

OSO GRANDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

October 16, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

James Dwyer Memorial Substation

Present: Board members: Alicia Q. (AQ), Beth Baker (BB), Bruce Bisulco,(BBisulco) Richard Cooley (RC), Carolyn Kelly (CK), Francisco Osuna (FO), Becky Tays (BT); and 13 other attendees

1. Speaker, Bobby Sisneros – Marketing Manager, City of Albuquerque, Recycling Program:

- Mr. Sisneros reported that 177,000 blue trash cans for recycling have been delivered in Albuquerque, and that delivery is complete.
- He reported that the recycling program has increased jobs and reduced emissions, and it will save energy and resources over time.
- He reviewed what materials are acceptable and unacceptable for recycling. A list of these materials can be found on the City's website.
- Toxic products can be taken to ACT on Edith and 2nd St.

2. Speaker, George Miller - President of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico (NPSNM):

- Mr. Miller reported on the PNM Resources Foundation grant that was awarded to NPSNM in July. The \$10,000 grant was developed in collaboration with Oso Grande Neighborhood Association (OGNA) and the City of Albuquerque Parks & Recreation Department to create a pollinator reserve in the Oso Grande Natural Space. Other details of the grant include the following:
 - ** Native plants from this area will be planted in a fenced-off area.
 - ** An irrigation system will be installed.
 - ** Some of the current renegade trails will be rehabilitated and developed, to encourage walkers and dogs to use them; others will be blocked off to discourage use and prevent further degradation of the area.
 - ** Signage will be provided.
 - ** Volunteers from OGNA and other groups will assist in a variety of ways with the development and maintenance of the project.
 - ** Homeowners can be involved by collecting seeds from natives in the space, planting natives in their own yards, and posting information about their own gardens on the OGNA website.
 - ** Completion date is July 2014.

3. OGNA Board Election (Alicia Q.):

- AQ asked current Board members to introduce themselves, review what they have worked on as Board members, and state whether they would like to continue serving on the Board.
- Bill and Jane Honeywell volunteered to serve and nominated themselves.

- With 19 votes cast in favor, the Board for the coming year will consist of: Alicia Q., Beth Baker, Bruce Bisulco, Richard Cooley, Bill Honeywell, Jane Honeywell, Carolyn Kelly, and Francisco Osuna.

4. Volunteer Opportunities, Website, & Treasurer's Report (AQ, BT, CK):

- OGNA's new website is up and running. BT is our website designer and manager. (<http://osograndena.org>)
- An itemization of income and expenses was provided on the agenda.
- AQ and CK reviewed some major accomplishments of the Association from 2002-2013. A full list of all that volunteers have achieved is on the OGNA website.
- AQ reviewed the statement of volunteer hours expended this year – a total of 1,102.
- AQ went over a list of 13 ways to volunteer, listed on the agenda, and asked for people to sign up at the meeting or send an e-mail to info@osograndena.org. Opportunities include assisting with the website, delivering flyers, working on the park and natural space areas, establishing a neighborhood watch, helping other neighbors, and working to improve parking or traffic problems.
- Volunteer Clean-up Day: Sat., Oct. 26, 9-11 a.m. Bring brooms, rakes, etc., and meet at the playground.

5. Other:

- BT will follow up with a member's question about a large tree that needs pruning on Spain.