

Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2016

Board Members Present: Charlene, Opal, Gene, Linda, Jon, Don, Theresa, Paul, Marilyn, Patrice, Anthony

Marilyn made the call to order and introductions of the board members were made.

Marilyn presented the October minutes. There was a correction to the minutes as recommended by Charlene and presented by Theresa. Linda motioned to approve the minutes with the correction. This was seconded and approved by the board.

Linda presented the financial report. Expenses for the home tour are starting to come in. Don motioned to approve the financial report. This was seconded and then approved by the board.

Don presented the home tour report. The houses and firehouse are all identified. Tickets are currently for sale.

Marilyn presented an update on the 3rd Ave and Almeria parking. This proposal has been withdrawn. Marilyn discussed the traffic issues that are starting to become evident due to increased traffic through our neighborhood. Don discussed traffic calming devices and how they may be our best option to keep the traffic done. There was discussion from neighbors that live on Coronado and Almeria. There was also discussion regarding the possibility of a traffic light at 1st Ave as well as closing off the alleyways along 1st Ave. Jon mentioned that the streets committee also has some ideas regarding these issues and he would like to meet with the neighbors to discuss this further. There was also discussion regarding the parking issue along Almeria and the parking permits.

Committee Reports

Block watch: Jon presented an update on Block Watch.

Street Safety: Jon presented the proposed idea of turning 3rd and 5th into one-lane streets through Willo. This is already approved through the Roosevelt neighborhood. Dick Statts presented information on doing a 5th Ave pilot project to determine if going to a single lane would benefit Willo. The board requested that the committee go to the City to request a formal plan for this pilot program. Anthony suggested that when we have the plan available there should be an open house to get neighborhood input.

Linda presented the update on the Denton's legal bill. She spoke to Matt Adams with Dentons regarding our frustrations with getting this bill paid. Linda presented an email from him regarding his recommendation that Willo stay in the lawsuit and the effect that pulling Willo's name could have on the overall success of the lawsuit. There was discussion from the neighborhood regarding this. There was discussion regarding the need for clarification on whether Willo had voted to leave the lawsuit. There will be an action item on the next agenda to provide clarity on this issue as well as to pay the bill.

Marilyn provided info to the board on trademarks.

Kleanstreets: Patrice presented an update on areas that have been cleaned. She is in need of volunteers.

Luminaries: an update will come soon.

Election report: Opal presented that an election is coming up. An election committee has been set up.

Zoning: Paul presented that a medical marijuana facility might have been proposed on Thomas. The Dunkin' Donuts plans appear to have fallen through and instead a CashOne title loans store might go in its place.

APS: Tom presented that after APS issue has been resolved they will continue to work as a committee to ensure that the plans for that property are in Willo's best interest.

FAA: Opal presented an update on the current status of lawsuit. We are still waiting for the oral argument.

New business: Doug (Holly) discussed the BMO light from the Dial building. He believes there was a permit and they followed the sign ordinance. The only step left is to attempt to negotiate with the building order to dim the light. Paul stated that we were not properly notified about the hearing. There was discussion about whether this notification for the permit actually happened. Anthony will look into this further. Marilyn pointed out that the residents also did not receive notification regarding the medical marijuana business. Anthony encouraged people to attend the meeting to protest this. Doug also discussed the blight in our neighborhood.

Old business: none

Patrice motioned to adjourn, this was seconded by the board and approved.