

**WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 12, 2018**

**CTO:** The meeting was called to order by President Cannon at 6:35p.m.

**Attendance:** Those absent were Allison Powers, Paul Benjamin and Gene Nance.

**Welcome:** All Board members present introduced themselves.

**Approval of March Minutes:** Charlene Gum, called for a motion to approve the March minutes. Linda Doescher motioned to approve the minutes. Brad Brauer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Financial Report:** The treasurer's report was given by Linda Doescher. A Profit & Loss Report for March 2018 and the Income and Expense Report showing the budget comparison from May 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 were presented. A separate Home Tour Profit and Loss was given which showed the net income from the Home Tour as \$34,803.79. A motion was made by Brad Brauer and seconded by Opal Wagner to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed.

**Block Watch:** Brad Brauer reported that we have been successful with block meetings and calls to Crime Stop have doubled. One such call reported a picture of a suspicious car which resulted in an arrest. A question arose as to if there has been any additional information on the Roosevelt homicide. There has been no additional information.

**Zoning Report- Opal Wagner:** Opal reported that there has been increased activity in zoning applications for illuminated signage for commercial enterprises on Central Ave between McDowell and Thomas. The Switch Restaurant and One Thomas located at 2828 N. Central Avenue are those that are two recent examples. They are requesting an increased allowance in sign size which exceeds the maximum allowable by code. We received the notice of a hearing after the March Board meeting which set a hearing date of April 5, 2018. The April Board meeting was scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>. This did not allow for discussion at the Board meeting and therefore required Opal to call each applicant to request a continuance. The Switch owners consented to a continuance and the One Thomas owners denied our request. The hearing officer granted the request to One Thomas to allow a of 7,100K of correlated color temperature (CCT).

The Zoning Committee recommends that we adopt a policy for illuminated signs as well as appeal the decision to the Board of Adjustment.

Opal presented the motion to adopt a policy regarding illuminated signage on Central Ave from McDowell to Thomas Rd., Thomas Rd. from Central Ave. to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., and McDowell Rd. from Central Ave to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave as follows:

"The Willo Neighborhood Association supports and will seek enforcement of the current City of Phoenix Sign Regulations set forth in The Phoenix City Code and Zoning Ordinances, and related Arizona Statutes. We may support a variance in limited situations for an increase in sign height of up to 100% (e.g., from 12 inches to a maximum of 24 inches, such as for a logo or the first letter on a sign) if circumstances warrant. We oppose brightly lit, visible neon, LED, fiber optic, etc. signs that increase glare above ambient levels, specifically regarding LED lights that exceed 3,000K correlated color temperature (CCT)

and any signs where the sign brightness creates conditions that adversely impact people or property values.”

Linda Doescher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to appeal to the Board of Adjustment the April 5, 2018 Zoning Adjustment Hearing Officer (ZAHO) decision on ZA-98-18-4 was presented by Opal Wagner and seconded by Linda Doescher. The motion passed.

**Inside Willo Update:** Nikki Armstrong reported that all is well with Inside Willo. We welcome articles for the May and June issues. There will be no July and August issues. A volunteer is needed to receive the September issue for distribution as she will be out of state.

**Sub-Committee Appointments:** Bob Cannon reviewed the sub committee appointments to insure consistency and accuracy. Those committees that have been removed or changed are as follows:

Block Watch, Gain Event and Willo Parks - Willo Parks subcommittee has been removed.

Home Tour Committee Chair and Co-Chairs removed. There are new appointments pending.

Vision 3.5 – Pending appointment of new Chair and Co-Chair

Welcome Wagon – Removed

APS/Virginia/Cambridge/First Avenue: - added Tom and Linda Doescher Chair and Co-Chair respectively.

**Virginia/1<sup>st</sup> Avenue:** Tom Doescher reported that the sale of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ave/Cambridge – Virginia property for the APS property has been delayed due to objections of the title company regarding deed restrictions that were established in the 1940’s. These restrictions apply to several homes on Cambridge. APS has granted a 30 - day extension on the sale to the current buyers. We are consulting with attorney Steven Anderson for solutions and clarifications of how this may affect the sale and current residents.

**Vision 3.5 Update:** The Committee met April 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the need for a shorter time frame aimed at completing the proposed changes to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

Nikki Armstrong motioned as follows: The WNA request a change order to the existing project on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> avenues south of McDowell through the Roosevelt neighborhood to complete the transition across McDowell tying into Willo’s preferred configuration on those streets between McDowell and Thomas. The Association would also request that the fiscal year’s 2019 budget allocate funding for design of the plan on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> avenues through Willo plus funding construction in the area in fiscal year 2020. The motion was seconded by Brad Brauer. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:** Patrice Wappel reported that 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue grooming is complete.

**New Business:** Allison Powers has missed several meetings. The By Laws state that two missed meetings are grounds for removal from the Board. After discussion from Board members a motion was made by Linda Doescher to follow the Bylaws regarding absences from Board meetings and that Allison be advised that she will be removed because of missing over 2 meetings. The motion was seconded by Lisa Helm and the motion was passed unanimously by those present.

**Old Business:** The Willo Yard Sale is this Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** Bob Cannon and Don Vallejo will host the May 4<sup>th</sup> Happy Hour from 5:30 – 8:00p.m. All are welcome.

It is the election season so expect that there will be candidates attending the May and June meetings. If you have a candidate to schedule, please let us know so that they can be placed on the Agenda.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Brad Brauer and seconded by Patrice Wappel to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully,

Charlene Gum  
Recording Secretary