

## WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2018

**The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and all members were present**

**Approval of December Minutes:** Charlene Gum called for a motion to approve the December minutes pending any corrections and/or amendments. There were no corrections or amendments. Brad Brauer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Linda Doescher presented the reports which included the 2017 Budget showing the budget to actual expenses for 2017, the Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet. Linda explained that although we are experiencing a net loss, this will change with the receipt of the anticipated Home Tour income. A motion was presented by Bob Cannon and seconded by Brad Brauer to approve the financial reports. The motion carried.

**Board Appointment:** We have two positions open on the Board of Directors. President Cannon introduced Lisa Helm who has expressed interest in serving on the Board. Lisa has been a Willo resident since 1987 and is formerly from Tucson. President Cannon nominated Lisa Helm. Linda Doescher motioned to approve the nomination, Charlene Gum seconded the motion. The motion passed. We welcome Lisa Helm to the Board!

**Web Site - Willophx.com:** Quinn Tempest, Webmaster was present to answer any questions on the features of the new website. She also provided information on the usage of the site since its launch in September. The top pages visited were the Homepage, Home Tour and About. There were 3,079 sessions with 2.4 pages per session. The average duration of the visits was 1:41 minutes.

**Block Watch:** Jon Whitcomb provided the list of block captains to Brad Brauer. We are still in need of Block Captains. The duties of the position include establishing and maintaining a list of resident contact information, you will be responsible for one of three sections of the block and the coordination of a block watch meeting once per year. Brad welcomes feedback and suggestions on how to continually improve the program. There were questions regarding the crime statistics for Willo. Have they increased? Should we consider private surveillance? There are statistics available on the Phoenix Police Department website showing crime data. The neighborhood has previously considered a private security patrol. This was not supported by the neighborhood. Opal Wagner suggested that we educate everyone on how to react to suspicious activity. The Phoenix PD advises the "If you see something, say something" approach.

**Zoning:** We are still awaiting the Court approval of the FAA Settlement Package. The Airport administrators are not waiting for the ruling and will be arranging meetings with the FAA to discuss flight paths. The settlement agreement is posted on the Website.

**Inside Willo Update:** Nikki Armstrong reported that we are doing well on content and the current major emphasis is on the Home Tour. The deadline for submitting articles is January 15<sup>th</sup> for the February issue. Paul Benjamin requested that a list of block watch volunteers should be published in the Newsletter as well as on the Website. Brad Brauer has agreed to provide this list. The newsletter was delivered to Tapestry but was not distributed. We were informed that Tapestry Board consent is

required. We will await their decision before any future inclusion is considered. The purpose for sharing the newsletter is to provide opportunity for our advertising vendors to increase their customer base.

**Vision 3.5 Update:** The Vision 3.5 Committee met prior to the Board meeting to discuss transition plans for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic mitigation north of McDowell. The recommendation(s) of the WNA was conveyed to Councilwoman Laura Pastor in a letter submitted in September. The plans for the transition are unclear. A motion was presented by Nikki Armstrong to submit a second letter on behalf of the Board requesting specific information for the transition plans of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Brad Brauer seconded the motion. The motion was passed. President Cannon will send the letter to Councilman Pastor for this purpose.

In open discussion of this issue, Mary Anne Majestic (Willo resident) mentioned we should be clear on the definition of protected/unprotected bike lanes and how they interact with one lane of traffic. The nature of protected bike lanes is designed to include a hard curb which in some cases may be hazardous. Other topics of discussion included Almeria traffic and the possible need for speed bumps and upcoming work on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue which will affect Willo traffic.

President Cannon mentioned that everyone may express their needs and opinions to Laura Pastor's office. She will also be available at the Home Tour.

**Willo Home Tour:** Allison Powers reported that we have 13 homes on the tour including the Fire Station. A pre-tour party is planned for February 9th, but the location is not confirmed. There will be a Brunch for those participating homeowners on January 21st. The Willo Affair will feature food from Alexi's again this year and musical entertainment. There will be a Twilight Tour from 4:00 – 7:00 and the Street Fair will be on February 11th from 10-4:00 pm. The last Home Tour meeting will be on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at Allison's. There is always a need for volunteers. If you are interested in taking part, you can just show up the day of the Tour or contact Allison Powers.

**Luminaria Follow-up Chris Norton, Project Chairman:** Chris Norton reported that all streets were illuminated this year. All supplies were well utilized. Chris explained areas where we could improve such as the conversion from candles to LED votive candles. This would eliminate the need for wand lighters, eliminate fire hazards and black outs. Chris presented data on Luminaria alternatives and the costs of such. It was suggested that Chris recommend a budget to the Treasurer for 2018. Kudos to Chris from Patrice Wappel and other Board members for his thorough analysis and successful Luminaria project!

**Willo Kleanstreets:** Patrice Wappel reported that 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue is all clean and the alley on Windsor is completed. We need more volunteers. The alleys are continually trashy and any suggestions for increasing volunteer participation is welcomed.

**By-Law Committee:** Ann Bommersbach and Brad Brauer will review the current By-Laws and will present suggestions by June. All feedback is welcomed. The By-Laws can be viewed on the Willo website.

**New Business:** There was no new business to discuss.

**Old Business:** Is the Board still committed to the support of the TNR (Trap, Neuter and Release) program? The answer is "yes". A budget amount of \$500.00 is allocated in support of this program.

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.