

WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

May 14, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Those in attendance were: Paul Benjamin, Jerry Coash, Linda Doescher, Phil Flemming, Charlene Gum, Rebecca Nevedale, Marilyn Rendon, Don Vallejo, John Whitcomb and Patrice Wappell.

Introductions: All present introduced themselves and the street where they reside.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Don Vallejo and seconded by Jon Whitcomb to approve the minutes of February, March, April and the April's special meeting to transfer the new board. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Proposed 2015 Budget:

Linda Doescher presented the 2015 Budget. The 2014 budget figures were compared to the actual expenditures in each line item. There were areas that were over budget, those under budget and those not used at all. The Board discussion focused on the consolidation of similar line items into one, cutting unused areas, and reduction of other line items. A motion was made by Don Vallejo and seconded by Paul Benjamin to approve the 2015 budgets contingent on the changes discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion of a need for an audit. The cost of an audit will vary depending on the type chosen. Linda explained each type and cost of each. It was decided to revisit this issue in January.

Past Board Appreciation:

In an effort to show our appreciation for the hard work of outgoing Board Members, an allocation of \$400.00 was suggested as a budget for gifts in appreciation of their service.

A motion was made by Phil Flemming and seconded by Rebecca Nevedale to approve the \$400.00 allocation. The motion passed.

Pilot Program – Crime Suppression Program:

The Crime Suppression Program is used by neighborhoods in an effort to prevent crimes before they happen. An off-duty policeman is employed to patrol the neighborhood and report suspicious activity as well as answer calls from residents.

Sargent Lynn Butcher of the Phoenix Police Department presented an example of a neighborhood who is currently using this service. The criteria for patrols is established by the neighborhood. This includes shifts, frequency and scheduling. There is no legal risk for the neighborhood. All officers are insured by the Phoenix PD. The cost per hour is \$40.00 for the officer and a \$400.00 coordination fee per month.

There were questions regarding how this would be funded. A \$5,000.00 budget allocation has been made. It would be initially funded by Willo and after the program it would be offered to the neighborhood at an estimated \$60.00/month per household.

National Historic Preservation Month - GG George, President, Encanto Citizens Association:

The Board welcomed GG George to the meeting. GG was invited to present a brief history of the Encanto – Palmcroft and Midtown Phoenix areas in view of National Historic Preservation Month. Mrs. George moved to the Encanto – Palmcroft area and first became involved in neighborhood preservation because the streets in her neighborhood were too dark. Since that time she has been active in monitoring activities which affect the appearance and value of the midtown and downtown neighborhoods.

APS Update- Linda Doescher, Zoning Chair:

A meeting was held on May 12th between the zoning committee and APS representative, Kendra Cea to discuss the status of the plans for the lot.

Kendra reported that they have looked for an alternative lot but cannot find any that meet their current specifications for the substation. There is a “load” problem with the growth of the city and this substation will service commercial customers. In addition there will be many substations built in other areas of the city. The design phase will begin in August and will be presented to the Board and Zoning Committee. Kendra intends to be at the June meeting to report any changes in plans.

Decker Williams provided input on a design located on between 3rd and 5th Avenues on Roosevelt that had a very historical design. He urged everyone involved to go view the structure.

Bill Rainy mentioned that the APS donation of \$5,000.00 to the Home Tour fund had not been received.

FAA Update – Opal Wagner and Lisa Solis, Zoning, Co – Chairs Zoning Sub Committee:

A meeting was held with Rueben Alonzo, Chief of Staff Laura Pastor's office regarding what strategy they had taken with the City of Phoenix and the FAA. The meeting was productive but a strategy could not be divulged at that time. It was recommended that the neighborhood lodge noise complaints and write letters to the FAA. A public meeting will be held during the week of May 18th. Lisa Solis is composing a letter to American and Southwest Airlines.

Police Report – Ben Harris, Community Action Officer:

Office Harris reported that there has not been a lot of action in the neighborhood and there were no significant burglaries as well.

Block Watch Report – Jon Whitcomb:

Jon reported that there will be a bicycle registration later this year. We have two new block captains on Virginia. A Block Watch meeting was held at the home of Andrea Katsenes on Vernon.

Committee Reports:

The Happy Hour committee chairman reported in proxy that the Happy Hours will begin again in September.

New Business:

There was mention of reduction of the speed bumps to speed "cushions". The current speed bumps are gauged at 25 MPH which creates problems with suspension.

There was discussion of the frontage property on McDowell for the new development of a pet supply store.

Old Business:

Paul Benjamin has volunteered to serve on the Zoning Committee. He was duly appointed by Marilyn Rendon, President to join the committee.

All committees and their members are listed on the website.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Don Vallejo and seconded by Jon Whitcomb. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.