

Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2016

Board members present: Theresa, Don, Gene Linda, Marilyn, Charlene, Opal, Paul, Rebecca, Anthony

A call to order was done by Marilyn. Marilyn started with a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of Sept 11th.

Guest speakers:

Representative Ken Clark presented a review of important legislation updates from the last session. A payday loan bill was successfully defeated. A liquor law bill that would have been unfavorable to the neighborhoods was also defeated. A bill regarding "dark money" was also fought but it was not successfully defeated. However, this is still being challenged. Some questions from the neighborhood were answered including what changes if any we could expect to the November election process to counter the problems that happened in March 2016. Representative Clark was not confident that many changes have been made.

The governing board candidates:

Susan Benjamin spoke of her campaign to be reelected to the Phoenix Elementary #1 school board. She presented her education background, what she has accomplished in her time on the board and what her goals for the next term would be.

Angel Jannasch-Pennell also spoke regarding her campaign to be reelected to the Phoenix Elementary school board. She presented her background and interest in education. She reviewed what her focus has been for her term as well as her goals for the next term such as getting the families more involved. She reviewed an article by RealtyTrac that ranked Phoenix Elementary as the #5 most improved district in the country.

Kendra Lee from APS presented an update on the current search for alternative sites for the proposed APS substation in Willo. APS has been actively pursuing an alternative site since January. The deadline for finding an alternative site has been adjusted but a timeline has not yet been set. Another substation on 2nd street is also part of APS's current plan. There is also no timeline for this substation. Tom Doescher stated that the APS subcommittee is still opposing the substation but at this point they do not have an action item to present. However, there may be an action item at

the next meeting.

Tom Hulen (Encanto) presented on the TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) program in Willo that helps deal with the feral cats. He is recommending the board authorize a group of Willo residents to work with local veterinarians to determine what options we have to help with our feral cat problem. In addition, he proposed that this group train residents on how to trap the cats on their block. Michelle Raynor and Michelle Ford (both from Encanto) reviewed their perspective on the current problem in the neighborhood as they do a lot of trapping of the cats and are currently part of the TNR program. They also believe that we need to have people to help in the trapping on each block. They are willing to train volunteers. This needs to be a community effort. They are asking Willo to fund more of their efforts and to encourage the neighborhood to get more involved. Don clarified that the money that the board gives only goes to cats in the Willo neighborhood. Linda stated that there are still funds left for this year for this program. Ideas for simplifying this process and getting the word out were discussed. Don recommended the volunteers team up with Jon in Block Watch to get this program more volunteers. He also recommended they get the info into Inside Willo and on the website. Marilyn recommended that they discuss this later and attempt to figure out the best way to get the word out.

Dick Staats passed out the recommendations from the street safety committee to be reviewed by the board.

Bill Rayner presented information on the current traffic problem at Encanto and 1st Ave. The south side of the gate has a wide opening that allows cars to get through. Bigger boulders or a fence are needed to stop vehicles from cutting through the area. Three large boulders would cost approximately \$750. Don agreed that this area has been a problem for some time. Dick Staats stated that the area on Encanto has several problems and the street safety committee is going to group all of these problem areas into one project and to attempt to get the city to pay for all of this. The action item from the agenda was removed as we first need to get clarification on what the city is willing to pay for. Lisa Helm stated that she would like to make sure the pedestrian walkways will be kept open.

Don gave the home tour report. The next meeting will be a Don's house next week.

Linda presented the financial report. Don motioned to accept the financial report. This was seconded and then approved by the board.

The June minutes were presented. Don motioned to accept the minutes. This was seconded and approved by the board.

The special meeting minutes were presented by Charlene and were read out loud. Anthony gave an update on the Dentons payment. We are currently waiting to hear back from Dentons on our monetary agreement. Glen Hammond asked if this takes us out of the litigation. Anthony reviewed that he was tasked with facilitating the Denton's payment, which is a separate issue from Willo's continuing to participate in any future litigation. Don provided some clarification on this by stating that nothing has been decided or presented regarding Willo's participation in further litigation. At this point we are focusing on paying the past bill and will make a decision on our involvement in any future litigation at another time depending on what the other neighborhoods are requesting. In the future this will be handled in the same way the board has been dealing with the APS substation opposition. It was decided to table this discussion until the FAA subcommittee report. Don stated the minutes needed to be corrected to state the second motion made by Don to appoint Anthony as a spokesman for the board with regards to the Dentons payment was "duly seconded" and not "seconded by Marilyn" as previously stated. Linda made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes with this change. This was seconded and then approved by the board.

Action Item: Paul reviewed the current situation with the parking lot at 3rd Ave and Almeria. A rezoning application has been made by the city to allow them to lease the parking spaces for non fire department parking. This was approved by the Encanto Village Planning Committee with a stipulation for one-way (east bound) traffic in the alley and then was approved by the zoning commission with the stipulation removed. Some residents are appealing this. The case was continued by the City Council until November to allow our board to vote on this issue. Some of the residents who are opposed to this project spoke of the issues that are concerning to them. They stated that this zoning change would not benefit Willo, would set a bad precedent for future developments and would lead to increased traffic in our neighborhood as people are attempting to get out of that parking lot. After much discussion, Linda made a motion to oppose this zoning change. This was seconded and was passed unanimously by the board.

Marilyn stated that she wants to get a captain for each block to discuss the individual parking issues that will arise once the new apartments on McDowell open. Dick Staats stated that Willo has been invited by the city

to be part of the parking permit planning. These meetings will start in the fall.

Committee Reports

Block Watch/ Street Safety: Jon was not present but Marilyn presented info on these committees. Burglaries are down in Willo. The fair is coming which increases crime throughout the area. Don pointed out that while crime is down in our neighborhood he believes it is actually up in the surrounding areas. There was discussion regarding why this happening, specifically how proactive our neighborhood is about calling in suspicious people.

GAIN: Don stated that the GAIN event will be on October 15th this year and it will be a lunchtime event.

Marilyn presented a handout on the city's plan for one-way and two-way streets. Currently there are no plans for two-way streets north of McDowell. Marilyn stated that there is a push towards protected walking and bike lanes.

Inside Willo: It will be coming out tomorrow. There has been a change in personnel.

Kid's Club and Social Committee: Theresa stated that the next happy hour will be Friday October 7th at 521 W Cypress from 5-7. The November happy hour will be at Anthony and Rocio's house, more details to come. The Willo website has been updated for the Kid's Club. September 30th will be their next event. "Mom's Night Off" will be painting and BYOB drinks event.

Kleanstreets: Patrice was not present so there was no presentation on this. Marilyn pointed out that Patrice works hard to make sure our neighborhood looks good before the GAIN event and the home tour. Patrice is always looking for volunteers

Zoning: Paul stated that Lennar homes has submitted a sign plan for the apartment complex. There was initially an issue with a sign pointing into the neighborhood, however this has been changed. The demolition of the property at 102 Cypress St has been stopped. The owner is now going to renovate a large portion of the house. There was discussion regarding the "BMO" sign and what time it needs to be turned off. Also, the installation of solar panels and how hidden they need to be was discussed by some residents. The historic preservation society has been leaving this issue up

to the installer and what is best for the function of the panels but there is concern about how this will affect the overall appearance of our neighborhood. There was some discussion regarding the general apathy regarding the zoning and preservation enforcement in our neighborhood. It was recommended that the historic preservation society and neighborhood services come to one of our meetings to discuss what items we have control over. Gene will call historic preservation to discuss the process of the solar panels and will present this at the next meeting.

FAA committee: Opal gave an update regarding all of the recent meetings that happened with the our politicians. The final briefs on the lawsuit have been filed. Oral arguments are still not scheduled.

New business: Marilyn presented the sudden death of Phil's sister. There will be a collection to give to the charity requested by the family.

Linda moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded and then approved by the board.