

**WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (WNA)**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2017**  
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** There being a quorum met, the meeting was called to order by President Robert Cannon at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** Those absent were Allison Powers, Anthony Sumner and Jon Whitcomb.

**Approval of October Minutes:** Charlene Gum, called for a motion to approve the October minutes. Opal Wagner so moved, Linda Doescher seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Introduction of Board Members:** All members present introduced themselves and the streets they represent.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Doescher presented the Treasurer's Report. The income received during the period of May – October 2017 was \$14,287.00. The expenses for this period totaled \$32,435.00 which resulted in a net loss of \$18,148.00. A motion was made by Brad Brauer and seconded by Patrice Wappel to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

**Web Site: Willophx.com:** Linda Doescher reported that the analytics for the website continue to show increases in visits to the home tour section wherein tickets to the tour can be purchased online. A notice of the upcoming bike registration has been posted and a future update for "Know your Board Members" will be added. This section will contain pictures of the Board Members with a brief bio of each member.

**City of Phoenix Planning/Development:** Guest Joshua Bednarek, Principal Planner was present to explain proposed improvements to the zoning services as well as services for the community. Among these are an Afterhours Construction Noise Complaint Program, recruitment of new hearing officers for zoning adjustment, Village Planning Committee(s) training, community engagement resources, e.g., My Community Map on Phoenix.gov (implemented as of October 31<sup>st</sup>). The My Community Map site provides information about properties undergoing zoning changes.

**Zoning Summation of Activities:** Opal Wagner is receiving questions as to why the planes are continuing their original routes given the lawsuit has been ruled in favor of the neighborhoods. Opal explained that the FAA filed for a 30- day extension on October 6 for a rehearing with the U.S. Court of Appeals. This was not opposed, and the City of Phoenix agreed to meet with the FAA during the 30-day period to explore options to provide noise relief and alternate routes. The City is trying to bring FAA to the table by November 16<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a need to appoint a Board Liaison to sign any documents resulting from the negotiations.

Opal Wagner proposed the following motion: “I move that we authorize Dr. Robert Cannon, Willo Board President to execute, as directed by counsel, such documents as are necessary to favorably resolve the historic neighborhoods’ lawsuit against the FAA. This action does not affect the Willo Neighborhood Association’s withdrawal from the fee agreement in this matter, nor does it obligate Willo for additional legal fees or other financial consequences.”

The motion was seconded by Linda Doescher and the motion passed.

**7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Rubberized Asphalt:** Opal Wagner introduced G. G. George, Encanto Citizens Association, who will discuss new historical register appointments and the plans of the city to repave Willo arterial streets. She was pleased to announce the approval of the Norton House and Encanto Park to the National Register of Historical Places. G.G. has also requested that when repaving has been scheduled to begin on the arterial streets between Thomas and McDowell from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> avenue that we urge the city to use rubberized asphalt. The advantage of using rubberized asphalt is the reduction of noise and heat,

A motion was made by Opal Wagner and seconded by Linda Doescher to endorse the use of rubberized asphalt for any future repaving of designated Willo streets and to authorize President Cannon to send a letter to the City of Phoenix confirming the Board’s endorsement of such. The motion carried.

**Inside Willo Update:** Nikki Armstrong is still in need of someone to deliver the newsletter to Holly residents.

**Vision 3.5 Update:** Nikki Armstrong shared an email from Willo resident, Hon. Maryanne Majestic. She offered information regarding the difference between “protected” bike lanes vs. “designated” bike lanes, and how each would affect the use of the streets for Willo residents.

Robert Cannon will be meeting with David Longoria from Laura Pastor’s office Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss our preferences of changes to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues. He has encouraged us to call the City of Phoenix to provide additional feedback on this and new traffic problems such as speeding and usage of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for shortcuts and avoidance of traffic problems due to reconstruction on Thomas and other areas.

**GAIN Event/Yard Sale:** Brad Brauer was pleased to announce that the GAIN Event and Yard Sale was a success. He thanked Opal Wagner for her effort and support.

**Willo Home Tour:** The Home Tour is right on schedule with 13 – 16 homes contributing. A cocktail party was held for the homeowners on the tour in appreciation of their participation. Allison Powers will give an update in December’s meeting.

**Kids Club:** The Kids Club Halloween party was well attended and held in Walton Park. We have lots of new kids in Willo which is reason to continue the pursuit of safe and effective traffic mitigation.

**Kleanstreets:** Patrice Wappel has cleaned 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and is always looking for help. Thank you for your dedication Patrice!

**Social Committee:** The November Happy Hour was a success and the next Happy Hour will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 p.m. at 305 W. Palm Lane.

**New Business:** We regret to announce that due to increased job responsibilities and obligations Director Anthony Sumner submitted his resignation. We will miss his contributions and solid leadership and wish him the best.

Director Jon Whitcomb has missed two or more meetings which exceeds the ByLaw absentee limit. President Cannon recommends his removal as Director. However, this does not reflect upon his past dedicated service as Blockwatch Committee Chairman and his Board service.

A motion was made by Brad Brauer and seconded by Linda Doescher to accept his removal. The motion carried.

We now have two vacant positions available. Brad Brauer volunteered to recruit candidates.

Paul Benjamin announced that the Phoenix Elementary Override passed by 72%. Paul also presented an update for the items discussed at the meeting of the Encanto Village Planning Committee they are as follows: 1) A five story 256-unit apartment building at the northeast corner of Central and Columbus and, 2) The removal of a zoning stipulation that would require the conformance to the present site plan (two 658' buildings and one 514' tower) at 31 E. Thomas. The committee recommended approval for the development at Central and Columbus and recommended approval to remove the stipulation for specific conformance for the current site plan at 31 E. Thomas.

**Old Business:** There was no old business to discuss.

**Adjournment:** Brad Brauer motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Patrice Wappel. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

