

TANO ROAD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
December 6, 2020
Due to the pandemic, the Annual Meeting was held via Zoom

Attendance:

Board of Directors: Steve Barthelme, Warren Berg, CB Bowlds, Ellen Collins, Karen Freeman, Howard Gershon, Doris Longhurst, Lorrey Muellenberg, Helen Swinson

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Freeman at 2:03 pm. There were 41 attendees and Ellen Collins, Secretary, reported that there was a quorum.

President's Review

The unusual conditions caused by the pandemic during the past year have not kept us down! The TRA has been constructive and neighbors have been supportive and helpful throughout. Board committees and volunteers improved and updated the website ([www.Tano Road.org](http://www.TanoRoad.org)), updated the membership database, wrote and illustrated new Fire Prevention and Bark Beetle booklets, expanded our neighborhood walking paths and participated in a Trash Bash in the Fall.

Karen reminded attendees that only paid members would be allowed to vote to accept the 2021 budget and Board slate.

Membership Report

Helen Swinson reported that 99 new property owners have been added to the database, bringing the total to 430. There are now 234 household members. A print copy of the new Fire Prevention booklet was sent to everyone in the database. The new Bark Beetle booklet is posted on the website in the Resources/TRA Booklets category.

Helen plans to reprint the TRA brochure, adding the Mission Statement and updating the text. She also hopes to host a newcomers' party in 2021, COVID regulations permitting, and suggested conducting a series of Zoom calls (or maybe in-person meetings?) next year, featuring local Master Naturalists. More information about the Master Naturalist Program can be found at nmmasternaturalist.wordpress.com. It was suggested that a link to the presentations be posted on the TRA website.

The response from members for both proposals was very enthusiastic. There were other suggestions from attendees such as offering a free membership in the TRA to new residents. All ideas are welcome!

Trails and Trash Bash Report

Howard Gershon reported that the walking path along Tano Road and Camino de los Montoyas is now extended to the La Tierra Trails and trail signs are in place. This walking path concludes the trail efforts for the near future although there could be some possibilities for trail development in the western area of Tano Road.

Howard also reported that about 20 volunteers picked up 17 bags of trash at the Trash Bash. There are plans for Spring and Fall Trash Bashes in 2021, to be coordinated with the City's Santa Fe Beautiful project.

Security Patrol Report

Warren Berg reported that a dedicated group of volunteers has continued to patrol the neighborhood through 2020. There was discussion of mailbox damage and possible solutions.

Treasurer's Report

Doris Longhurst presented the 2020 Budget vs. Actual as of Dec. 6, 2020. Total income was slightly higher than goal, while expenses were below budget. Expenses for the revised website and booklets were more than offset by lack of spending on gatherings for the neighborhood. Doris then presented the 2021 budget, which was based on 220 member households. It is hoped that membership activities will resume in 2021 as they have been in the past. The Board also budgeted for a revision to the membership brochure in 2021.

The Treasurer's Report and 2021 Budget were approved as presented.

Board of Directors 2021

Karen Freeman presented the Board slate for next year: Steve Barthelme, Warren Berg, CB Bowlds, Ellen Collins, Karen Freeman, Howard Gershon, Doris Longhurst, Lorrey Muellenberg, Helen Swinson. The slate was approved as presented.

Open Discussion

- Since COVID prevents food donations to the Food Depot, it was suggested that TRA give an emergency one-time cash donation in lieu of packaged, non-perishable food. TRA's general policy is not to give cash from the association to charity organizations. Tano Road residents are always encouraged to donate to local charities as individuals. We hope to resume food donations to the Depot in 2021.
- There have been some mistakenly delivered packages at the Camino de los Montoyas group mailboxes. It was suggested that a note could be posted at the mailboxes or the finder could deliver the package in person to the addressee and get to know a neighbor!
- The County will provide new or replacement road signs.
- There was discussion of the TRA's role related to new residential developments in the Tano Road neighborhood. The County is required to post early notification of public hearings for new developments on private property including land within the boundaries of our neighborhood. The Board will address this issue at the January Board meeting and inform interested residents of TRA's precedents and general policies.

- There were questions about neighborhood security. The Tano Road neighborhood is generally a low crime area and according to the County Sheriff, our volunteer Security Patrol is a very effective deterrent. For more specific personal security issues, residents are encouraged to let their near neighbors know if they will be away for an extended period of time. The best option is to install a residential security system.
- Installing a mirror at the intersection of Tano Road and Camino de los Montoyas was suggested. There was general agreement to look into this and the Board will take up the proposal in January.

Special Thanks

The Rich Higgins Award for noteworthy service to the TRA was given to Peggy Samaha, Membership Database Manager, for her outstanding efforts to upgrade and update the database.

Many thanks to Winky Van der Hoeven for her ongoing work on the website and sending out eblasts; the Website Redesign Committee including Helen Swinson, Doris Longhurst, Peggy Samaha, Nancy Zorensky and Karen Freeman; the Trails Committee which included Margaret Alexander, Howard Gershon, Lorrey Muellenberg and Sara Haber. Special thanks also to Ellen Collins and Helen Swinson for the new and improved Fire Prevention and Bark Beetle booklets.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.