

WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 14, 2016

MINUTES

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35.

Attendance: Paul Benjamin, Charlene Gum, Gene Nance, Rebecca Nevedale, Marilyn Rendon, Opal Wagner, Patrice Wappel, Don Vallejo and Jon Whitcomb.

Approval of November Minutes: A motion was made and passed to approve the November minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Doescher gave the Treasurer's Report. We are still operating in the red because our major fundraising event (home tour) has not taken place.

Home Tour Report: Don Vallejo reported that APS is to donate \$5,000.00 to the Home Tour. There are 13 homes on tour and the Firehouse has also joined in.

Guest Speaker: Sargent Marc Rivers was unable to attend the meeting.

5th Avenue Pilot Project: Guests Erick Johnson and Roxanne Favors, City of Phoenix Streets and Transportation Department, presented upcoming events for 2017.

Dick Staats explained the preliminary design of the project. The discussion centered around the need to see a design of the project to be presented to the neighborhood and Board before any decision on approval can be made.

There is a meeting on December 13th 9:00 a.m. at the City Hall assembly room to discuss the changes.

A motion was made by Rebecca Nevedale and Seconded by Don Vallejo to draft a letter to Councilwoman Laura Pastor requesting the City to provide a design for the project per the criteria specified by the Street Committee. The motion passed.

Traffic Calming for SE Willo/Speed Bumps: There were other areas of traffic calming techniques presented by the Streets Committee, such as speed bumps and bump outs presented by Jon Whitcomb. No motions for action were made.

Settle Denton's Memorandum of Understanding: Linda Doescher presented the letter regarding the involvement of Willo in the FAA Lawsuit.

The letter from Dentons stated that Willo will no longer have any financial obligations when their share is paid but agrees to stay in the litigation with no further charges.

A motion was made by Don Vallejo and seconded by Linda Doescher to accept the conditions and to pay Willo's portion of the bill. Motion passed by a majority vote.

Committee Reports:

Block Watch: Jon Whitcomb reported that there were two Block Watch meetings held; one on Encanto and one on Coronado. The meetings were well attended and went very well.

Kids Club: No report.

Klean Streets: Patrice Wappel reported that things are status quo. Marilyn reported that she received complaints that there are neighbors clipping trees at night leaving their clippings out for pick up. This is not a function of the voluntary Klean Streets program.

Elections Committee: Opal Wagner encouraged those who are considering positions on the Board to complete the candidate form and send in your biography.

Zoning Committee: Paul Benjamin reported that a medical marijuana dispensary is proposed for location on Central Ave between the Well Fargo Bank and Democratic Headquarters. There is some opposition from some and it is being appealed. There will be a hearing through the Board of Adjustment.

A question arose as to if there will be advertising of the dispensary. There currently no plans to advertise the dispensary.

The BMO sign issue is at a stalemate. There is pending research on as to if the neighborhoods were properly notified.

Marilyn Rendon reported on the progress of the proposed Title Loan facility on the corner of 7th Ave and Thomas. Marilyn submitted a letter to Mayor Stanton expressing the concern of the neighborhood. A response is pending.

APS Subcommittee: Tom Doescher reported that Kendra Lee, APS Representative provided an update that there are two parties involved in purchasing the lot at 1st Avenue.

FAA Subcommittee: Opal Wagner reported that on December 8, 2016, the U.S. Senate passed the final version of the National Defense Authorization Act 2017 with Sen. McCain's amendment requiring the FAA to re-evaluate the impacts of the 2014 flightpath changes to the Phoenix neighborhoods and consider alternative flightpaths. The bill will now go to President Obama to be signed into law.

New Business: There was no new business to discuss.

Old Business: There are two blocks left who need volunteers for the luminaria project.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Linda Doescher and seconded by Don Vallejo/Patrice Wappel to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Gum