

**WILLO HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
FEBRUARY 11, 2010
MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance:

Brad Brauer, Tom Doescher, Charlene Gum, Bob Herman, Rhonda Jobe, Andrea Muery, Gene Nance, Patrice Wappel, Chris Wertheim and Jason Bliss.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Brad Brauer at 6:40 p.m.

Special Guests:

**Ken Clark, Candidate for the House of Representatives
Dr. Donald Holmes, Dr. of Veterinary Medicine**

Ken Clark is a former representative but left in 2004 to serve as Energy Office Director from 2005 - 2006. He spoke of his experience and presented his proposed platform. Anyone interested in learning more about his experience and platform can log on to www.kenclarkforaz.org.

Dr. Donald Holmes will be opening a new verterinary clinic at 5th and McDowell. He will open his clinic in April or May.

Approval of Minutes:

The December and January minutes have been posted on the Willo website. A motion was made by Jason Bliss and seconded by Chris Wertheim to approve the December and January minutes as posted. The motion passed.

Financial Report: In the absence of Leslie Stackpole, Treasurer the review of the report was tabled until the March Meeting.

Community Action Officer: Officer Knecht reported that the level of enforcement enjoyed by the Willo neighborhood may not be possible with potential budget cuts. The precinct restructuring is still under consideration and there will be some changes.

There were four incidents of residential and commercial burglaries this month. The America's Most Wanted criminal was caught on Roosevelt. There were trespass arrests made as well and the suspects had prior records.

Robin Pearson discussed the tradition of providing lunch to our police officers and fire fighters as a "thank you" from the neighborhood. Robin asked for a \$600.00 allocation for this expense. A motion was made by Charlene Gum and seconded by Patrice Wappel to approve the funding for this project. The motion passed.

Block Watch Updates: There was no Block Watch update at this time.

Home Tour Updates: The committee chair Michael DeSouza reported that ticket sales are up. There are over 100 vendors signed up for the street fair. The antique cars will be on display as well...20 in all. This year's tour promises to be successful.

Klean Streets: Patrice Wappel reminded everyone that the Klean Street program is still meeting the first Saturday of each month at 103 W. Windsor, 7:00 a.m. All participants are welcome.

Willo Budget: Andrea Muery and Leslie Stackpole are working on a 2010 Budget for Willo and plan to present it at the April meeting.

Security Committee: Jason Bliss reported on the possibility of hiring a security patrol for the neighborhood. A survey was taken via the block watch captains. There were 29 responses willing to contribute funds to this project.

Inside Willo: We are close to breaking even and possibly profiting from the advertising portion of the newsletter. There is consideration to increase

advertising rates. The summer issue will be a combination for July/August. We will need volunteers for distribution.

Street Mitigation: The designer of the project is continuing the meeting with the city on the specifications. We are hoping that the project will begin in April of 2010. A construction company has not been chosen. A set of plans must be drafted as well.

Old Business: Andrea Muery presented a letter composed by Andrea Katsenes addressing the speeding issue in Willo requesting that Willo Association send a letter to the city council and chief of police to request a traffic study and a request for additional radar control.

Andrea Muery motioned for the Board to send a letter to these entities requesting such. The motion was seconded by Tom Doescher. The motion passed.

New Business: A discussion of SB 1166 sponsored by Senator Linda Gray. This bill is a proposal to abolish the historical tax break. Willo representatives have met with Sen. Gray. The bill is proposed for reintroduction on the 17th but has been cancelled. Please contact Senator Ken Chevront and express your disagreement with the bill. We encourage everyone to monitor any reintroduction.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Jason Bliss and seconded by Andrea Muery to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.