

Green Committee Minutes February 18, 2026

Meeting called order by Chair Mary Brannin at 3 pm.

Attendance: Mary Brannin, Kris Knox, Kirk Pittman, Jackie McDougal, Wendy Sharpe, Donna Busch

Guests: Vicki Zilke, 405 Navajo—potential new Green Committee member joined via Zoom and is joining the Green Committee. Jeanne' Avery, 224 Aztec and Laurie Vasey 410 Navajo joined as guests and potential new members. Jeanne' took an application. Laurie is joining the GC now!

Motion for Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Kris, seconded by Wendy to approve the minutes of January 21, 2026, and for the January work session. Motion passed; minutes approved.

CONDO BOARD REPORT: Kirk Pittman attended the meeting as our new liaison to the Condo Board. He is interested in water conservation. He will be promoting what we are working on. He and Gabby will be meeting and will discuss the budget for plants, gravel and irrigation. Kirk will make an ask for Green Committee volunteers.

COMMENTS FROM CHAIR MARY BRANNIN: Welcome to the visitors and potential members. Mary gave Jeanne' an application.

Mary presented a slate of potential officers. Jackie will continue as a board member until the end of March and will train the new recycling person.

OLD BUSINESS:

Landscape Award for March/April 2026: March winners are Gabby Hayes and Linda Fritsch. Their property is at 905 Aztec.

Report on Grapevine Videos and Outlines Articles: Focus is on landscape awards and plant exchange seminars. Also using FB and Outlines. Jackie has posted Plant Exchange seminars on FB.

Continued Recruitment efforts for 2025-26: Vickie turned in her application and Mary will submit it to board. Kathy Anderson is happy to help as needed but is not filling out an application. Kirk says that we should send a digital copy of new members and renewals to him.

Act on applications and forward to Condo Board for approval: Mary will send to applicants to Kirk for approval. It will be presented either this week or in March.

Meeting with GM concerning common area parks/gardens: Bill Robinson and Annette met with GM Steve. Plans in place for irrigation and plantings from the plans made by Bill and Annette. Goal is to have plans done by end of April.

Report on Status of new Recycling Signage for Aero 300 and 600 centers: New blue signs are now up. Mary talked to Shuffleboard about getting more receptacles and can crushers. About 10% of the cans were contaminated, which Shuffleboard felt is manageable.

Report on Food Handlers Orientation in January: Jackie said there was a large group who came to Food Handlers in February—about 35 attended. Chef Arthur is very supportive of recycling. Jackie's presentations have made a huge difference. Thank you, Jackie!

Recycling: Donna suggested getting another can crusher at the 600 block. She also got someone to tighten down the crusher at 300 block. Mary will talk to Ann Strand from Shuffleboard about emptying schedules and recycling cans.

Laurie brought up getting blue bins on wheels for recycling at the bath houses. Staff will need to pick up recycling. Jacqui will start researching. Summer is a good time for a pilot project. Will try to have it ready by the end of the season.

Report on Newcomers Orientation in February: Kris gave the presentation. Twenty people attended. People are asking for clear bags for recycling. Discussion followed about other ways to use curbside recycling other than plastic bags. Discussion about implementing blue bins.

Report on January 24th Open House at Hobby Center: All GC members in attendance. It was a positive outreach.

Bulletin Boards: Photos of plants were recommended to be the next bulletin board theme. Plant Exchange and SRP are also on the bulletin board.

E-waste—Opportunity to recycle cords, computers, routers and old electronics. February 26th is the collection date at the Oasis.

Report on Annual general Meeting presentation for the Green

Committee: Mary presented summary of the Green Committee to the Condo Board and owners, which was well received. Crystal made the GC a video presentation. All GC members were in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Status of Plans for Common Area Parks/Gardens: No updates available.

Revisions of Terms of Reference for 2025-2026: Terms of Reference presented and discussed. Paragraph one: Mary asked Kirk to investigate Strategic Goals-Para 9.0 “Going Green” as she was unable to find any information. Paragraph two: Suggested that we add the VO Library’s resources. Paragraph eight: Suggestion made to add outside walls to the first sentence.

Kirk will bring the Terms of Reference to the Condo Board when completed.

Suggestion made to set up a sub-committee to work on the outer wall. Laurie is very interested in working on this sub-committee. GM Steve is looking to the Green Committee to work on the outer wall.

Status of Plant Exchanges: All members in attendance at January event. Second session of the plant exchange is February 28th from 3:30 to 5 pm and third session March 14th 1:30-3pm. No master gardener for February but one is available for March 14th. Bill Robinson will be available for February.

Safety Committee: Would like to remove the islands on the 200 and 300 blocks on Aztec to allow fire trucks and ambulances to pass. We have more questions and are tabling this issue.

Election of Officers February 18th: Slate includes:

Chair: Kris Knox

Vice Chair: Mary Branin

Secretary: Wendy Sharpe

Motion made and passed to accept the above slate of officers.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Kris and seconded by Jacqueline to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Wendy Sharpe

Next Meeting is March 18, 2026, at 3 pm