

WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes

November 15, 2018

CTO: A quorum having been met, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Those absent were: Anna Bommersbach, Jeremy Schachter and Opal Wagner.

Welcome/Introductions: Those present introduced themselves and the streets they represent.

Approval of October Minutes: There were minor corrections to the minutes. These were explained and corrected prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Brad Brauer to approve the minutes. Patrice Wappel seconded, and the motion passed.

Financial Report: Linda Doescher presented the Profit and Loss report for the month of October and the period from May through October. We continue to operate at a loss until we receive proceeds from the Home Tour. Our current assets total \$155,263.00. This includes the Chase checking account, the Chase Money Market account and the Edward Jones CD. Brad Brauer motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Patrice Wappel. The motion passed.

Block Watch / G.A.I.N: Brad reported that we have full coverage of captains on many streets. We still need additional captains for approximately 12 sections. This month's Block Watch meeting was held on the 300 block of W. Louis. No additional meetings are scheduled for the remainder of the year. Block watch meetings will begin again in February.

The G.A.I.N. event was a success; both mayoral candidates attended. Kate Gallego and Danny Valenzuela were also in attendance. Thank you to all volunteers!

CAO Report: Ben Harris reported on the police activity and transient activity in alleys. We have been seeing increases precinct wide and city wide in armed robberies.

Zoning Summation of Activity: In Opal's absence, Linda Doescher gave the report. It is as follows: The ZA 98184 use permit for the comprehensive sign plan at the 1 Thomas building on the SW corner of Central and Thomas road (2828 N. Central) was taken out from under advisement on October 15, 2018. The CSP was approved with stipulations limiting the color temperature of the white LED lighting of the signage to no greater than 5K requiring installation of dimmers and requiring the dimmers of the sign, to be reduced to a minimum of 50% reduction in brightness from the daytime settings to begin at 9:30 pm. This will provide a visually apparent dimming of the sign.

Another construction crane will soon be joining the others transforming the downtown Phoenix skyline as zoning was recently approved for a 25 story 379 - unit luxury, multi-unit development located on the NW corner of 3rd Street and Jefferson across from the Talking Stick Resort Arena. Through the developer Hines, the 1.5 - acre site will include 75 studio, 179 one bedroom and 125 two- bedroom apartments with high end amenities and 4,500 square feet of retail and restaurant space at street level. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2019.

Holiday Luminarias: At the October meeting it was decided that Chris Norton would research and compare the pros and cons of using battery operated LED lights versus candles for this year's luminaria. The results of his research and comparisons were reported at this meeting. The data and information gathered resulted in supportive, convincing reasons for switching from the use of candles to the use of LED lights. This would require increase in the cost allocation.

Linda Doescher motioned to approve the amount of \$5, 869.25 for the purchase of the LED flickering, reusable candle. The motion was seconded by Paul Benjamin. The motion passed.

Inside Willo-Update: Nikki Armstrong mentioned that the deadline for copy for the newsletter is November 16th. This deadline was extended due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. The date for distribution to the block delivery volunteers will also be extended to December 5th when Nikki returns.

We received a lot of copy last month and have extra copy for the December and January issues.

Virginia/1st Avenue: Tom Doescher reported that Equus has changed architects. A navigator has also been hired to work with the city on the transient overlay and walkable urban code. This will be the first single family home development in a Phoenix urban area in many years. They have requested a meeting with the sub-committee on November 27th. An additional meeting with the neighbors has been requested for December 19th. At that time there will be drawings and renderings to present to the neighbors. There will be meetings scheduled in January and February as well. There is also a meeting scheduled in March. The property is scheduled to close on or after the first of the Year. The sub committee will meet with the neighbors and advise the Board of their recommendation to approve or disapprove the plans.

Home Tour 2019: Anna Lauri and Samantha Keating could not attend the meeting. Bob presented a report in their absence. We now have eight homes confirmed plus the Firehouse for the tour. However, there are no homes north of Encanto on the tour. Those of you on the Board who live north of Encanto please help us solicit homes. The tour dates are February 9th and 10th.

Vision 3.5: David Longoria, Council Assistant/Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Laura Pastor was scheduled to attend the meeting. However, due to a prior commitment was unable to attend. In a statement to the Board he urged everyone desiring an update to visit the MAG (Maricopa Association of Governments) link, MAG 3rd & 5th Avenues Mobility Assessment – Final Report. In the conclusion of the report it was indicated that the concept which garnered the greatest community support would require additional technical evaluation to move forward. In his statement he explained the future stages and steps of the implementation of this project which would include fitting the project into the Capital Improvement Program (final design, right- of- way and construction). The staff is preparing a list of potential projects and where they can be placed on the program. Any further public involvement and evaluation of study alternatives, which includes the concept supported by the community, would occur during these future stages.

The Committee has met again and has proceeded with the purchase of traffic cautionary signs to place along 3rd and 5th Avenues. There were eight yellow “Slow Down” signs and four red signs that say, “Drive like your kids live here” ordered.

A demonstration project for 3rd and 5th Avenues is under consideration. This would help visualize how the lane changes would work. Laura and Lisa met with Joe Perez with the City of Phoenix and discussed the options and cost. It would take either money from the Board or a commitment from the City. If the City agreed to implement the project, the costs would be covered by them.

Laura Sands and Lisa Helm presented a design modification of the preferred option for review by the Board. If approved this option will be submitted to Laura Pastor for further action.

After discussion and questions, a motion was made by Lisa Helm that the Board authorize Bob to send the modified design to Laura Pastor's office for submittal to City Council as the one the neighborhood prefers. Paul Benjamin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Various Committee Reports: The election process is to be reviewed at the December meeting.

New Business: No new business

Old Business: Laura Sands spoke with the vendor of the coffee truck who can be available to sell coffee and other refreshments to the luminaria volunteers for the night of the 23rd. A guarantee of \$200.00 in sales for the night is required to confirm the service. This requirement should be easily met. The Board agreed that this service should be provided to the volunteers.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Brauer. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

UNAPPROVED