



May 7, 2026. RANA Community Garden  
Meeting began at 7: 03 called to order by President, Janet Manry

1. Attendance

**BOARD:** Luis Santiago, Nancy Kilpatrick, Bob Tilley, Chris Schepker, Janet Manry, Stephanie Elliot

**NEIGHBORS:** Wiro Zuniga, Margaret Lopez, Sara des Jardins, Alison Franks, Larry Sklar, David Tinker, Anita La Cour, Sooz Hoffman, Peter Rice, Amy Johnson, Christopher Ramierez, Zaira , Mark Williams, Cecilia Huizar, and several who did not sign in.

**Guests:** Shelby Stimson, Joe and Priscilla Romero, Chris Gallegos

2. Treasurer's report \$1,514.82

3. Joe Romero, Democratic candidate for state representative, district 14th, shared his platform ideas and solicited support for his campaign.

4. Spring Clean up - Chris S. filled in for Stephanie who was ill the day of the clean up. About 10 people participated. More people would make the event more profitable for the neighborhood.

5. Run for the Zoo cheering - Anita reported that approximately 10 people popped in and out. Chilly day and many competing activities made for a smaller than usual turnout.

6. Jane's Walk report - Bob Tilley. No RANA Jane's walk on Saturday due to market. Bob led two walks on Sunday with about 32 people participating. Next year we could use more walk leaders, or consider doing neighborhood walks on weekend other than Jane's Walk, which is always around the first weekend in May.

7. Meeting location - We discussed using the Aldo Leopold house as a potential site for future meetings. They are interested and are willing to host us, if we abide by the rules for holding meetings - basically, clean up after ourselves and no animals ( except service animals.). We voted to hold the June meeting at ALHouse, to see if the space works for us. Bring your own chair.

**8. Luis reported on the April 19th tree walk that he hosted. 15 people joined him on this first of seasonal walks in the neighborhood. He will announce the date of a summer tree walk.**

**9. Christopher shared his work on partnering with Kishet to provide dance opportunities in Bennie Hargrove Park this summer. This could include dance classes, dance performances or free dance sessions. Dates for two future events will be announced as soon as they are set. Kishet supports inclusive programs for all ages and all abilities.**

**10. Guest Speaker - Shelby Stimson, Signal**

**Shelby continued our series on GSI - Ground StormWater Infrastructure. She explained what it is and the role her company is playing in developing sites in the city of Albuquerque. There is a grant ( which is due on June 1st) for which either a public or private space in the neighborhood could apply to develop a ground water harvesting location. Several homeowners were interested and it was also suggested that the parkway strip in front of Washington Middle School could be an ideal location to harvest ground water.**

**Currently the trees do not get supplemental water and the area is hard packed earth.**

**This project would require cooperation with the school and APS.**

**Shelby took names of interested individuals and her company will also make site visits to areas in RANA to see if there are ideal locations for this kind of project.**

**She handed out information fliers about GSI and water harvesting.**

**Next meeting, Thursday, June 4th at the Aldo Leopold House on 14th, across from Park Plaza Condominiums. 7 PM. Bring your own chair, if possible.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM**