

Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Arizona Opera Company, 1636 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Vice President Searles.

Board members present in person: Aaron Montañó Searles, Vice President; Nicole Armstrong, Secretary; Scott Ferreira, Treasurer; Wylie Carhartt; Eric Gilmore; Sandra Lefcovich; Jonathan Roberts; Patrice Wappel

Board members absent: Brad Brauer, President; Dan Childers; Lara Sands; Jim Smith; Jeremy Schachter

Other attendees:

In person: Bobbi Ryals; Tricia Amato; Decker Williams; Chris Norton; Crawford Breedlove; Venancio Berrocoso, Bob Cannon; Cari Payne; Rex Nelson; Steve Monk; Brittany Feenstra

Approval of Minutes: Secretary Armstrong presented the minutes from the October meeting. Ferreira made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Wappel, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ferreira presented the Treasurer's Report. The Association's total assets as of October 31, 2024 are \$164,677.76. Gilmore made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written, seconded by Lefcovich, motion passed. The Association is completing final paperwork regarding a grant from the city. The Association's reallocation of funds request for the City of Phoenix grant was approved, awaiting final confirmation from the grant coordinator, Ana Avila. Other grant applications for next year will be done in the next couple of months. Our grant from APS has been approved.

Committee Reports:

3rd and 5th Avenues/Traffic and Safety: Committee Chair Bob Cannon reported that he and three others, President Brauer, Director Gilmore, and resident Opal Wagner, recently met with Deputy City Manager Inger Erikson. Erickson committed to finishing 3rd Avenue by the end of 2024, including a traffic light for bicyclists traveling south in the cycletrack at McDowell, paving, striping, stop signs, etc. Cannon reminded everyone that the 5th Avenue project uses a different vendor, and the City estimates it will be another year before that project is completed, with regard to drainage issues and lack of progress thusfar. Cannon will conduct a small tour with City representatives tomorrow to visit things like the pavement surface change at Vernon. The City promised to update the website for the 3rd and 5th Avenue projects at least every thirty days.

Election Committee: Committee Chair Armstrong reported that the three other committee members for this election cycle are Jan O'Rourke, Charlie Martin, and Fran Saperstein. The committee will meet soon. Nominations for Board of Director candidates are due to the Chair by January 10, 2025. A notification is online and will appear in *Inside Willo*.

Bylaws Committee: Committee member Armstrong reported that the Bylaws Review Committee met many times over the summer to work on amending the Association's bylaws. The proposed changes were sent to the board to review and are posted on the website for the members to review. The board will vote on the proposed amendments at the December board meeting. There will be a Special Membership Meeting immediately following the December board meeting for the membership to vote on the proposed amendments.

Zoning: Committee Chair Gilmore reported that the construction project on Virginia got approval to change the gate at 1st Avenue, which now has a gap in it. The Committee is working with the City to bring back a gate with full coverage.

Home Tour: Committee Co-Chair Crawford Breedlove reported that preparations for February's event are going well: the committee is working on procuring homes, finding sponsors, filling vendor spots, selling ads in the brochure, etc. Neighbors are encouraged to sign up for volunteer spots by visiting willophx.com.

Social: Committee Chair Roberts reported that he also organizes the Welcome to Willo Committee, which welcomes new residents by providing a welcome basket. He is looking for someone who is enthusiastic about meeting new people to take over the role of the Welcome to Willo organizer. Roberts will work with anyone interested in taking over the role to answer any questions and share his current procedure.

Happy hours/neighbors' night will continue in the next several months. The Willo Winter Movie Night will be December 6.

Inside Willo: Committee Chair Lefcovich reported that the deadline for submissions is tomorrow.

Block Watch: Committee Chair Bobbi Ryals reported that the GAIN event last month was successful. Ryals reviewed the crime incidents in the neighborhood since the past meeting and reminded residents to lock vehicles and gates, and to not engage with perpetrators.

Luminarias: Committee Chair Chris Norton has been working with Director Smith on a trial use of plastic, reusable luminaria bags on Granada. Dates for luminaria placement will probably be Sunday – Wednesday, the week of December 25.

Vice President Searles reminded everyone to watch out for scam emails that appear to come from President Brauer and/or other Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. following a motion by Carhartt and seconded by Lefcovich. Motion passed.

The next meeting of the Association will be Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Arizona Opera Company, 1636 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004.

Nicole Armstrong, Secretary