

DRAFT VWOA Communications Committee Meeting Minutes November 4, 2025

In Attendance

Bill Fenstermacher, Francis Lomax, Coral Fathy, Barbara Lee, Michelle de Jongh, Joyce Oliver, Maria Robinson, Elaine Maurer

Absent: Pat Holmes, Gabriel Hernandez, Kim Dixon

Review/Approve Previous Minutes

Motion: Joyce Oliver motioned to approve the minutes; Bill Fenstermacher seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business

a. **USPS Town Hall Meeting.** Bill Fenstermacher was in the Zoom call last month with the Western Bexar County Alliance. He talked to Bexar County Commissioner for Precinct 1 Rebecca Clay-Flores and is waiting to hear back from her.

Motion: Bill Fenstermacher motioned to close this item on the agenda. If Rebecca Clay-Flores responds to his call, we can add it back. Coral Fathy seconded. All were in favor.

b. **Fall Fest.** Maria Robinson said that 800+ people attended. She pointed out that there was no communications table. Barbara Lee said it was because everyone was busy doing other things at the Fest. Maria recommends changing a few things for next year, such as rearranging the layout and moving the parking area so that cars aren't driving through active areas.

Motion: Elaine Maurer motioned to remove Fall Fest from the agenda. Coral Fathy seconded. All were in favor.

New Business

a. **Coffee for Veterans.** Barbara Lee commended Bill Fenstermacher for doing a great job of organizing it. Elaine Maurer said it has gotten bigger than originally discussed. She wishes the Communications Committee had coordinated with the office regarding the changes. Originally, it was going to be a simple 30 minute or so event, but now it is longer, more tables are needed, decorations, etc. She said set up can begin at 8:00 AM. Bill said coffee will be set up in the kitchen and we need tables for tacos, pastries, and gift bags. He is planning on 4 round tables with tablecloths. There might be a speaker or two and he wants to encourage the attendees to interact. He also plans to take photos.

Open Forum

Francis Lomax recommends that minutes and agendas be in pdf format.

Francis Lomas commended Maria Robinson on her handling of the Board meeting. He also thanked her and Elaine Maurer for coming to the Communications Committee meetings, saying "The interaction and discussion are so valuable."

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Maria suggested that the Communications Committee change its monthly meetings to every other month since there isn't very much new business to add to the agenda. Barbara Lee said she likes the monthly meetings.

Motion: Coral Fathy motioned to try having meetings every other month. Francis Lomax seconded. Barbara Lee opposed; all others were in favor. There will be no meeting in December.

Francis Lomax suggested adding to the agenda in January that the committee give Maria and Elaine two weeks' notice if we have a meeting and need them to be there.

Next meeting: Jan. 6, 2026

Adjournment

Bill Fenstermacher motioned to adjourn. Coral Fathy seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 3:19 PM.

Chairperson _____

Date _____

Secretary _____

Date _____