

Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Arizona Opera Company, 1636 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Brad Brauer.

Directors present in person: Brad Brauer, President; Aaron Searles, Vice President; Nicole Armstrong, Secretary; Scott Ferreira, Treasurer; Wylie Carhartt; Eric Gilmore; Sandra Lefcovich; Lara Sands; Jeremy Schachter

Directors present via Zoom: Jonathan Roberts

Directors absent: Dan Childers; Patrice Wappel

Note: Director Jim Smith resigned from the board prior to this meeting.

Other attendees:

In person: Gene Nance; Ken and Sandy Sands; Zachary Holman; Tom Doescher; Jim Gough; Fran and David Saperstein; Robert Cannon; Decker Williams; James Rex Nelson

Via Zoom: Chris Norton; Bobbi Ryals; Ed Buckel; Jan O'Rourke; Michelle Ford

Approval of Minutes: Secretary Armstrong presented the minutes from the December meeting. Searles made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Gilmore, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ferreira presented the Treasurer's Report. The Association's total current assets as of December 31, 2024 are \$149,468.94. The City of Phoenix grant application required a revision but is close to completion. Lefcovich made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written, seconded by Searles, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Election Committee: Committee Chair Armstrong reported that tomorrow is the deadline for candidates to inform the Chair of their intention to run in the March election. Members must opt in by February 15, 2025 to vote in that election.

3rd and 5th Avenues/Traffic and Safety: Committee Chair Cannon reported that stop signs have been installed on 3rd Avenue at Encanto. "New Traffic Pattern" temporary signs are also in place at this intersection. The cycle track has been swept of construction debris. The 3rd Avenue piece of this project should be completed in the next two weeks. Construction continues on 5th Avenue. Milling of the pavement between Encanto and McDowell is underway.

Zoning: Committee Chair Gilmore, Brauer, and committee member Opal Wagner recently met with Representative Aaron Marquez regarding recent zoning bills concerning accessory dwelling units (ADUs). There is proposed new language that is intended to protect historic neighborhoods. The neighborhood flooding study done by Eric Froberg from the City of Phoenix should be done by the

end of this month. The gate on Virginia at 1st Avenue is now back to full coverage across the entire roadway. Another meeting will happen soon with Representative Sara Liguori and Senator Lela Alston regarding other legislation relating to zoning and ADUs, short term rentals, and current single-family homes split into multi-family.

President Brauer announced the formation of a new Legislative Update Committee chaired by Vice President Searles, with fellow committee members Opal Wagner, Tom Doescher, and Director Gilmore.

Social: Committee Chair Roberts reported that tomorrow is the next Willo Neighbors' Night.

Block Watch: Committee Chair Ryals reported that criminal activity was relatively quiet over the holidays but since the last board meeting there have been multiple instances of unhoused individuals causing problems in alleys, along with "porch pirates."

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

Social Media/Communications Strategy: Committee Chair Schachter reported that eight more individuals signed up for the neighborhood's text messaging service.

Luminaria: Committee Chair Chris Norton reported that all blocks were lit with luminarias this year. A delivery of batteries for next year arrived today so they are fully stocked for 2025.

Bylaws Review Committee: Committee Chair Sands reported that every board member provided feedback on the proposed bylaw amendments following last month's meeting. The committee revised the proposed amendments. Sands presented some of the revised language and stated that an updated version of the amended bylaws will be shared on the website for membership review. Sands requested that there be a board vote on the proposed amendments at the February meeting, and a Special Membership Meeting to call for a membership vote on amendments in February.

New Business: President Brauer reported that Broadmoor Park will receive some improvements using funds that would normally be spent on poinsettias in Walton Park during the December holidays.

When asked by a member, Committee Chair Schachter stated that there are no current plans to create a BlueSky account for the Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. following a motion by Searles and seconded by Gilmore. Motion passed.

The next meeting of the board will be Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Arizona Opera Company, 1636 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004.

Nicole Armstrong, Secretary