

Willo Neighborhood Association
Minutes
September 14, 2017

Call to Order: There being a quorum met, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Absences: Jon Whitcomb and Anthony Sumner

Approval of the June 8, 2017 Minutes: A motion was made by Linda Doescher and seconded by Patrice Wappel to approve the June minutes as written. The motion passed.

Financial Reports: Linda Doescher reported that we will continue to show a net loss until the home tour proceeds are deposited. Brad Brauer motioned to accept the financials. Allison Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

At the June meeting John Whitcomb presented a request for reimbursement of costs incurred by members of the Street Committee. These expenses need to be approved by the Board for payment as they were not originally a budgeted expense. The committee was asked to present the receipts for reimbursement. The total incurred was \$428.26.

A motion was made by Linda Doescher and seconded by Charlene Gum to approve reimbursement. The motion passed.

Inside Willo: Nikki Armstrong encouraged those who are interested in volunteering to help with the production and implementation of Inside Willo to please contact her. She welcomes any who care to participate.

Willo Website: The new website will be launched live on June 9th. The new website address is www.willophx.com. There will be new features such as the ability to buy home tour tickets and links to popular sites.

Vision 3.5 – Action Item: There has been an increase in wrong way drivers and speeding on third and fifth avenues. The Streets Committee met with the City of Phoenix to discuss a design for third and fifth avenues. A motion was drafted after the meeting for approval or disapproval by the Willo Board. The motion is as follows: **“It is the recommendation that 3rd and 5th Avenues are to be one-way, one lane, with 5th being southbound only, adding historic street lights, providing protected bike paths, adding sidewalks and protecting existing parking”.**

Bob Cannon repeated this as a formal motion and it was seconded by Paul Benjamin. The motion carried. Bob Cannon will be drafting a letter to the city informing them of our support and approval of this design.

A motion was made by Nikki Armstrong to change “...providing buffered bike paths to providing protected bike paths”. Brad Brauer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Neighborhood Coalition Greater Phoenix: Guest speakers Paul Barnes, Eric Bassingthwaighte , Jack Leonard and Keith Zollman spoke to the purposes of the NCGP. It was formed to improve the zoning process and to give the citizens equal voice with developers and the city. All residents are encouraged to get involved with this organization by emailing pbarnes32@cox.net.

NAO Officer Ben Harris: Officer Harris introduced Anthony Vasquez, New Precinct Commander. There was discussion of how to prevent alley traffic which included reporting any activity in the alleys to Crime Stop, increasing signs, consideration of speed humps and possibly closing the alleys.

Committee Reports:

FAA Lawsuit: Opal Wagner reported that the Courts found against FAA's modification of flight paths over the historical neighborhoods. The FAA can move for a rehearing and appeal to the supreme court.

Fluoresco is still working on installing a dimmer switch for the BMO sign but no firm date has been set. There is consideration of installing the signs at ground level approximately 5' x 6' wide. There will be a hearing on September 29th. If you have further questions, please contact Opal at opal.wagner@gmail.com.

Home Tour: This will be the 30th Anniversary of the Willo Home Tour. Allision Powers and Don Vallejo hope to have 15 – 20 homes for the tour. The committee presented a challenge to the Board to help with the recruitment of more homes to add to the tour. There will be a twilight tour on Saturday. The Willo Affair will take place on Saturday as well with dinner and music. The tickets will be available for sale on the website. If anyone wishes to volunteer with the tour they may email the committee at willohometourvolunteers@gmail.com or Willohometour2018@gmail.com.

October Yard Sale: The Willo yard sale will be on October 14th.

Social Committee: Dr. James Burns is now the Chair for the Social Committee. The next Happy Hour will be at 510 Coronado on October 6th.

There were no other committee reports.

Fire Prevention Week: Captain Tom Sagio reported on the Fire Prevention Week event October 14th 9 – 2:00 p.m. A Caisson will be on display, vintage vehicles and an open house at Fire Station 8. There will be parking at Encanto Park and a shuttle service will be provided.

New Business: There is one position open on the Board. If anyone is interested, please contact Bob Cannon.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

Adjournment: Brad Brauer motioned to adjourn, Linda Doescher seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.