

GPAMA Monthly Meeting (June)
Tuesday, June 20, 2017
Held at Quiet Waters Paddling Adventures in Bernalillo

DRAFT Minutes

6:19 p.m. Co-chair Verchinsky called the meeting to order, with nine people present including three officers. Mudd acted as timekeeper, Ward as facilitator.

Action Item: After reading and discussion, the Minutes of the May 16 meeting were approved with an amendment to the entry about motions and actions between meetings, to clarify that this was a discussion only, and the issue was not resolved.

Treasurer's Report: Ward reported a balance of \$160.62 in the GPAMA account, with \$36.62 of that coming from donations made via PayPal. PayPal charges 2.9 % plus 33 cents per transaction.

Co-Chair Report: Verchinsky reported on GPAMA member participation in the March Against Monsanto, at the Bees and Seeds Festival, and at a Sandoval County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting about fracking (see Rio Rancho Observer article and photograph published on May 27 at http://www.rrobsserver.com/news/article_2a633ec8-424f-11e7-82d5-6719b4775055.html); also on his personal activities including participation on panels and at events where he handed out GPAMA meeting notices, solicited glyphosate and styrofoam ban petition signatures and flew the Green Party banner.

Upcoming Event: Saturday, July 1: Red & Green VegFest, 9 am to 6 pm at the Albuquerque Convention Center. Verchinski paid the exhibitor fee of \$100 himself, plus a \$30 fee to be included in the advertising, and received two passes. Requests will be made in email blasts for volunteers to contact Verchinski if they can take tabling shifts.

Action Item (Meeting Time Change): Because Co-Chair Romero is unable to attend Tuesday meetings, the decision was made by consensus to change the monthly meetings to the second Monday of every month. The next meeting will be on Monday, July 10, at 6 pm at a location to be determined in Albuquerque. When the location is determined, Barteau will create meeting notices and circulate them electronically by PDF, for people to print and distribute.

Action Item (Glyphosate Petition): Consensus was reached to present the glyphosate ban petition at the first meeting of the new Albuquerque City Council following the October 3, 2017 elections, regardless of the number of signatures obtained by that point. Kulp will work on IPRA requests documenting the use of a product containing glyphosate on city medians.

Action Item (Recreational Access to Rivers): Kelly, Barteau and Verchinski will form a working group to draft a petition or devise an action with respect to recreational access to rivers, with input from Mike Hayes, owner of Quiet Water Paddling Adventures.

Discussion (Air and Water Protection Campaign): In Sandoval County, per Verchinski, Zia Pueblo has sold off 13,000 acres of subsurface mineral rights to the oil and gas industry. The Sandoval County Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing an amendment to the county's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and the section of the ordinance dealing with oil and gas activities with input from the NM Oil and Gas Conservation Division. This raises concerns about the possibility of fracking in Sandoval County. Verchinski proposed GPAMA joins with an activist group headed by Elaine Cimino and Michael Neas (Common Ground Rising - <http://commongroundrising.org/>) to address these concerns and advocate for a strong ordinance. This includes attending the upcoming June 29th and July 11th Sandoval County P &

Z meetings where the proposed amendment will be discussed. Verchinski requested a copy of a letter documenting GPAMA's stance on fracking in Sandoval County that may have been published in 2016.

Other Discussions:

- A question was raised about whether GPAMA should prepare and present questionnaires to candidates for mayoral and other local elected offices. The consensus reached was to direct GPAMA energies elsewhere.
- Lockridge pointed out that when GPAMA takes a stance either for or against something, we need to put it on the website.
- Contacting registered Greens in the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area via a mailing is likely to cost about \$1500. Progress has been slow at best on using the list printed and distributed by Verchinski in April to contact people by phone. Barteau suggested phonebanking gatherings. Mudd volunteered to provide a written outline (not a script, but more of a guideline) to use when calling.
- Tabling opportunities exist at the Downtown Farmers' Market, and possibly at the Uptown and other Farmers Markets throughout the season, as long as nothing is being sold.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.