

WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Those absent were: Theresa Hale, Phil Flemming and Don Vellejo

II. **Approval of June Minutes**

The approval of the June and July minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

III. **Guest Speaker**

Anthony Pietrangeli, Principal of Kenilworth Elementary School. Mr. Pietrangeli was proud to announce the 95th anniversary of Kenilworth. A new curriculum known as "STEM" will be introduced. This program is designed to match career fields with the student.

GAIN Event and Yard Sale – Block Watch

This year's GAIN event is Saturday, October 17th from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Walton Park located at 3rd Avenue and Monte Vista. The GAIN (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) was developed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and encourage partnership with the police department. The event is held each year as a show of appreciation by the Phoenix Police Department to the neighborhood for their support.

The Block Watch program encourages neighborhood participation in deterring crime. It was developed on principle that the best line of defense against crime is for neighbors to work together through block parties, GAIN event, etc.

The Yard Sale will be held on October 17th as well.

There are Block Watch meetings scheduled for October and November. All "Block Captains" will be notified of the dates and time.

IV. **Block Watch Grant Discussion**

Jon Whitcomb spoke to the Block Watch Grant program. All applications are due in December and if approved, received in January. Block Watch Grants are in the amount of \$10,000.00.

V. **Crime Suppression Pilot Kick-off**

In the absence of Sgt. Lynn Butcher, Marilyn Rendon spoke about the Crime Suppression program the Board has approved as a pilot program. It is currently used in other neighborhoods and has proved successful in preventing criminal activity in the

neighborhoods. The nature of this program will not be public. The patrols will be at random and dates of which will not be known.

VI. Financial Report

Linda Doescher presented the Profit and Loss Report for May – August, 2015. The net income was \$310.19 for the quarter. The Balance Sheet shows a healthy \$210, 668.77 in total liabilities and equity.

VII. Budget Review

Linda Doescher presented the Willo Budget to Actual as of August 31, 2015.

VIII. Zoning Updates

Paul Benjamin gave the zoning reports for the following projects: Central and McDowell Lennar development, Central and Palm Lane, Central and Vernon and 1st Avenue and Virginia.

At this time Kendra Lee reported on the status of the proposed installation of the substation at 1st Avenue and Virginia. They are still looking for alternative locations. An open house will be set in November to provide proposed designs for the substation and to solicit feedback from those directly affected on Virginia and Cambridge.

IX. FAA Update

A legal action was filed against the FAA on September 18, 2014. The FAA changed the flight paths which have affected part of the historic neighborhoods.

X. 2016 Home Tour Update

Darryl Collins and David Miranda, Home Tour Chairman reported that the tour is on track. However, we need more volunteers to help with getting more vendors. There will be a Twilight Tour again this year. A Willo Resident affair is planned and tickets can be purchased for \$25.00.

XI. CAO Report

Office Ben Harris, Community Action Officer reported that the activity was light for Willo with the exception of a burglary in which the victim knew the assailant. He offered advice on keeping your vehicles locked while in the driveway, registering bicycles and engraving those things susceptible to theft.

XII. Committee Reports

Social Committee – Happy hours are held the first Friday of the month.

Kids Club – There will be a Halloween Festival and the Police will be participating.

Klean Streets - The volunteers (anyone can come) are going to begin cleaning alleys when the weather cools.

Communications Committee – No Report

XIII. New Business

There is talk of changing the one way streets (3rd and 5th Avenues) back to two way streets.

XIV. Old Business

Glen Hammond spoke to the need to tone down the coverage of the FAA issue on the Website as well as the Willo Newsletter. His suggestion is that the Website and Inside Willo should be used for showcasing the best of the Willo neighborhood activities and upcoming events.

He suggested the Board consider designing a new section on the website that is resident access only. Any new FAA postings to the website or Inside Willo should be held for when the new tab is completed.

The consensus of the Board was that this was a good suggestion and steps will be taken to the feasibility to provide resident access only.

The City of Phoenix aviation department held five Community Technical Workshops. Glenn has worked with the geographical information services team to help design a community member suggested flight path/adjustment to the offending “NW Track”. This has been reviewed and if approved by the aviation department, the plan will be modeled by Landrum & Brown (aviation consultants to the city). If modeling results suggest a favorable outcome, the acting director of aviation has committed to working with the City Council and the community. This would mean conducting test flights in cooperation with the FAA. These flights will yield information that could result in a track adjustment that would afford relief to those affected.

XV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Charlene Gum and seconded by Patrice Wappel to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Charlene Gum
Acting Secretary