

WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
September 09, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Brad Brauer, Phil Flemming, Leslie Stackpole, Rhonda Jobe, Gene Nance, Patrice Wappel, Tom Doescher, Jason Bliss, Gil Hernandez and Charlene Gum.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Approval of Minutes: Charlene Gum called for a motion to approve the June minutes pending corrections. Jason Bliss motioned to approve the minutes, Gene Nance seconded and the motion passed.

Financial Report: The financial report was given by Leslie Stackpole, Treasurer. We had a great summer for advertising income which generated an extra \$400.00 in income. Jason Bliss motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as read, Rhonda Jobe seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Community Action Officer: The police precincts have been changed as of August 23rd. We are now in the Squaw Peak precinct. Our new CAO is Officer Julie M. Smith. Commander A.B. Smith was present and introduced the officers who are also assigned to our new district. Commander Smith assured us that the new crew will work just as hard to keep the community safe.

Officer Julie Smith has 8 years experience with the Police Department and is a native to Arizona. She spoke about the new team and urged everyone to follow the prerequisites for protecting your property. For Example: Report even the least suspicious behavior. Everyone can log on to the website at "phoenix.gov" website to view the crime statistics for this area; to report suspicious activity call Crime Stop, 602-262-6151, for graffiti 602-262-7327 and for speeding call 602-534-7733.

The neighborhood has been experiencing "keying" of cars parked in Willo and an arrest has been made.

Security Survey Update: Jason Bliss reported the Security Survey designed to determine the need to hire a security patrol for the neighborhood. The results were 111 "no's", 41 "yes" and 57 "maybes". The committee's recommendation is to not pursue bids for this service at this time.

Board Retreat: Brad Brauer reported on the results of the summer board retreat to discuss additional ways to better serve WNA. The five most discussed areas were: 1. Communications (need an additional way to communicate Willo events), 2. Generating more interest in the Block Watch program, 3. The beautification of the neighborhood, 4. The organization of a "kids club", and 5. How can Willo continue to "give back" to the community?

Block Watch Updates: Jon Witcomb reiterated that the most important thing to keep Block Watch effective by reporting even minor crimes and encouraging participation by the neighbors.

GAIN Event: No report at this time.

Klean Streets Update: Patrice Wappel encouraged everyone to participate in Klean Streets. You may gather the first Saturday of each month at 7:00 am, 103 W. Windsor. If you have any areas to suggest for cleaning, call Patrice. The October clean up will not be on the first Saturday this month. The October date will be announced.

Willo Home Tour: The first home tour meeting was September 8, 2010.

Traffic Mitigation Project: The city approved "traffic calming" plans..The next step was to acquire the approval of the Historical Preservation Office. The plans were reviewed by HPO and have been resubmitted to the consultant.

Richard Gayer inquired as to the status of contractors. Tom Doescher reported that the landscape design must be decided before soliciting bids for concrete and other construction areas.

Old Business: Gil Hernandez has stencils for alley numbering. Jon Witcomb also has another option for numbering. Those having alley entries that need to be numbered are encouraged to contact Gil or Jon.

Other topics discussed were the status of the 7th Avenue and McDowell project and the street condition of 5th Avenue south of Encanto.

New Business: There are many areas in WNA which were originally to be maintained by the City and the Department of Streets and Transportation. One area on Wilshire is in poor condition as well as areas on 1st Avenue and Virginia. Charlene Gum spoke to the fact that the arroyo on 1st Avenue between Wilshire and Virginia was to be maintained by the hotel. The hotel has changed ownership and it is suspected that they may not know they are to be maintaining it. Charlene was appointed to research the responsibility of these areas and report at the next meeting any findings.

Tom Doescher is resigning as Vice President and from the Board. Tom has been involved with the City of Glendale in evaluating and establishing a homeless program for this city.

Tom has been a valued member of the Board and we will miss his contributions and participation. Brad Brauer nominated Jason Bliss to assume the office of Vice President. Gene Nance and Patrice Wappel seconded and the motion passed. Brad mentioned that we have some candidates who may be interested in serving on the Board. Those interested in serving on the Board may also submit their desires to the President.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Jason Bliss and seconded by Charlene Gum to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.