

Willo Neighborhood Association Minutes

April 13, 2017

6:30 pm

Call to Order:

President Cannon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Dr. Robert Cannon, Brad Brauer, Charlene Gum, Nikki Armstrong, Paul Benjamin, Gene Nance, Allison Powers, Anthony Sumner, Opal Wagner, Price Wappel and Jon Whitcomb. Those absent were Marcus Ferrell and Linda Doescher.

Approval of the March Minutes: A motion was made by Opal Wagner and seconded by Jon Whitcomb to approve the March minutes with one correction to page 2, under Discussion, third paragraph from "...June Evans, VP/Senior Manager Global Facilities Management with City of Phoenix, to ...June Evans, VP/Senior Manager Global Facilities Management, BMO." The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the Treasurer, Charlene Gum gave the Treasurer's Report. The Income during the period from May 2016 to March 2017 totaled \$107,311.28, expenses totaled \$124,532.46 resulting in a net loss of \$17,221.18. A motion was made by Brad Brauer and seconded by Opal Wagner to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Home Tour Final Numbers: Allison Powers reported that the net income from the Home Tour was \$34,978.41 and the net income from the Willo affair was \$2,133.85.

Crime Prevention Program: Sgt. Butcher, Phoenix PD, was present to review information presented at a previous meeting regarding the consideration of neighborhood patrol service. An off-duty policeman is employed by the neighborhood to patrol the streets at designated periods. The costs of a six-week Pilot Program is based upon an hourly charge for the officer @\$40.00/hour and mileage at 1.25/mile. The neighborhood would dictate the number of tours and times during the period. This program also provides for home watch during vacations. The City of Phoenix has issued a cap of \$12,000.00 as a maximum charge for the Off-Duty Program. This service is currently utilized in some Biltmore Neighborhood Associations.

Opal Wagner posed the question of who provides insurance coverage for any unforeseen events. Sgt. Butcher stated that the officer is protected by the City if anything happens to the officer while performing his job.

President Cannon mentioned a possible additional need to cruise the alleys from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. This could be done with a four-hour minimum charge.

President Cannon thanked Officer Butcher for attending the meeting to review the information for this potential service.

Past Board Members-Action Item:

President Cannon pointed out that because of the length of the March meeting we were unable to thank the former Board Members for their service and dedication. Opal Wagner suggested that a \$50.00 gift card would be appropriate to express our appreciation.

A motion was made by Opal Wagner and seconded by Jon Whitcomb to purchase a \$50.00 gift card for each member. The motion passed.

Meeting Protocol: President Cannon referred to the Bylaws which outline the duties and responsibilities of the Board. In view of the Bylaws there will be slight structural changes in meeting protocol. The Secretary will be responsible for the Agenda and shall include board member attendance.

Committee Reports:

APS: No report.

Klean Streets: The Seventh Avenue frontal areas were cleaned.

Kids Club: There is an Easter Event Saturday for our Willo children.

Zoning: Paul Benjamin reported that Rubio's Grill had agreed to some stipulations but so far has not adhered to them. They will be allowed to serve alcohol on the patio and there will be a hearing in another year to see if they will be allowed to continue.

There has been some progress in the BMO light issue. In a meeting with BMO's executives, June Evans and Bernard Narine, Harvey Schoman, Tapestry on Central and many concerned neighborhood organizations, BMO offered to install a dimmer on the light. The dimmer will be available in June. The dimmer will be installed in July in coordination with the COP and the light will be adjusted and observed. The observation will reveal an acceptable level of light that will not create interference with the sign structure. The neighborhoods affected will be canvassed in August to determine if the light has been dimmed to an acceptable level. BMO agreed to explore further options if the dimmer proves ineffective.

Blockwatch: Jon Whitcomb reported that a service call for the suspected drug house on Cypress resulted in a possible action to abate the property and remove the owner.

Street Safety: Jon Whitcomb and Dick Staats shared that the City of Phoenix is going to construct in a one -way lane south of McDowell on (3rd and 5th) Avenues to serve as a feasibility study.

FAA: Opal reported that nothing has changed since March 17th. We are awaiting the Court's ruling.

The Roosevelt Action Association is having a fund raiser and social on April 27th from 5 – 7:30 pm. It will be at the Great AZ Puppet Theatre. The tickets are \$10.00 which includes nibbles and a glass of wine. The proceeds will go to the FAA Legal Fund. Tickets can be purchased on line at www.rooseveltneighborhood.org.

Committees: Bob Cannon discussed formation of committees and their contribution to the neighborhood. We have several committees that are formed and chaired. However, we are still in need of volunteers to chair and serve on the Social Committee.

A Web Site Committee has been formed. Brad Brauer and Linda Doescher will be investigating ways to improve the website which include a portal for members and a module for consumer and vendor use to aid with the Home Tour. We are hoping to have these improvements by September 2017.

New Business: The budget is due to be submitted. Please get any budget requests you have to Linda prior to the next meeting.

Old Business: The feral cats are increasing in Willo. Do we still have volunteers who are working with the TNR Program. Is the Board still considering financial help in some way?

There is word that the State Fairgrounds are under consideration for redevelopment of some sort. A public meeting was held to invite any feedback from the neighborhoods. If you need more information please go to the governor's website and voice your opinion. The fairgrounds have historical significance and is a site for the state fair and other events.

Motion to Adjourn: Brad Brauer motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Patrice Wappel. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.