir Romero resigned as co-Chair. There was a brief discussion regarding filling the position with further discussion pushed to the next meeting.

Sarah reported on a meeting she and Stephen had with two UNM students to improve GPAMA's on-line presence. This would be for a class project, and the students will get back to GPAMA.

Open discussion closed the meeting. HempFest was mentioned as a possible action with concern expressed about the perception of the Green Party as the marijuana party. There was a reminder about the tattoo event. We also discussed the topic of minimum wage. The meeting adjourned by consensus at 1929 after a motion and a second.