

## Green Committee Minutes January 21, 2026

Meeting called order by Chair Mary Brannin at 3:04 pm.

**Attendance:** Mary Brannin, Kris Knox, Gabby Hayes, Jacquie McDougal, Donna Busch, Annette Ripplinger, Wendy Sharpe

**Guests:** Vicki Zilke, 405 Navajo—potential new Green Committee member.

**Motion for Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Kris Knox, seconded by Jacqui to approve the minutes from December 17, 2025. Motion passed; minutes approved.

**CONDO BOARD REPORT:** Gabby restated that we don't need a motion to use money for irrigation which will be about \$1500. Gabby will make sure that we get in the new budget in February. We need a budget for the project for plants, gravel and irrigation etc. We will need to meet with the GM. Annette will work with Bill Robinson to present an estimate. VO staff Pat will do the irrigation. One tree by the Zone died. Kris will talk to Steve about this issue.

**COMMENTS FROM MARY BRANNIN, CHAIR:** Welcome to Vicki as a visitor and potential member. Mary gave Vicki an application. She has an interest in plants and gardening. Two others are also interested.

Annual general meeting is on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Mary is open to suggestions on topics she might talk about.

Website: Mary has spoken to Randee and Steve to get Green Committee information on the website. A work in process.

Election of Officers will be at our next meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Mary will not be continuing as Chair but will be open to being Vice Chair. The next condo board meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup>. It is important to vote on the Terms of Reference at our February meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Landscape Award for February/March 2026:** Bob Knapp at 819 Douglas is the February winner. He has night-blooming cactus in his backyard. This photo may be used on Outlines cover! 908 Aztec will be presented in March. Owner is Gabby Hayes.

**Report on Grapevine videos and Outlines Articles:** Annette and Mary are working on getting more visibility at Grapevine.

**Continued Recruitment efforts for 2025-26:** Potential candidates—Laurie Vassey, Vicki Zilke and Kathy Anderson—Laurie Vassey may join the GC next year. Mary will call Kathy Anderson. Vicki is filling out an application!

**Report on Work Session on January 5, 2026—Topic Landscaping Flyer:** Donna did a great job at putting the flyer together. Donna is very talented and we are grateful that it was ready for the Open House. She also redid the bulletin board and is organizing a box for displays at open houses etc.

**Report on Status of new Recycling Signage for Aero 300 and 600 centers:** Randee said that he needs a credit card to pay for the signs. Coming soon!

**Report on Food Handlers Orientation in January:** Jacqui said there was a large group who came to Food Handlers in January. Chef Arthur is very supportive of recycling. Jacqui's presentations have made a huge difference. Gabby suggested more recycling bins in the ballroom. Annette will contact David via a work order.

Donna brought up getting another can crusher at the 600 block. She also got someone to tighten down the crusher at 300 block. Annette said she will fill out a work order about getting more recycling bins at 300 Aero. Mary will talk to Ann Strand from Shuffleboard about emptying schedules and recycling cans.

**Report on Newcomers Orientation in January:** Mary made the presentation. Sixty people attended. It was the first one of the season. Info on recycling given out, plant exchange discussed.

**Report on January 12<sup>th</sup> Open House:** Went well. Great table placement which was near the doors.

**Bulletin Boards:** Add to agenda for February to change the topic. We could use three more clip boards.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Plans for Common Area Parks/Gardens:** Annette and Bill Robinson designed an edible garden at 500 Navajo. They are working on the next design for fall and winter planting—October through February. Annette will work with Clay Arts to get markers. Could have QR code for or "Picture This" for plant identification. Thank you to Annette and Bill Robinson for their work.

**Open House Hobby Center Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 10 am-noon:** Need people to tend the table. Annette will request tables. Set up at 9:30. Annette, Kris and Donna, Wendy will be there at 9:30. Vicki will help take down.

**Work Session with Review of Goals and Terms of Reference:** Mary will look for a room—planning for Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.

**Plant Exchanges:** First plant exchange is on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:30 to 3pm in Sonoran Room; second session February 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5pm and third session March 14<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3pm. Annette contacted the Sherri Rindles Larson from Leisure World who will be speaking

at the January 31 event. Bill Robinson will be there to talk about orange trees. We will promote on FB sites. Mary put information to post on Hey Vinny. We will contact Kimberly for the Sandwich board. There is a totem pole cactus at 926 Aero waiting to be replanted—will use photos of the cactus for the event. May also use for planting in the park. Annette will check into the sandwich board.

**Annual General Meeting February 11<sup>th</sup>:** Mary requested input into Chair's speech.

**Set up Meeting with GM about common area plans/planting schedule/money:** Will discuss at our Terms of Reference meeting.

**Election of Officers February 18<sup>th</sup>:** Send email to Mary if you are interested in Officer positions.

**Motion to adjourn:** Motion made by Annette and seconded by Donna to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.

Submitted by,

Wendy Sharpe

Next Meeting is February 18, 2026, at 3 pm