

WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Welcome/Intros: The Members introduced themselves and the streets they represent.

March Minutes: A motion was made by Brad Brauer and seconded by Opal Wagner to approve the March minutes as written. The motion passed.

Financial Reports: The financial reports were presented by Linda Doescher, Treasurer. The Balance Sheet has been reformatted to show a comparison of the current year and past year for the same period. This will give us an idea each month as to how we are doing. As of April 8, 2019, we have a net worth of \$172, 942.42. Our net worth for the same period in 2018 was \$177, 699.17. The Profit and Loss report will also follow the above format. The net income/loss for 2019 was (\$5,479.96) and (\$7,450.41) for 2018. A motion was made by Brad Brauer to approve the financial reports as presented, Patrice Wappel seconded. The motion passed.

Budget Process: Bob reviewed several line items in the proposed budget showing budget to actual expenditures. There were requests for funding from committee chairs prior to creating the budget. A budget was calculated based on funding request which showed a substantial loss. A recommended budget was also calculated to avoid a loss and to provide workable changes to some requests for funding.

Linda pointed out that we don't want to start in the red. Therefore, adjustments had to be made. We did our best to honor committee requests for funding but had to cut in some areas to avoid operating in the red.

Motion to approve the proposed budget was made by Opal Wagner and seconded by Brad Brauer. There was discussion on budget requests and what adjustments to make on various line items and ways to cut costs which included volunteer participation in some of the events rather than hiring or renting vendors and equipment, a reduction of newsletter costs such as number of copies for distribution by encouraging more participation in encouraging viewing online. The motion passed unanimously.

Block Watch: Office Ben Harris reported a front door entry burglary. There was DNA recovered from prints. The results will be forthcoming. There will be a Bicycle ID event this Saturday, April 13th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be 10 free bicycle locks available on a first come first serve basis.

The alley traffic is increasing and is heavier around rush hour. Office Harris encourages the use of the traffic hotline (602- 534-7733). There are some alleys that are paved which attract more cut through traffic. The signs continue to be overlooked or ignored. There are fines that can be imposed if drivers are caught.

Comments and questions were entertained from the audience. A major concern was that when contacting the speeding hotline, it is never answered by staff. One must leave a message and a response can take up to 2 days. When contacted the answer is that an officer will be informed.

Electric Scooter Pilot Program: Michael Cano, Traffic Engineer with COP was present to explain what this program. The City was approached by e-scooter vendors to implement a shared e-scooter program which would operate much like the Ride Share Bicycle program. Traffic Services was directed to develop a pilot program and solicit input from the local communities and City Council. The City Council will have to review the program and modify existing ordinances to allow electric scooters. Anyone wishing more information please contact Michael.cano@phoenix.gov.

Zoning: Opal Wagner reported the following zoning update:

March 6, 2019 – 333 W. Coronado applicant’s appeal was scheduled to be heard by HPC, April 15th. Applicant’s requested a continuance to June 17, 2019, 4:30 p.m. City Council Chambers.

March 14, 2019 – A use permit for the installation of LED signs for 2020 N. Central was continued to May 2, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

March 21, 2019 – 2401 N. Central Avenue – A variance request to increase the maximum letter height for a wall sign on the south elevation and west elevation to 26.5 inches was approved with stipulations to install a dimmer control to reduce brightness to 3000K after 10:00 p.m. A six - month review will follow.

April 8, 2019 – The Encanto Village Planning Committee (EVPC) approved the rezoning of the lot at the NW corner of 1st Ave/Virginia/Cambridge from Commercial Office to Planned Unit Development. (PUD) to allow single-family residential (attached and detached). The Planning Commission will hear the case on May 2, 2019. The EVPC also approved rezoning of 40.51 acres on the NW Corner of Central and Catalina to allow for mixed use.

April 11, 2019 – Zoning Adjustment Hearing re 101 W. Granada to allow an over height wall of 7’4” in the alley. Approved.

***For updates and details please refer to willophx.com.**

Vision 3.5: Bob announced the dates and time of the next Budget hearing is Thursday, April 18th, District 4 and 7. Willo has been well represented at previous meetings this subject has been addressed with Laura Pastor and the City Budget Committee. It is strongly recommended that you come if you have time. This helps secure our position and concerns with the City Council.

Lisa Helm explained that the committee is not only addressing the 3rd and 5th avenue design but is also trying to find solutions to such issues as speeding, wrong way drivers, cut through traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety. Lara Sands provided input as to how the requested budget funding amount for Vision 3.5 was determined. A list of planned activities would have the effect of educating neighbors as to the issues affecting 3rd and 5th Avenues. These activities would incur some costs which have been outlined in the list presented to the Board.

Inside Willo: Sandra Lefcovich reported that she has more than enough copy and photos for the newsletter.

Spring Yard Sale: Patrice Wappel reported that the signs have been placed on the streets and the ad comes out tomorrow and Saturday in the newspapers. We are ready for a nice, successful day.

Committee Updates: Social Committee Chair, Nikki Armstrong mentioned that this month's Happy Hour will be at 26 W. Vernon, 5:30 to 7:30. Please bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage. We have a host for May and need others for the Summer.

Willo Home Tour "Future Summit": The meeting will take place this Saturday (April 13), 9:00 at it is a strategic visionary meeting. Jill Bray is present who will conduct the meeting. A five - year history of the tour was researched re the revenues and it has shown a declining trend in revenues. Our profit is decreasing, and attendance is not what expected. Please attend if possible your feedback is important.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Bob will send to the Board a copy of an Official response to Mural letter from the COP wherein it states that anyone can do what they want to their walls, but murals cannot impact the historic preservation designation or impact property taxes. We wanted to make sure this was in writing. The letter will be posted on the website.

Opal Wagner moved to send a congratulatory letter to our new Mayor, Kate Gallego with gentle reminders that there are issues in our neighborhood that haven't been addressed and that perhaps she could direct her attention to those issues. She also moved that the Board authorize Bob to write the letter. The motion was seconded by Lisa Helm and the motion passed.

Next Meeting: May 9, 2019. Bob will not attend. Vice President Brad Brauer will conduct the meeting.

Adjournment: Brad Brauer to motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.