

January 12, 2017

Members in attendance: Patrice, Charlene, Gene, Rebecca, Paul, Linda, Marilyn, Theresa, Opal, Jon

Call to order was done by Marilyn at 6:33 pm

Action Item: Paul presented the Medical Marijuana Dispensary. Larry Lazarus, a land use attorney from Silvyn and Bangs, made a presentation on the dispensary. The zoning commission has denied the required zoning variance needed for this business but an appeal has been placed. Steve, the owner and operator of the proposed dispensary made a presentation describing his business and the importance of it for our area. Theresa stated her opposition to the board supporting this dispensary as several families she spoke to were opposed to the idea of having the dispensary so close to our neighborhood. Several members of the board and of the neighborhood spoke stating opinions either to support this dispensary or to not support it including Opal, who stated that she thought the neighborhood should remain neutral on this issue. Jon made a motion that the Willo board support the dispensary. This was seconded by Paul. Five board members voted to support this, four voted to oppose and one abstained. The motion passed. Both Marilyn and Opal would like the minutes to note that they voted against this motion.

Action Item: Kendra made a presentation regarding the proposed APS substation. The property inside of Willo will be sold and will not be used for a substation.

Minutes: Marilyn, Paul, Patrice and Opal all made requests to change the December minutes. These minutes will be re submitted after these corrections are made.

Treasure's Report: Linda presented the treasure's report. The Dentons bill has been paid off. Theresa motioned we accept the treasure's report. This was seconded and then approved.

Home Tour: Marilyn presented an update on the home tour.

Paul presented on the title loan establishment. Marilyn wrote a letter to the city to oppose this. The business is already open and it appears that they are there legally. Paul also discussed the property at 38 W. Wilshire. The owner of this property is trying to add square footage onto this property. This required a change in the zoning from commercial office (CO) to residential. There is some concern that this addition is planned to be two story. This plan will have to be approved through the historic preservation commission. There was discussion that all the houses along 1st Avenue are zoned as commercial office. There is concern for how this can affect our neighborhood. Paul will further look into this.

Committee Reports

Blockwatch/street safety: Jon discussed the new street signs in the neighborhood. This was not done by the street safety committee. Block watch will be buying some more block watch signs. There will be a bicycle registration coming up.

Kids Club: Theresa presented that the Kids Club will be having a jumpy house at the home tour. Andrea (the Kids Club chair) will be stepping down after the home tour. The current plan is for several members of the Kids Club to co-lead the committee.

Social Committee: The next happy hour will be at Eric and David's house at 302 W Palm on February 3rd from 5-7pm.

Kleanstreets: No update

Elections committee: Turn in nominations by Jan 15th. Please send it to Joe (contact info in Inside Willo). Bios need to be in by Feb 1st. Opt in forms need to be in before the vote begins. There as discussion regarding whether a neighbor can find out who is running for a position prior to the official. Marilyn will look into this. The importance of transparency was stated by several of the board members.

FAA Sub-committee: Opal presented that our case has been set for oral argument on March 17th. The Roosevelt Action Association will be doing a fundraiser on April 27th.

New Business: Marilyn presented into from the City of Phoenix regarding a new app than can be used to make reports and other city related business. Gene discussed giving gift cards to the people who deliver the Inside Willo. This will be presented as an action item at the next meeting.

Old Business: Paul pulled up the zoning map of Willo which showed that the CO zoning is only for seven properties in Willo. Paul will asking the zoning commission for an up to date zoning map of Willo to confirm this.

Adjournment: Paul motioned to adjourn this was seconded and then approved by the board.