



Minutes
13 September 2017
Monthly Meeting, Erna Fergusson Library, ABQ

The meeting was called to order at 1805 with quorum present. Minutes for the August 2017 meeting were accepted as presented. Cronshaw was selected as facilitator and took the minutes.

Officer reports included review of Secretary duties. Kelly expressed interest. She and Ward will meet to review things. Kulp offered to assist with electronic notices. Treasurer reported roughly \$180 in the treasury and reminded the group that Verchinski had not been reimbursed for the parade registration fee yet. The group agreed by consensus to apply an additional \$30 toward banner expenses when Verchinski provides the receipts. The group is open to paying a larger amount toward one of the GPAMA banners.

Chairperson Verchinski and Kelly reported the most recent news on the Sandoval County Oil & Gas Ordinance, included the belief that it was being railroaded through the process: the Planning & Zoning Committee moved the ordinance onward and said that they were instructed to be permissive but not by whom. Verchinski also reported on a variety of other events or activities in which he has participated and suggested that Volunteers for the Outdoors (VFO) may be a good group with which we could work. A brief report during the Green Council spot indicated that the new GPNM web site is active, as well as a new telephone number. There has not been a Working Group conference call since Memorial Day. Greens have expressed a desire for those to start again. State officers continue to work with the Office of the Secretary of State on reporting issues.

The group discussion about the parade revealed a general satisfaction with the event and desire to participate again next year. Photos have been posted on line. Feedback about the aggressive conduct of one of the GPAMA participants toward some parade attendees was shared. It was also revealed that the particular participant has directed ire toward other Greens. The group was reminded that each person's behavior reflects on the group. It was recommended to use an automatic transmission vehicle next year (if a vehicle is put into use). There was broad agreement on the need for beginning preparations sooner.

The media outreach discussion focused on the fracking issue. Two motions were moved, seconded, and passed by consensus: 1) GPAMA will create a press release regarding fracking in Sandoval County, and 2) GPAMA will call for a moratorium on fracking in Sandoval County until the report by the Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources is released (expected in 2018) and there has been extensive ongoing public review. Verchinski and Kelly will put together the information for the news release; Cronshaw will put it in an appropriate format.

The revised glyphosate petition was reviewed and approved after minor editing. Electronic copies for download will be posted on the web site and the FB page. Kelly will circulate the extruded polystyrene petition for review and any needed text correction.

There was a discussion about GPAMA meeting more than once a month with the group evenly divided. It was determined that the regular business meetings would continue once a month and that we would try an informal gathering once a month where discussions could be held and details about events previously agreed upon could be determined. No new business or motion is to be presented at the informal gatherings.

There was a brief discussion about further tabling opportunities vs. recruiting candidates. It was clarified that sending post cards to all registered Greens represented by GPAMA is not financially viable at this time. Details about the Belén Marsh Clean-up were presented: Saturday, October 28, 9:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m., meet at Taco Bell near WalMart in Belén.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday October 11, 6:00 p. m., Erna Fergusson Library. The first informal gathering will be Saturday, September 30, 3:00 p. m., at O'Neill's Pub on Central Avenue in ABQ. We will see how the first one goes before advertising the second one on Saturday, October 21, 3:00 p. m. at O'Neill's. Car pool details for the Belén trip will be determined at the gathering on October 21st. The meeting was adjourned by consensus after a motion and a second.