

WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Thursday May 10, 2018

Minutes

Call to Order: President Cannon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Board Introductions: All Board members introduced themselves and the streets they represent.

Absentees: Those absent were Brad Brauer and Linda Doescher.

April Minute Approval: A request for a motion to approve the minutes was made by Charlene Gum, Board Secretary. Opal Wagner moved to approve the April minutes with a second by Patrice Wappel. The motion carried.

Financial Report: In the absence of the Treasurer, Charlene Gum presented the financial report. A net loss of \$1,401.55 was experienced for the month of April

US Congress Candidate: Senator Catherine Miranda, candidate for US Congress was present to speak to the Board and attendees regarding her intentions to serve Arizona if elected.

Block Watch: It was reported by the Officers present that there has been an increase of aggressive burglaries. The Homeless problem still exists but it can be addressed. This will necessitate the need to build a case to prove the need to consider displacement. It may have to take the form of increased arrests.

Zoning: A party to celebrate the victory over the FAA was hosted by the Encanto – Palmcroft with some support by Willo was held April 22nd at the Office Bowl.

As per the motion passed at the April Board meeting, Opal appealed the ZAHO decision on the 2828 N. Central Ave sign to the Board of Adjustment. A hearing is scheduled for August 2, 2018.

There is no ruling on the application for the Switch sign. A hearing was held on April 26th with no decision and the issue will be taken under advisement.

An application for the addition of a master bedroom at 58 W. Cambridge was granted on April 25th. There were no objections to the proposal.

Empty lot at Holly: Anthony/Rocia Sumner were present to submit a proposal for the design of the lot located at 36 and 42 W. Holly. The proposed homes are to be an architectural style of bungalow homes clustered around a shared area. The homes are to comply with the “walkable urban model”. There are eight (8) homes proposed.

A motion to lend support of the propose housing development design for the lots located at 36 and 42 W. Holly in the form of an official letter from the Willo Board to be issued to the property city office was made by Opal Wagner. The motion was seconded by Anna Bommersbach. The motion carried by a vote of 7-2.

Inside Willo-Update: Nikki Armstrong reported that there is ample copy for the June issue. We need dates for Summer Happy Hours and a volunteer for July's event. All Happy Hours are moving to the second Friday of each month effective in June.

Vision 3.5 Update: Nikki Armstrong reported that the Citizen's Transportation Commission has tabled all discussion of adopting the complete street guidelines. The city council sub-committee meeting has tabled all discussion for four (4) months. Bob Cannon mentioned that the Walton Park shrubs have been installed. This is to provide natural a natural barrier to 3rd Avenue for the safety of children playing in the park.

Sub Committee Appointments: Lisa Helm has volunteered to chair the Vision 3.5 Sub-Committee. Laura Sands has agreed to co-chair. Thank you, Lisa and Laura.

By-Law Draft: Anna Bommersbach provided an update on the By-Law proposed revisions. They are as follows: 1. Provide the new website name, 2. Change the presentation of the budget to no later than the April meeting, 3. Clarification of the introduction of new business and voting, 4. To reinstate the posting of a "draft" on the website prior to the next meeting. The approved minutes should be posted ten (10) days after their approval., 5. Board members shall not miss more than two (2) Board meetings per calendar year, three absences (3) shall constitute an automatic resignation and, 6. Create a portal for electronic voting on the website.

Murals: President Cannon has been receiving calls regarding the appearance of wall murals in the neighborhood. This is a product of a "Mural Festival" originated by a Willo resident. They have been painted with the consent of the owner of the walls. The Board did not approve the project, cannot require removal as the murals are on private walls with owner consent, and did not provide the paint.

Opal Wagner brought to our attention that the originator(s) of the festival seem not to have given any consideration to historic preservation, nearby neighbors and city ordinances regulating such projects.

There were questions and comments entertained from the audience. A majority of those present and a majority of the Board were not in favor of the murals. Numerous incidents were reported including cancelled real estate contracts potential property devaluations, attraction of graffiti art and maintenance of the graphics.

New Business: There was no new business introduced for discussion.

Old Business: The Budget and By-Law votes are tabled until the June meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.