

**MARLENE AND HARRY SLEIGHEL RESIDENCE**  
**5404 EAST PALO VERDE DRIVE**  
**PARADISE VALLEY, AZ 95253**  
**RECOMMENDATION TO TOWN COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 8, 2026**

On September 17, 2025, Marlene and Harry Sleighel presented their home located at 5404 East Palo Verde Drive to our Committee for consideration to the Historical Property Recognition Program.

In the mid 1950s, this property was owned by Colonel Harry C. Wilder, the grandfather of Harry Sleighel. Colonel Wilder is recognized as one of the thirty-one original financial contributors to the incorporation of the Town and was a founding member of the Paradise Valley Country Club.

In 1958, Colonel Wilder sold the property to his niece and nephew, Alice and Bin Marshall. That same year, the Marshall's broke ground and completed their home in 1959. This home was designed by Alice Marshall and her daughter with an unknown builder. The home was the fifth home built in Stone Canyon.

The home was constructed using pumice block and features a brick and wood façade. The exterior walls were done with a "weeping mortar" technique characterized by thick mortar application that produces a distinctive oozing effect. Many of the original interior features remain intact, including planters dividing the living and dining rooms, a built-in bar in the dining room, and bookshelves in the family room. The kitchen retains its original cabinets, many with scalloped wood valances, and countertops. The Eisenhower Yellow Westinghouse oven, still functional, remains mounted on the kitchen's far wall, a placement chosen due to Aunt Alice's concerns about heat.

In 2007, Harry and Marlene Sleighel purchased the home from Harry's Aunt Alice. They added about 1,000 square feet and did some interior remodeling including raising the ceilings in the hallway and living room all while keeping the architectural integrity of the home. The master bedroom was enlarged to include a new closet, bathroom, and laundry room, which was previously located in the kitchen. When the ceilings were raised, additional stones were needed for the extend fireplace. Harry recalled that his Aunt Alice said the original fireplace stones were dumped in the front yard. Rather than purchasing new stone, the masons found enough stones in the front yard to complete the fireplace extension. This home has remained in the family for 68 years.

As Chair of the Town's Historical Advisory Committee, I recommend that the Sleighel residence at 5404 East Palo Verde Road be recognized by the Town Council as part of our Historic Property Program.

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