

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES; October 17, 2016, 7:00m p.m. Mitchell Elementary School

Present: **Board Members:** President Dan Jones, Vice-President Margaret Johnson, Treasurer Cynthia Klaila, Secretary Carol Driscoll (Scribe),

Residents: Delbert Arnell, Rose Arnell, Becky MacMurray, Guy MacMurray, Karen McElroy, Kristina McElroy, Ray Peabody, Joan Reynolds, Stacy Scott Sturgess, Steven Smith, Fernando Torres, Ju Wei, Bill Weir, Paul Weisz

Speaker: Dr. Russman, VCA Veterinarian; Kelly McEwen, VCA Community Outreach

Opening and Introductions:

President Dan Jones opened the meeting with self-introductions; Board Members, guest speakers and residents who were also asked to state how long they have lived here. It was no surprise that there was a lot of longevity with several people having been here since the early 1960's. He then did a brief overview of the Agenda before turning the floor over to Treasurer Cynthia Klaila who introduced Dr Russman, our speaker from VCA who was with us to speak on common pet emergencies.

Speaker Presentation - Common Pet Emergencies:

Dr Russman gave a brief overview of her background and how she came to be a veterinarian. She grew up in Chicago and was always drawn to caring for animals, particularly birds. She learned that exposure to toxins such as those used for pest control was a common problem. Over time she realized that, in spite of a good bit of higher level education, she wanted to acquire specific knowledge that would enable her to deliver the depth of care that could help her save lives. An externship at a practice in her area led to veterinary school and ultimately she ended up here where she has been part of the Montgomery Boulevard VCA practice for more than 25 years. This is a 24 x 7 emergency facility and sees a very wide range of animals and their problems many of which are life threatening. Dog fights, bug and snake bites, exposure and traffic injuries are some of the other types of problems they see. **Encounters with foxtail plants can be risky for your dog. The barbed seed heads of the foxtail plant can work their way into any part of your dog or cat, from the nose to between the toes and inside the ears, eyes, and mouth. They can even simply dig themselves directly into a patch of skin.** A condition seen in full-chested dogs is known as bloat; the stomach fills with food, fluid or gas and sometimes twists. It is a sudden onset, very painful condition and requires immediate care. Dr Russman is very grateful for progress in the drug industry making it possible to administer pain and anti-anxiety medications at the start of a visit making care much less traumatic. One of the challenges is having to treat animals for conditions such as parvo-virus or other conditions that are preventable.

Dr Russman discussed that exposure to toxins is always a problem, and that there were many we don't think of as such. A list of everyday items that are dangerous for dogs includes things like:

- ✧ Avocado which contains pepsin and causes vomiting and diarrhea.
- ✧ Dairy which causes diarrhea if too much is ingested.
- ✧ Caffeine causes vomiting and diarrhea and is toxic to heart and nervous system.
- ✧ Alcohol can lead to coma and death.
- ✧ Some varieties of mushrooms can cause shock and death.
- ✧ Raisins and currants, and even fresh grapes, can cause kidney failure.
- ✧ Walnuts and macadamias can cause nervous system and muscle damage.
- ✧ An excess of onions and garlic can cause blood cell damage and anemia.
- ✧ An excess of fatty foods can cause pancreatitis.
- ✧ Chocolate is toxic to the heart and nervous system of dogs and can cause death.
- ✧ Xylitol, a sugar substitute used extensively in gum and candy, can cause liver failure, hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and death.
- ✧ Marijuana is also not suitable for animal consumption and large amounts can be problematic. This can be an issue in homes where use is recreational and also where it is medically prescribed.
- ✧ Certain types of common medications such as Tylenol, Advil cause kidney failure and G.I. Ulcers.
- ✧ Cooked bones of any kind may appear to be harmless as animals chew and swallow them. In fact they cause stomach

lacerations and tend to accumulate and form concrete-like structures in the digestive track. They also have a tendency to get caught in the dogs' mouth.

✧ Fake rigid plastic bones are not recommended for the same reasons as mentioned above.

This facility is well known in the San Gabriel neighborhood as the first place to look for pets that break out of their homes or yards. It's not unusual for strangers to bring in a stray they have managed to coax out off the street. Staff will scan for a chip and keep the animal safe until it is picked up by an owner or the city shelter. Not only is this a facility that offers high level care, it is a pet-friendly refuge for adventuresome escapees of all sorts of species. Additionally, an above and beyond feature for pet owners - Dr Russman offered free pet exam certificates for any pet that hasn't had a physical in a couple years, or perhaps EVER.

Status Report on Marble Brew Pub

At the October 19, 2015 Annual Meeting President Jones gave a report on a proposal to convert a long-vacant former post office property at 9904 Montgomery into a satellite location of the downtown Marble Brewery. A public hearing was held because the developers were requesting an exception to the C2 zoning code in order to be able to brew beer at the site. We were more concerned about other aspects of this proposal such as excessive noise levels, parking issues, odors from food trucks which would utilize the Pub's parking lot and other possible annoyances associated with a facility of this type. He and residents from the north end of Pitt Street were assured that sound walls would be constructed and city noise ordinances would be observed by management. The project went forward.

As soon as the pub opened it became abundantly clear that excessive noise levels, parking issues, odors from food trucks which utilize the Pub's parking lot and much more were seriously problematic. Residents at the north end of Pitt Street are plagued by noise levels that preclude not only sleep but use of their outdoor areas for activities of any type. They are constantly subjected to not only to cooking and exhaust odors but even to having cooking grease poured over their fences into their back yards, along with beer cans and other litter. Guy and Becky MacMurray stated that customer parking and travel on Pitt make it impossible to allow children to play in the front yards and frequently prevents them from entering or exiting their own driveways. Loud, and often offensive, conversations are "normal" at all hours as is seeing men urinating in plain sight.

Beleaguered residents have filed numerous complaints with city officials and call 242-COPS on a regular basis to come deal with troublesome noise and parking issues, though it was noted that APD cannot measure sound levels. Residents have been successful in getting Councilwoman Trudy Jones to take interest. She has held meetings with Marble management which has now contracted with an engineering firm to assess the issues. Residents who have information to add to the conversation can email the councilwoman at trudyjones@cabq.gov. One of the residents has convinced Jones' Policy Analyst Aziza Chavez to take this issue on; she can be reached at azizachavez@cabq.gov or (505) 768-3106. Residents will continue to make their case known and encourage other residents who encounter challenges passing through the neighborhood to lodge similar complaints.

President Dan and Treasurer Cynthia have been to the pub and spoken with a manager requesting that they close the large sectional doors and turn off the patio speakers at 10 pm. He agreed, but it was not routinely done.

On a recent Friday evening city officials and technicians came with equipment to measure sound levels both inside and outside the home of Delbert and Rose Arnell. They learned that noise levels generated at the pub are actually louder in their house and yard than they are at the pub. Factors contributing to this effect are things such as covered parking places and metal roofs to the west of the pub amplifying and reflecting sound east over the pub's sound walls to the properties of residents at the north end of Pitt Street.

President Dan Jones was present during the Friday night testing with the City which gave him the opportunity to discuss at length problems with the noise ordinance which is ineffective and not easily changed. According to <https://www.cabq.gov/environmentalhealth/noise> "The ordinance generally allows a 5-decibel increase above existing noise levels at any residential property line at any time. Amplified sound (radios, televisions, stereos, live bands, etc.) has an additional restriction: it must not be plainly audible inside any residence between 10 pm-7 am." This translates to a daytime decibel level of 55 for residential and 65 for commercial, and nighttime levels of 50 to 60.

Bill Weir, a very long time resident, spoke to the group of a similar experience from years back. Bill and his fellow residents were looking at the possibility of some unwanted development in the neighborhood and seeking ways to mitigate

negative impacts of that development. They worked long and hard to be heard and were eventually successful in defining compromises that met the needs and wants of both the residents and the developers. He encouraged an attitude of cooperation rather than of doing battle, though admittedly in negotiations of this type, it often feels like battle. He is hopeful that a compromise can be reached.

Dan and several residents spoke of the fact that Marble is hopeful of having more satellite locations in the city so maintaining the conversation about the problems our residents are experiencing is very important. While we have not yet been successful in solving the problems here, we may be able to contribute to better conditions elsewhere by continuing to bring the issues to the attention of city officials.

Before moving on to our next agenda item President Dan presented Rose Arnell with a certificate of appreciation in honor of her perseverance and activism on behalf of the San Gabriel neighborhood. Based on the testimony of residents of the northwest part of our village there are several others whose names deserve to be placed on the honor roll of appreciation. We acknowledged Delbert Arnell, Guy and Becky MacMurray, and President Dan Jones who has taken up the gauntlet to give life to the San Gabriel Mission Statement. He too was presented with a certificate of appreciation from members of his Board.

At this point residents were encouraged to check out the refreshment table before moving on to the remainder of the agenda.

Annual Report

President Jones gave this report, copies of this report were available to those present and attached to these minutes in full. Highlights are that there have been changes in the number and type of annual publications and increased reliance of the NextDoor Neighborhood network as a means of providing communication among residents. As of the evening of October 17 there were 121 San Gabriel residents enrolled and the advantages of being part of the network were extolled. Another accomplishment this year was completing upgrades to the treasurer's database enabling her to more easily track and acknowledge resident's dues payments and maintain contact information as well as feedback from residents.

The annual summer social, which had been held in collaboration with Passage Community Outreach did not happen this year and there is much interest in reestablishing some sort of late summer gathering.

See the attached copy of the Annual Report for details of the Board's Sponsored Events, Publications and Initiatives.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Cynthia Klaila announced that our treasury is in really good shape this year. Incoming funds came from dues, some donations and an ad placed by Sandia Area Federal Credit Union in our January 2016 newsletter. At the same time expenses were low due to cutbacks in newsletter publications, no summer neighborhood gathering and no major projects. Checking account balance is \$1090.18 and we have \$16.10 in Petty Cash. Karen McElroy moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ray Peabody seconded; it was unanimously accepted. A copy is attached.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Carol Driscoll offered resident's the option of bypassing a full reading of the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes announcing that she had physical copies present and that electronic copies could be requested. Joan Reynolds moved to accept the 2015 minutes, Stacy Sturgess seconded; minutes were unanimously accepted. A copy is attached.

Open Forum

Stacy Sturgess was the first to take the floor in this part of the meeting, beginning her comments by

expressing her thanks to the existing Board Members and going on to say that perhaps in 2017 her life circumstances might allow her to take a seat on the board. She went on to express her concerns about neighborhood aesthetics which seem to be declining. She cited houses with peeling paint, a proliferation of weed growth, litter and trash. She encouraged people to take better care of their properties and to be willing to ask for help if they are not able to do their own maintenance. Members of scout troops are often seeking service opportunities to meet badge requirements. **Post Meeting Note:** Department of Senior Affairs may also be an option for older residents; their number is 764-6400.

Other residents suggested that some of the problem areas may be due to squatters occupying vacant homes and in some cases absentee owner dwellings. One resident, Fernando (NAME) indicated that some properties in his neighborhood (Mary Ellen Place) are also a bit lacking in appearance. He also commented that neighborhood lighting is important, especially achieving a balance of brightness. Too bright is unhealthy not just in the immediate area of the lights. Fernando enjoys studying the night sky but growing light pollution makes it necessary to drive many miles out of the city to escape its effects.

Dan wondered if any of us have had the opportunity to hear the El Dorado High School Marching Band when they practice outdoors in the early mornings before school starts. Stacy's daughter is a Drum Major and being a senior is preparing for her last public competition, Pageant of the Bands, this coming Saturday afternoon at Wilson Stadium.

Nextdoor Neighborhood received strong kudos from several residents and President Jones expressed a desire to move toward electronic distribution of newsletters and other publications. Residents who have not yet checked into it were encouraged to do so. In the unlikely event that anyone is unhappy with being part of the network they can easily withdraw.

Election of Officers

President Dan Jones explained that a slate of 5 people is called for by our Bylaws. While he, Margaret, Cynthia and Carol are willing to remain in their current positions he encouraged others to self-nominate for a position. Once a slate is established the work of the General Meeting is done as appointments to actual positions will be decided by the board at their first meeting. There were no other nominations and Joan Reynolds moved that the slate be accepted; Ray Peabody seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

Trivia Quiz

Dan turned this portion of the meeting over to Carol who distributed copies of this year's quiz to anyone who wanted to take at hand at determining the answers to 10 challenging questions. Karen McElroy won with 3 correct answers and got to take home the prize. Fernando came in second and was also given a prize.

Adjournment

President Dan Jones called for a move to adjourn which was made by Joan and passed unopposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Carol Driscoll, Secretary

Attachments: Agenda, Annual Report, Announcement, Treasurer's Report

AGENDA

- 7:00** **Dan:** Open Meeting
Introductions
Board Members
Guest speaker(s) Dr. Russman (& others?)
Residents & how long here
Brief Overview of Agenda
- Margaret:** Refreshments; where and when (anytime)
- 7:10** **Cynthia:** Introduce Dr. Russman - Common Pet Emergencies
- 7:30** **Dan:** Status Report on Brew Pub
8:25 Annual Report
- Cynthia:** Treasurer's Report
- Carol:** Secretary's Report
- 8:40** **Dan:** Open Forum
Election of Officers
- Carol:** Trivia Quiz & Prize
- 9:00** **Dan:** Special Recognition -
Close Meeting

**SAN GABRIEL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT
OCTOBER 19, 2015 - OCTOBER 17, 2016**

Sponsored Events:

- 2015 Annual Meeting; speaker program, door prizes, open forum and election of officers.
- April, 2016 Keep America Beautiful Day; active participation by some Board members
- June 10, 2016 Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale; good participation by residents; all publicity; Albuquerque Journal, signage, listed as an Event on NextDoor.

Publications:

- Newsletters; January 2016.
- Flyers, notices and signage for Yard Sale, and Annual Meeting.
- Extensive use and promotion of NextDoor Neighborhood; participation now at 118 121
- Instituted changes in frequency and format of publications hand delivered to residents; 1 extensive newsletter in January and flyers to announce neighborhood events.

Initiatives:

- Extensive research and attendance at hearings regarding Marble Brewery opening a brew-pub at the former post office on Montgomery.
 - ✧ Requests made for inclusion in decision.
 - ✧ Intervention on behalf of residents following opening of pub.
- Initiated exploration of options to restore SGANA summer gathering in the 2017 calendar year.
- Treasurer enhanced a database to provide:
 - ✧ Treasurer with status of dues payments.
 - ✧ Board with resident contact information.
 - ✧ Acknowledgment of dues receipts to residents.
- Continued practice of Trivia Quiz with prize awarded to Annual Meeting attendee with most correct answers.
- Encouraged resident participation in Mitchell School outreach events, and support of staff and students through attendance, volunteerism and/or use of email and Nextdoor notifications.
- Maintained liaison with APD's Crime Prevention Specialist at Foothills Sub-Station.
- Met all reporting requirements to city and state agencies.
- Continued development of procedural documentation of Board responsibilities, report submissions, etc.

San Gabriel Area Neighborhood Association

Notice of 2016 Annual Meeting

Monday, October 17, 2016 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Meeting Overview:

- ✧ Speaker Dr. Shirley Russman, 25+ years at VCA
- ✧ Marble Brew Pub Status Report
- ✧ Election of Officers

At the Mitchell Elementary School Cafeteria
on the Inca Street side of the school.

The Board will provide refreshments & soft drinks.

This is your opportunity to get together with your neighbors & Board
Members.

her/his successor. Cynthia Klaila is currently filling this position.

Program:

Speaker - Common Pet Emergencies
Status Report on Marble Brew Pub
Special Recognition
Election of Officers

Board Reports:

- ✧ President
- ✧ Treasurer
- ✧ Secretary

Open Forum

Trivia Quiz

Election of Officers:

President is responsible for establishing agendas for and conducting meetings, and is the primary contact for the Association. Dan Jones is currently filling this position.

Vice President acts in absence of the President. Margaret Johnson is currently filling this position..

Treasurer collects, protects and disburses Association funds. Passes auditable records to

Secretary records complete minutes of all meetings and passes them to her/his successor. Carol Driscoll is currently serving in this position. Member at Large provides an opportunity to be part of the team that promotes and protects the interests of San Gabriel residents.

Board meetings are about 1.5 hours long and are held about 6 times a year at the home of one of the Board Members. Please contact any of the current members if you would like to know more.

Consider "running for office" or becoming part of the Board in some way. Exercise your right to have an impact on the well-being of your neighborhood.

Dan - abqdanj@gmail.com or 814-4412

Margaret - lullyjohnson@comcast.net or 293-6380

Cynthia - 1nanack@gmail.com or 615-3920

Carol - caroldriscoll01@comcast.net or 980-0472

TREASURER'S REPORT 2015-2016
SAN GABRIEL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Balance on hand from 10/19/2015: \$ 627.86 (\$613.87 checking + \$13.99 petty cash)

Income/Dues:	19-Oct \$ 60.00	Dues in CASH collected at annual mtg
	19-Oct \$ 40.00	Dues via check collected @ annual mtg
	6-Nov \$ 135.00	Dues x 12
	14-Nov \$ 30.00	Dues x 3
	19-Nov \$ 15.00	Dues x 1 + a "tip"
	21-Nov \$ 30.00	Dues x 3
	4-Dec \$ 25.00	Dues x 1 + a "tip"
	26-Feb \$ 20.00	Dues x 2
	29-Feb \$ 30.00	Dues x 3
	29-Feb \$ 144.87	Sandia Area FCU "ad" payment
	19-Mar \$ 70.00	Dues x 6 and x 1 for last year
	6-Jun \$ 50.00	Dues x 2 and a "tip"
	9-Jun \$ 10.11	Dues x 1 and Dan's 11c for petty cash
	27-Jun \$ 30.00	Dues x 3
	13-Jul \$ 35.00	Dues x 1 + a "tip"
	4-Oct \$ 40.00	Dues x 4
	17-Oct \$ 10.00	Dues x 1

Expenses:	16-Nov \$ (19.60)	postage stamps (pd from petty cash)
	18-Nov \$ (8.35)	printer paper (pd from petty cash)
	18-Jan \$ (11.25)	Reim to Carol for NM assoc (petty cash)
check #1066	27-Feb \$ (155.28)	Reim to Carol for newsletter printing
check #1067	6-Jun \$ (83.28)	Reim to Carol for flyer print; yard sale ad
	15-Oct \$ (18.80)	postage stamps (pd from petty cash)

Fiscal Year Activity: \$ 478.42
 Current SGANA Balance: \$ 1,106.28 (Includes \$16.10 in petty cash)
 \$ 1,090.18 Checking balance

Balance on hand as of 10/17/16:	
Checking acct	\$1,090.18
Petty cash	\$ 16.10
TOTAL	\$1,106.28


 Treasurer
 Cynthia Klaile
 10/17/16