

Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Arizona Opera Company, 1636 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by President Brad Brauer.

Board members present in person: Brad Brauer, President; Nicole Armstrong, Secretary; Wylie Carhartt; Dan Childers; Eric Gilmore; Sandra Lefcovich; Jonathan Roberts; Lara Sands; Jim Smith; Patrice Wappel

Board members present via Zoom: Aaron Searles, Vice President; Scott Ferreira, Treasurer
Jeremy Schachter

Other attendees:

In person: Keith Aldridge; John Wagner; Opal Wagner; Tom Doescher; Linda Doescher; Ed Buckel; Bobbi Ryals; Tricia Amato; Ann Bommersbach; Courtney Sutherland; Crawford Breedlove; Kenneth Sands; Sandra Sands; Decker Williams; Reid Mertens; Venancio Berrocoso; Bob Cannon; Chris Norton; Fran Saperstein; David Saperstein; James Gough

Via Zoom: Michael Peterson; Barry Sparkman

Approval of Minutes: Secretary Armstrong presented the minutes from the November meeting. Childers made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Roberts, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ferreira presented the Treasurer's Report. The Association's total current assets as of November 30, 2024 are \$167,589.79. The City of Phoenix grant's second quarter review is approaching. The 2025/2026 City grant application was submitted on December 5, 2024. The APS grant was approved, but there is a delay on printing some items for the Home Tour. Ferreira has attempted to contact our APS representatives to determine what is happening. The APS grant pays for printing as well as rubbish bins at events. Childers made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written, seconded by Wappel, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Election Committee: Committee Chair Armstrong reported that the committee met last weekend to get up to speed to review upcoming deadlines. January 10, 2025 is the deadline for prospective candidates to declare their intention to run for election in March 2025.

3rd and 5th Avenues/Traffic and Safety: Committee Chair Bob Cannon reported that communication regarding the project has improved and that the City has been sending regular updates, which are shared with the neighborhood via our website and social media. Striping on the 3rd Avenue cycle track has begun. 5th Avenue repaving is in progress.

Zoning: Eric Froberg reported that the study on drainage for the neighborhood areas that have had trouble with flooding has been delayed. Also, Vice President Searles has been elected the President of the Encanto Village Planning Commission.

Home Tour: Committee Co-Chairs Courtney Sutherland and Crawford Breedlove brought samples of some of the Willo merchandise available for purchase at the tour, along with the T shirts for volunteers. Eight houses have committed to participating, with two more to be added. The permit process continues as expected. Equipment procurement is under budget and will be finalized shortly. The Winter Movie Night was a success with lots of neighborhood engagement. Volunteer numbers for the Home Tour are low so additional volunteers are encouraged to sign up. The Volunteer Happy Hour will be January 31.

Social: Committee Chair Roberts reported that the next neighborhood happy hour is tomorrow. There will be live music, and neighbors should bring food and drink to share.

Social Media/Communications Strategy: Committee Chair Schachter reported that social media participation is increasing, as is participation in the texting service.

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

Block Watch: Committee Chair Ryals brought Block Watch signs for placement in front windows of homes. Ryals reviewed recent suspicious activity and other incidents in the neighborhood since last month's meeting. A block captain is needed for the 300 block of Cypress and the 300 block of Holly.

Luminaria: Committee Chair Chris Norton reported that there will be a test of reusable plastic bags on Granada this year. Norton has found new batteries that will last for four years instead of two but some budgeting adjustment is necessary. More information will be shared in future meetings. Overall luminaria preparations are going as expected.

Bylaws Review Committee: Discussion with the board and other meeting attendees indicated that a vote on the proposed amendments to the bylaws would not be successful, so the discussion was tabled; therefore, the scheduled Special Membership Meeting that was to be held immediately following the board meeting was canceled.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. following a motion by Childers and seconded by Wappel. Motion passed.

The next meeting of the board will be Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Arizona Opera Company, 1636 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004.

Nicole Armstrong, Secretary