

OSO GRANDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (OGNA)

General Membership Meeting

October 20, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Bear Canyon Senior Center

Present - Board members: Alicia Q. (AQ), Beth Baker (BB), Bruce Bisulco,(BrB), Carolyn Kelly (CK); Ryan Giar (RG), Charmaine Schmille (CS); **Absent - Board members:** Richard Cooley (RC), Jane Honeywell (JH); + **20 other attendees = 26 total**

1. Upcoming OGNA Events in 2016-17:

- **October 29, 2016:** Fall Clean-up Day in Oso Grande Park, 9:00am-11:30am
- **March 16, 2017:** General Membership Meeting, Bear Canyon Senior Center, 6:30pm
- **April 22, 2017:** Oso Grande Habitat Spring Renewal Day, 9:00am-11:30am

2. Board News and Elections for 11/2016-10/2017 (RG & AQ):

- Alicia Q. resigned as President for the remainder of her term, citing medical reasons. Ryan Giar was appointed as Interim President. Bruce Bisulco was removed as Treasurer for the remainder of his term, citing a need for an officer who was familiar with electronic communication and banking. Charmaine Schmille was appointed as Interim Treasurer. Both actions were taken in accordance with the Association's Bylaws, and by a vote of 6-0. The Board thanks both Alicia and Bruce for their service.
- A Nominating Committee recommended the following individuals to serve as Board members for 11/2016-10/2017: Vivienne Affat, Beth Baker, Bruce Bisulco, Richard Cooley, Ryan Giar, Carol Infante, Carolyn Kelly, Alicia Q., and Charmaine Schmille. The Board thanks outgoing member, Jane Honeywell, for her service.
- A motion was made and seconded for the nominees; there were 24 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes.
- Board officers will be chosen by the Board, in keeping with the Association's Bylaws.

3. Crime report (RG & AQ):

- Ryan Giar began a Neighborhood Watch on Noreen Drive and was elected block captain. This is the second Neighborhood Watch group in our neighborhood. Out of 29 homes on his street, approximately half belong to the Watch. He also held a cookout recently to increase participation and communication. Any resident can start a Neighborhood Watch program on their block. Contact Steve Sink at APD for more information, or search the City's website at www.cabq.gov for details.
- Please note that daily property crime reports are posted on the Foothills Area Command website at www.foothillsareacommand.com. For a visual map, Albuquerque crime types are updated daily at www.crimemapping.com. Residents can also access information by zip code on the City's site at www.cabq.gov.
- Residents are also reminded to join the program called Next Door. Residents sign up on the website at www.nextdoor.com to be included on a neighborhood blog. Participants post a variety of items of interest, including recommendations for service providers and babysitters, lost-and-found notices, crime watch concerns, City events, etc. Periodic notices of activities from APD's Foothill Command are also included. All OGNA residents are encouraged to sign up and exchange information.

- **Residents are reminded and encouraged to call 242-COPS for anything that seems suspicious, as well as for noise problems, illegal parking, etc.**

4. Neighborhood Sign at Morris & Osuna (RG):

- This project, which will provide visual recognition for our neighborhood, will consist of a sign that says “Oso Grande Neighborhood” (accompanied by the Oso Grande bear logo) and native plantings, just east of the corner at Morris and Osuna. There will be three phases to the project: (1) clean-up of the corner (already accomplished); (2) planting of red yuccas and native decorative grasses (to be completed in 2017); and (3) creation and installment of the sign. RG wrote a grant to the City for funds for this project, but the grant was denied. The Association asks that anyone who would like to donate to purchase native plants for Phase 2, send a check in any amount to the address below; indicate on the memo line that it is for the “OGNA Plant Fund.” The Association hopes to receive \$300 towards this phase of the project.

5. Pollinator Habitat (AQ):

- AQ gave a brief history of the creation, development, and implementation of the Pollinator Habitat—a collaborative project among OGNA, the City, and the Native Plant Society (NPS), partially funded by PNM Resources Foundation. The Habitat is located in the natural space, just east of the playground.
- OGNA, the City, and NPS will be meeting in November to discuss long-term planning for the Habitat. (Note: In response to an attendee’s question about some spontaneous artwork that has shown up on rocks in the Habitat, AQ noted that such issues will be addressed at the November meeting.)
- An annual Habitat Spring Renewal Day will be held on April 22, 2017, to plant new plants, repair cages, and do general clean-up. Hope to see you there!

6. Miscellaneous (RG & AQ):

- Question from attendee regarding how many cars are allowed to be parked in a driveway or in front of homes. Answer: Call 311, or check for regulations on the City’s cabq.gov site.
- Volunteers are needed to help deliver flyers once a year, for website maintenance, or to participate in the design & fundraising effort for the neighborhood sign. Contact quinones@cybermesa.com to volunteer and learn more.

7. Guest Speaker, Shannon Jackson, PNM Communications & Energy Efficiency:

- Ms. Jackson spoke to the group about how to be more energy efficient in our homes. She handed out Tips sheets that detailed energy-saving actions for homes and businesses. She also reviewed programs available at PNM for this purpose: The Home Energy Check-up, Fridge & Freezer Recycling, Home Energy Advisor (online), Home Lighting Discount, and A/C Rebates. Additionally, she handed out a free LED lightbulb to each attendee.
- She also recommended that residents sign up on PNM’s website to receive alerts when there is an electrical outage.
- For more information about PNM’s programs on energy efficiency, go to www.PNM.com.

Please consider becoming a dues-paying member of Oso Grande Neighborhood Association. Annual dues are \$18 and are voluntary. Monies collected go towards flyers, signs, postage, District 8 dues, and the OGNA website.

Also, please consider donating to Phase 2 of the Neighborhood Sign Project. (See information above.) Indicate on the memo line that your donation is for the “OGNA Plant Fund.”

For membership dues or donations, make your check payable to Oso Grande Neighborhood Association. Send it, along with your name, address, and phone number, to:

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