

RILLITOBEND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be “RillitoBend Neighborhood Association” (RBNA), formerly known as the “Tucson-Prince neighborhood,” and herein referred to as the “Association.”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to protect and enhance our special Tucson neighborhood with its rich artistic heritage, rural and equestrian character, and unique riparian environment.

ARTICLE III – BOUNDARIES AND MEMBERSHIP

The RillitoBend Neighborhood is the area bounded by the Rillito River to the north and east, Prince Road on the south, and Campbell Avenue on the west, except for the properties owned by the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR), which are in the Campus Farm Neighborhood.

The following map shows the RillitoBend Neighborhood and its intersection with the Campus Farm Neighborhood.



The membership of the Association will consist of all residents within the boundaries of the RillitoBend Neighborhood. Non-resident property owners shall be permitted membership of the Association at the discretion of the Association Board President. For issues requiring a vote of the membership, all members and residents in the neighborhood, sixteen (16) years of age and older, in attendance at a meeting whereby a vote is required or requested shall be permitted a single vote for each household.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

A Board of Directors, numbering up to fifteen (15) members shall constitute the governing board for the Association. The Board members will be elected for two-year terms of office by majority vote of the membership attending the Association Meeting. If an annual meeting is not able to be held then terms will be extended until the next Association Meeting. Two (2) months prior to the Association Meeting, the President will appoint a Nominating Committee made up of one Board Officer and at least one Board member. The Nominating Committee may have non-Board advisors. The Nominating Committee will recruit and propose nominees for approval by the current board prior to the Association Meeting.

After the Board elections, the members of the elected Board will appoint by consensus among themselves, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer to serve one-year terms as Association Board Officers. Changes of Board Officers are authorized between elections by consensus of remaining eligible Officers.

At such time that a Board member resigns or otherwise becomes inactive, a new Board member may be appointed by concurrence of the Board officers in consultation with the Nominating Committee. When a Board officer resigns or otherwise becomes inactive, a new Board officer may be appointed by consensus of the remaining Board officers to fulfill the remaining term of the Board officer.

ARTICLE V – ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The Association will hold an Annual Association Meeting once a year at a time and place as agreed to by the Board. Notice of the Annual Association Meeting will be announced at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. The primary purpose of the Annual Association Meeting shall be to elect Board Members and Officers; report on Association financial transactions and commitments; report on community issues affecting the Association; and report on any other business conducted or planned by the Association Board. In the event that the Annual Association Meeting is not able to be scheduled within twelve (12) months of the prior Annual Association Meeting, the Board will endeavor to schedule the next Annual Association Meeting within twenty-four (24) months of the last Annual Association Meeting.

Other Association and Board meetings may be called at the discretion of the President, or when requested by the Board.

ARTICLE VI – CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Decision-making by the Board and at Board meetings will be conducted using consensus. Consensus means that all members either, 1, fully support, 2, accept as “workable,” 3, may be able “to live with it,” or 4, opt to “stand aside.” By “standing aside,” a Member verbally notes the reasons yet allows the group to reach a consensus without the Member.

Decision-making at the Annual Association Meeting will be made by majority of neighborhood members present. (See Article III.)

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGREEMENTS AND COMMITMENTS

The Board of Directors are authorized to enter into written agreements with individuals and vendors, provided there are sufficient Association funds to cover the financial requirements (if any) of the agreement or commitment. The agreements shall be approved by the Board Officers and require the signature of the Board President. The terms of all agreements and commitments by the Board shall be shared with the Association as determined appropriate by the Board President and Board Secretary. The Board President is authorized to terminate any agreement or commitment after consultation with and approval by the Board Officers.

ARTICLE VIII – ASSOCIATION ASSETS

The Association Board has the fiduciary responsibility for the Association. The Board is authorized to collect funds to conduct the business of the Association, including the establishment of dues, collecting fees, and conducting fund-raising initiatives for the Association’s business. Any funds collected for the Association shall be deposited in a financial institution licensed to receive deposits and to manage funds as necessary for the Association.

The Board Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving funds, depositing funds, paying for financial commitments, and tracking all financial transactions of the Association. The Board Treasurer shall report on the status of the collected funds and transactions as necessary to ensure that the Association Board is regularly apprised of the Association’s financial status. The Board shall approve the Financial Report.

ARTICLE IX – ASSOCIATION RECORDS

Association membership records are not required; however, if a meeting is held whereby a vote of the Association members is required, the Board Secretary is authorized to request confirmation of the attendee resident status for the purposes of ensuring authorized votes by Association members. See ARTICLE III for membership criteria.

The Association may collect historical documents or records including written and oral histories. The Board Secretary shall be responsible for the storage and or delegation of responsibility for the

storage of the Association's historical documents.

The Board Secretary is responsible for ensuring that the City of Tucson's Neighborhood records and contact information for the Association are kept current. The Board Secretary will organize and archive Association records in a form that can be passed along and easily accessed by the subsequent Board Secretary.

ARTICLE X -AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES

These Articles may be amended by the Association Board. Notice of Amendments to the Bylaws shall be announced to the Association Meeting attendees following the changes to the Bylaws.

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31 January 1979

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15 April 2010
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Stephen Brigham, President
May 2021

Catlow Shipek, Secretary
May 2021