

Amapas Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes



Location: ANA Office

Date: Friday, January 2, 2026

Time: 4:30 p.m. local time

Attendees: Gary Green, President; Steve Clarke, Treasurer; Will Murdoch, Secretary; Dawn Stephens, Jaime Tril,

Absentees: David Salter (vacation); Viviana Teston (vacation); Robert Howell (unknown)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

2. January Meet & Greet

A venue for the January event has not been chosen. Will will contact the owner of the Hideout (boozy pops on Amapas Stairs). If the Hideout is not available, possible alternatives are the bars owned by Bryan Stokes and Roger Allen: Anonimo, One Six One, Brick Oven, or Social Club.

Holding the event on January 14 may be difficult because Viviana will not return to the office until January 8. A later date may be preferable for event preparation and logistics.

3. Rock The River

Rock The River We need to visit La Huerta and speak with management. Last year the venue made many last minute changes that caused stress and extra work. Dawn, Will, and Jaime will visit La Huerta as soon as they can set a time.

Fundraising will focus on about ten prize packages with higher value, for example \$2,500 MXN and up. This will reduce the need to pause the event for multiple raffle drawings. Other approaches to the usual "50/50" were discussed that may generate more revenue from the event, and encourage attendees to stay longer (and buy more raffle and 50/50 tickets).

Dawn will contact the Botanical Gardens for another donation. Jaime will contact La Capella and Langosta Loca.

4. Social Committee logistics

The Board needs to recruit more volunteers for the Social Committee. Meeting attendance has been low and inconsistent. Some volunteers are needed only on the day of large events like Rock The River, but more help is also needed for planning monthly events and getting raffle donations. Spanish-speaking volunteers would be a very appreciated addition to the committee.

At each Meet and Greet, the Board will start asking for new volunteers, following the approach used at Paco's Volunteer Forum. Table tent cards can be provided with descriptions of board member and volunteer roles and responsibilities.

5. Finance and Administration

The Board discussed the the ANA office and agreed some evaluation and reorganization is needed. Currently the office seems unprofessional and does not inspire confidence in our ability to serve the community. Board members will be asked to help with this work.

Steve will meet with Jansen Covarubias to discuss 2026 finances and various planning issues.

Will will contact the venues that hosted 2025 Meet and Greets to offer them a subsidy on 2026 Business Membership in thanks for their support.

6. Conclusion

The meeting was adjourned at 05:57 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Approval



Gary Green, President
January 21, 2025



Will Murdoch, Secretary
January 21, 2025